

At SBC

Messengers face complex issues

by Dan Martin

The denominational presidency, its incumbent and powers head the issues facing messengers to the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9-11 in Los Angeles Convention Center.

Sandwiched among an array of critical issues will be usual matters: singing, preaching, praying, business, hearing reports from the agencies, adopting a \$93 million Cooperative Program budget and listening to testimonies on missions, evangelism and Bold Mission Thrust.

Among the controversial issues will be a proposed change in messenger qualification, the report of the committee on boards, which nominates trustees to the 20 SBC organizations and the performance of those boards, agencies and institutions.

Floating underneath nearly every issue to come before the estimated 8500 to 10,000 registered messengers is the question of doctrinal integrity, creedalism, biblical infallibility and inerrancy.

Much of the preconvention thunder and lightning has centered on the office of president, a volunteer, nonsalaried post with a few key powers. Incumbent Bailey E. Smith, 42, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., was elected on the first ballot in the 1980 St. Louis convention and will seek the traditional second one-year term as president of the 13.6 million-member denomination.

Abner V. McCall, 65, president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has announced he will allow his nomination to challenge Smith. Supporters say McCall's candidacy offers a clear choice between factions.

Other candidates are expected to emerge at the convention, turning what has traditionally been an

unopposed reelection into an all-out campaign.

Much of the controversy centers on one of the few powers a president has: appointments. Under SBC rules, a president can exert enormous influence through appointment of the committee on committees, which in turn nominates the committee on boards, charged with nominating trustees to govern the 20 SBC agencies.

Messengers will be required to deal directly with the question of presidential power in a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee.

It is this power a faction of biblical inerrantists has focused on. Led by Paul Pressler, an appeals court judge in Houston, and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, the group says it aims to control the presidency and with it the appointment of trustees, particularly those of the six seminaries.

In past years, presidential appointments have not been openly challenged. The issue arose during the presidency of Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., who bowed out in 1980 after serving only one term.

A group led by Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., and Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, will challenge the report.

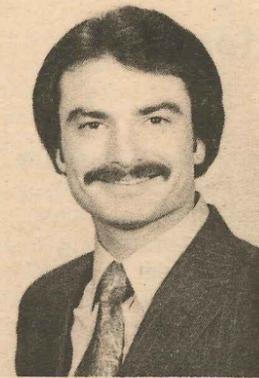
Among the other matters expected to arise:

- An effort to disenfranchise denominational employees from attending the convention as registered, voting messengers.
- Another effort to enforce "doctrinal integrity" in the institutions following a strongly worded resolution passed in St. Louis exhorting trustees to preserve the doctrinal integrity of the institutions and to ensure belief in an inerrant Bible.

• A challenge to the SBC Christian Life Commission over a speech made by a Bible translator which was sharply critical of biblical inerrancy. The CLC has disavowed responsibility for the remarks of the American Bible Society translator but criticism has continued.

• Resolutions concerning conservative causes, including antiabortion, procapital punishment and other matters.

Many observers predict Los Angeles will be a pivotal meeting. Others, however, say it will be simply a prelude to the main confrontation which will occur at the 1982 meeting in New Orleans which will be held in a location nearer to grassroots Southern Baptist strength and in a year when Smith's second term would expire.



Childers



Hopkins

Campus ministers named for eastern area schools, Murray State University

Two men have been employed as Kentucky Baptist campus ministers, according to Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Work Department.

Texas native Robin Childers, 28, will serve the eastern Kentucky campuses of Ashland, Prestonsburg, Hazard and Southeast community colleges, Alice Lloyd College and Pikeville College.

Jerry Hopkins, 35, will be campus minister at Murray State University.

Childers was campus minister at the University of Louisville medical, dental and nursing schools before relocating to eastern Kentucky. He has also worked for the Virginia Tech BSU and been youth minister to churches in Virginia and Ohio.

A graduate of Cumberland College, Childers earned master's degrees in religious education and theology from Southern Seminary.

Hopkins is a native of Mt. Vernon. He earned the bachelor and master's degrees in history from Eastern Kentucky University, has attended Southwestern Seminary and Oxford University and is presently working toward a doctorate in history at the University of Kentucky.

He leaves the pastorate of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church of Wilmore to take the position in Murray.

Hopkins has been pastor of churches in Kentucky, Texas and Cambridgeshire, England, serving as executive board member of various Baptist associations in those areas.



They will pray without ceasing

Students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, add their signatures to a list of "Seminar-ians United in Prayer." Hundreds of students pledged to pray at specific times during the four days of proceedings at the Pastors' Conference and South-

ern Baptist Convention June 8-11. One of the seminary's student organizations issued the challenge to pray "for unity in spite of differences" and for "the election of positive leadership within the convention."

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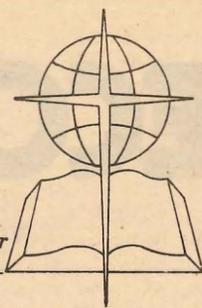
According to a company spokesman the telephone numbers will not be available to persons seeking to reach messengers and other participants.

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

1981: a convention of challenges

Much concern and speculation center around the 1981 sessions of the Southern Baptist convention next week in Los Angeles. Those most concerned about the future of the convention approach this year's sessions with fear and prayer—fear that conflict will dominate and prayer that the Lord will overrule human failures and not give up on Southern Baptists.

Appearances now indicate it will be a convention of challenges—not just challenges to greater service and commitment which are always heard in such meetings but challenges to “official” recommendations from committees and a challenge of the convention president. Our polity allows for such challenges every year but rarely are they made.

The report of the Committee on Boards will be challenged. This report contains names of those being recommended for service on boards of convention agencies. In a few instances some eligible for a second term of service were replaced with those considered more conservative. An effort to restore those “dumped” is expected to be made. There may also be challenges of other nominees of this committee.

This would be unusual procedure. Ordinarily such committee reports are routinely approved. How far the challenges will get is very uncertain.

It's really a clumsy situation. Most of the messengers will know neither the “official” nominee nor the substitute nominee and to make a judgment in such a situation is difficult. The messenger making the challenge will be hard put to justify replacing one nominee with another without being critical of the “official” nominee and our usual practice in Baptist meetings is to stick to principles and leave off discussion of personalities.

A second challenge certain to be made will be directed toward one constitutional and two bylaw change recommendations from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. The bylaw changes have to do with the appointive powers of the convention president. Presently he appoints certain committees including the Committee on Committees and the Resolutions Committee “in conference” with the vice presidents. The change proposed by the Executive Committee would make the president chairman of a committee of the president and the two vice presidents to name these committees. This would definitely lessen the power of the convention president.

The other recommendation from the Executive Committee would base the number of messengers from churches on Cooperative Program gifts of the church instead of any contributions

from the church. This second recommendation is surely headed for strong opposition and will likely be rejected because it will require a two-thirds majority to pass. There is a good chance this constitutional change recommendation will be withdrawn by the Executive Committee in its meeting on Monday before the convention begins on Tuesday.

The third challenge in Los Angeles will be directed toward convention president Bailey Smith who is eligible for and is seeking a second term. The challenger will be Abner McCall, president of Baylor University and former vice president of the convention. McCall is being strongly supported by a group of “moderates” which has been meeting informally for the past year and which is disappointed with Smith's performance.

According to reports McCall was not recruited by these moderates but by a group in Texas which is not pleased with president Smith. These Texans plan to be in Los Angeles in strength.

An incumbent president has much advantage over a challenger, thus McCall's chances are slim. Besides, Smith has convinced many who were uncertain about him that he is trying to be a fair and healing force in the convention.

McCall, however, could make a fair showing if all champions and loyalists to the seminaries and other convention agencies voted as a bloc. This does not now appear likely.

If president Smith were defeated, where would we be? The breach would be widened, the preparation for future showdowns intensified and our world evangelistic and missionary outreach further hurt.

The Lord's intervention is our only hope. Then let us pray earnestly.

O. W. Yates never grew old

The Lord and O. W. Yates made great partners in the Kingdom enterprise. The Lord provided longevity and Yates provided productivity. The result was an unusually long and fruitful ministry.

The earthly phase of the life of O. W. Yates ended May 18 only five days before his 93rd birthday. He never knew the meaning of retirement and was a prominent figure in Baptist meetings until he was well past 90. He was old fashioned in what he believed and what he preached but had the ability to relate as effectively to the last half of the 20th century as to the first half.

Yates excelled in all he did and he did more things than most of us. He was a recognized Christian educator both in administration and in the classroom. He proved to be an effective denominational worker in raising funds for two Kentucky Baptist institutions. Above all he was a hard working, successful pastor.

Those closest to O. W. Yates saw the incarnation of two biblical characters in him. The first of these is Barnabas. The name, Barnabas, means “encourager” and O. W. Yates probably encouraged more Baptist preachers than anyone among us.

Many Baptist preachers got their first opportunity to become a pastor through his recommendations. A preacher didn't have to have the prospect of becoming another George Truett for Yates to champion and recommend him. He thought if one had been called to preach and was sincere, he was worth a recommendation.

The other biblical character personified in O. W. Yates is Caleb who at the age of 85 asked for the hill country where the giants lived rather than for the easier level land to settle and conquer. Yates never saw a job for the Lord and for Baptists which was too big or too difficult.

Most remarkable in this respect was his ministry at Rosemont in Lexington. He began this pastorate when he was 65 years old and worked at it like he was 35. It was fitting that his admirers gathered at Rosemont for a final appreciation service.

Some may long for heaven as a place to rest but not O. W. Yates. He'll be busy in heaven even if he has to start a mission or build a chapel and most likely he will persuade those in rocking chairs to help him.

Baptist Forum

Against gun control

I would like to present the following response to the article entitled “Baptist Favors Gun Control” which appeared in the Apr. 22, 1981 Western Recorder. The article stipulates that John W. Baker (a constitutional expert) says that contrary to arguments by the gun lobby the U. S. constitution does not forbid Congress from controlling the right to keep and bear arms. That same article proceeds to follow the argument that the second amendment emphasized the relationship of the militia to the bearing of arms and that militia in his opinion is a well regulated form of military under the control of the government.

Baker expressed only an opinion when he presumed that the founding fathers of the United States of America did not intend to forbid Congress from controlling the right of individual citizens to bear arms. For the sake of clarity there are just as many “constitutional experts” that state the intent of the founding fathers was to allow individual citizens to bear arms without restriction by Congress. I feel that it is imperative that one not allow any one person to blind our ability to reason objectively.

I would point out that the line of reasoning put forth by Baker is absurd from the standpoint of the fact that militia was defined in writings of the time the second amendment was written by some of those same men signing the Declaration of Independence. Militia is presently defined in dictionaries, and is defined by the United States and the Supreme Court as “the people; all able-bodied males not serving in any military body or not a part of the armed services.” It would appear then from the very definition of militia that the founding fathers of this great land in fact did mean to restrict Congress from controlling the right of individual citizens to bear arms.

Rather than restrict guns we should: 1) change the attitudes and hearts of those that use guns through acquainting them with Jesus, 2) the strengthening of penalties upon those that use guns in crimes and 3) the protection of individual rights of the law abiding gun owner.

William R. Woods, Berea

Baptist News in Brief

Orientation for MSC set

An orientation conference for Baptists interested in serving as Mission Service Corps volunteers for one or two years will be held during Home Missions Week at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist conference centers in July and August.

The orientation conference will help volunteers become aware of opportunities and needs and help volunteers already with assignments prepare for their mission responsibility, said David T. Bunch, Mission Service Corps coordinator for the Home Mission Board.

Dates for the two orientation sessions are July 11-17 at Glorieta and Aug. 15-21 at Ridgecrest.

Reservations should be made by writing to Bunch at 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30367. A \$24 registration fee is required for attendance at the assembly.

Marylander off, on again?

Fred T. Moffatt Jr. will be renominated to a full term on the board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The announcement of Moffatt's renomination was made by Keith G. Koch, pastor of Carrollan Woods Baptist Church, Lanham, Md., the remaining Maryland representative on the Southern Baptist Convention committee

on boards.

Moffatt was not renominated to the board of trustees because a clerical error failed to show him as being eligible. The error occurred last June when Moffatt was elected by the convention to fill a one-year term, replacing John Woodall.

Moffatt's name, however, was inadvertently omitted from a notebook in which all trustee appointments are recorded. Subsequently, it also was not included in a workbook provided to members of the SBC committee on boards. The workbook showed Woodall's name, and that he had moved from the state.

State paper cost X 2?

Baptist state newspapers and agency publications and other nonprofit mailers appear headed for severe postage increases in October.

A spokesman for the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service told Baptist Press some cuts are "likely" in the subsidy which allows nonprofit organizations to move gradually from partial to full postage rates.

The proposed cut, already recommended by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, would eliminate the final six years of a 16-year plan implemented by Congress to cushion the impact of requiring nonprofit mailers to pay full rates for mailing their publications.

Edgar R. Trexler, representing Associated Church Press, American Jewish Press, Catholic Press Association and Evangelical Press Association, told the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service that elimination of the phasing process "may well be a disaster."

Trexler, speaking for more than 750 publications with total circulation of approximately 70 million, said eliminating the phasing process would more than double postage costs of these nonprofit organizations.

Chafin, Patterson debate

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of Houston's South Main Baptist Church, will debate Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, at the annual convention of the Religion Newswriters Association of North America June 6 in Los Angeles.

The debate topic will be "Inerrancy Is an Issue Crucial to the Survival of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Chafin will take the position that "biblical inerrancy is not an issue" while Patterson will take the side that "biblical inerrancy is an issue."

Houston Chronicle religion editor Louis Moore, second vice president of the RNA, will moderate the debate.

Viewpoint

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

by C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

There is sadness when conflict in the Baptist family becomes contentious and angry. Conflict in itself is not bad. It will always exist where there is freedom. But it is very serious when one narrow group seeks to impose its will on everyone else through political maneuvering. This is happening among Southern Baptists under the leadership of Judge Paul Pressler of Houston and Dr. Paige Patterson of Dallas.

There are a few simple facts we should remember as we deal with this situation. We must listen carefully to what Pressler and Patterson are saying. They have told us their goals. They elected their man in Houston and he performed as they expected. Then on schedule he stepped aside just before St. Louis and they elected another president on the first ballot. Pressler says he is theirs, though he says he isn't. Time will tell.

An honored Baptist leader said after Houston that Southern Baptists would not be in danger of division unless an opposing movement arose. That opinion has been voiced by others. It is a strange idea. Are you safer with the cancer you do not fight? Is it better to let error go unchallenged?

We have all heard recently of a Cecil Sherman group and the need of some kind of summit conference between him and Pressler and Patterson and Smith. There is no Cecil Sherman group. To his honor and credit he has sounded the alarm among concerned Baptists. I have been to some of those meetings and the same people have not been

present each time. There is no organization. There are simply Paul Reveres in a lot of places ringing bells, trying to awaken Southern Baptists to what the "independents," the "takeover group," the "inerrantists" are trying to do.

The only organization we are involved in has been in existence since 1845 and is known as the Southern Baptist Convention. Its existence has depended on the true Christian character and integrity of its leaders. Since a "rope of sand" holds us together, it can be broken by a well-organized minority—unless large numbers of Baptists from all over attend its meetings and vote their convictions.

Last year Texas Baptists had a crucial meeting. The Pressler-Patterson faction attended that meeting with the intention of getting a Baylor professor fired and of censuring the state paper and its editor. But concerned Baptists turned out in record numbers for the state convention and voted down by overwhelming majorities every issue raised by the dissidents. How could this have happened? It happens every time cooperating Baptists get informed and turn out in droves to express themselves.

The leader of the Texas Baptist victory has graciously consented to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles. Many people will be there to vote for Abner McCall not because they think he is a better man than Bailey Smith, but because they know beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is in no way connected with the Pressler-Patterson faction.

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Roy T. Edgemon, director, Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was guest speaker. The Clear Creek Chorale sang "The Last Words of David" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Jackie B. Wilson of Burlington, Ky. became the 1000th student to graduate from the institution. Rollin Bradshaw of Campbellsville received the President's Award, given to the student who exemplifies excellent leadership qualities.

Each graduating student received a degree and/or diploma in theology, religious education or music.

Eighteen Kentucky natives received degrees or certificates at this year's exercises.

Campbellsville fetes three

Campbellsville College presented distinguished alumnus awards to three graduates.

Recipients include Richard Gene Puckett, Reisterstown, Md.; Charles F. Jones, Pineville; and Mrs. Virginia Flanagan, director of alumni and public

relations, Campbellsville College.

Puckett, a native of Green County, is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Silver Spring, Md. He received an AA degree from Campbellsville in 1952.

Jones is pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville. He graduated from Campbellsville Junior College in 1948 with an AA degree.

Mrs. Flanagan has been director of alumni and public relations at Campbellsville College since 1977. She received a BS degree in English from Campbellsville College.

Hampton MWBTS grad

Dennis E. Hampton of Lewisville was awarded the MRE degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., during commencement exercises May 16, 1981.

J. Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., delivered the commencement address as seminary president Milton Ferguson conferred a total of 110 degrees on 108 graduates.

Hampton and his wife, Elaine, were recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Costa Rica. They are graduates of Kentucky Southern College. Prior to coming to seminary Hampton served with church extension in Nebraska, appointed by the Home Mission Board.

Belmont prof charges four

Anne Russell, an English teacher at Belmont College, Nashville, has filed an \$850,000 lawsuit against the school



Jim Pierce (l), pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, and Jim Highland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, compared notes during the recent Baptist Pastors Fellowship at Georgetown College. The day-long seminar focused on the preaching ministry.

claiming sex discrimination and harassment.

Miss Russell was hired for the 1979-80 school year, but her contract was not renewed, she charges, because the college "wished to fill the position with a man."

Named in the suit are J. M. Gallo-way, chairman of the education department; Glenn Kelley, former dean of the college; Anderson Clark, former English department chairman; and Herbert C. Gabhart, college president.

In addition to the complaint of employment discrimination because of her sex, Miss Russell also charges she was subjected to sexual harassment by Clark and the administration failed to respond to her complaints. Clark left Belmont last year and is teaching in Korea.

Elementary leaders meet

by Mary Branson
State Correspondent

Despite chilled, rainy weather, a dozen preschool and children's ministers spent two sunny days at Cedarmore May 14-15. The group met for their third annual staff retreat. The retreat is arranged each year by Mrs. Polly Dillard, state preschool/children's consultant.

The retreat began with the evening meal, followed by an informal discussion led by William R. Cromer, professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Cromer discussed "initiating change" and "dealing with conflict."

The following day Mrs. Dillard led the group in discussions of enlisting workers, salaries and staff relationships. Each minister present was given time to share ideas and programs that have been effective in his or her church during the year.

The group noted Mrs. Dillard's retirement, effective Aug. 31, 1981. It made plans to meet again in 1982.

The following preschool and children's ministers took part in the retreat: Mary Johnson, LaVerne Seitz, Patti Roden, Eddie Lee Brooks, Hilda Dalzell, Ann Smith, Linda Ellington, Mark Neeley, Arvil Pennington, Wesley Edwards, Polly Dillard and Mary Branson.

Tarry to coordinate singers

Cumberland College president Jim Taylor, upon the recommendation of Harold Wortman, chairman of the school's Music Department, has announced the appointment of Joseph Tarry, associate professor of music, as coordinator of choral activities at the Kentucky Baptist college.

In this new position Tarry will coordinate auditions, performances and budgeting for all of the credit-earning choral organizations of the college in consultation with the head of the Music Department and with the directors of the various choral organizations.

A native of Murray, Tarry earned the BM in music at Murray State Univer-

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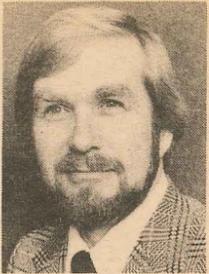
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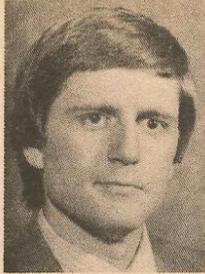
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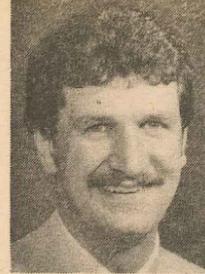
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sity, degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and George Peabody College for Teachers and the PhD at Florida State University.

119 Campbellsville grads

Fifty-three Kentucky students were among 119 graduated from Campbellsville College May 17 in ceremonies at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Martha Layne Collins, lieutenant governor, and Earl James McGrath, renowned educator from Tucson, Ariz.

The doctor of laws degree was awarded to Lt. Gov. Collins, speaker at the May 16 baccalaureate service, and the doctor of humane letters degree was awarded McGrath, commencement speaker.

Among the degrees given were 18 BA, 92 BS, four BM and five associate degrees.

Grads name final speakers

Georgetown College observed its 152nd spring commencement exercises May 16 when 168 graduates were awarded degrees.

Commencement speakers were selected by the graduating seniors. Amy Norton, a senior from Winchester, Ky., and Merle Clemons, associate professor of business administration at Georgetown College, addressed the graduates.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, delivered the May 15 baccalaureate address.

Campus Tymes big winner

The Campus Tymes, Campbellsville College's newspaper, won seven awards at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association recently in Louisville.

Tom McDonald, a senior at the college and editor of The Tymes, took third place for his sports photos.

Dean George, a senior from Nineveh, Ind., received four awards: first place for sports columns and third place in

the categories of sports stories, sports features and humor columns.

Mary Jeffries, a senior from Greensburg, won second place for personality profiles.

Steve Lanham, a journalism graduate and former editor of The Tymes, was awarded third place in the category of photo essays.

Price named at SBTS

Trustees of Southern Seminary, meeting in Louisville for an annual session, named a new dean of the seminary's School of Church Music, elected four new professors and named the missions department in honor of benefactor Ida M. Bottoms. They also chose Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, chairman of the trustee board.

S. Milburn Price, chairman of the music department of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., since 1972, will become dean of the 350-student School of Church Music at the seminary Aug. 1. He will begin after the retirement of 29-year veteran dean Forrest H. Heeren.

Price, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, holds the MM degree from Baylor University and the DMA degree from the University of Southern California.

John N. Jonsson, professor of history of religions at the University of Natal, South Africa, will become professor of Christian missions and world religions.

John D. W. Watts, former president of International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, was elected professor of Old Testament Interpretation effective Aug. 1.

Elizabeth Ann Bedsole and William

Steven Owens were added to the faculty as assistant professors of church music.

Miss Bedsole, a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and Southwestern Seminary, is a former staff member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. She is a specialist in children's music education with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Owens, who holds the BM from North Texas State University, Denton, and the MM from Boston (Mass.) University, received the DMA degree from Southern Seminary in 1980.

SWBTS grads most ever

A record number of graduates received degrees May 15 from Southern Seminary.

President Russell H. Dilday Jr. conferred degrees and presented diplomas to 430 graduates during ceremonies at Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

The class is the largest in the seminary's 73-year history and brings to 882 the total number of graduates during the 1980-81 academic year, also a record.

Robert Craig, president of Union Uni-

versity in Jackson, Tenn. addressed the graduates.

Kentuckians included in the graduating class are:

C. Phillip Bush, MDiv., former summer youth director, First Church, Central City; Martha Dorine Mills, DipTh., Lexington; James Earl Shaw, MDiv., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Shaw, Paducah;

Robert Drane Speer Jr., MRE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer, Hawesville; Gary Lee Tufts, MRE, former minister of youth and education, Broadway Church, Lexington; and Ernest Clay Wilson Jr., DMin., former pastor, Dallasburg Church, Wheatley.

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Brady joins staff at Green River
Mike Brady began service as pastor of Green River Church, Ohio County Association, May 10. Charles H. Ham was interim pastor.

Bellview welcomes associate pastor
Bellview Baptist Church, West Union Association, has called Don Embry as associate pastor.

Cane Creek pastor resigns
Pastor of Cane Creek Baptist Church, West Union Association, Paul Bone, has resigned.

Wingo accepts call to Lawndale
Ronald Wingo has accepted the call to the pastorate of Lawndale Baptist Church, Green Valley Association. He is moving from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Hager to be Hopewell pastor
Hopewell Baptist Church, Henry County Association, has called Lexington native Douglas Wayne Hager as its pastor. Hager is a Southern Seminary student.

Roberts resigns New Castle pastorate
Tony Roberts has resigned as pastor of New Castle Baptist Church, Henry County Association, to accept the leadership position of Buck Run Baptist Church, Franklin Association. His resignation was effective May 1.

Lanier resigns Burgin Baptist
Kevin G. Lanier resigned as minister of youth and education at Burgin Baptist Church effective May 31. Lanier graduated from Southern Seminary with a MCM in June and will assume duties as minister of music, youth and activities at First Baptist Church, Elba, Ala.

Ken Abbott moves to Wingo
Ken Abbott has accepted the pastorate of Wingo Baptist Church, Graves County Baptist Association, effective June 7.

He has pastored in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kentucky. He has served Whitesville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, since July 1977.

He is a graduate of Boyce Bible School, Louisville. He will be a candidate in December for the BA degree in religion and philosophy with a minor in psychology from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro.

He is married to the former Edna Mae Tomlinson of Wynnewood, Okla. They have three children: Kenny 16 at home and two married daughters, Linda and Shiela.

Sledge called to Blackmont
Mike Sledge has been called as pastor of Blackmont Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., Sledge is married to the former Roberta Smith, also of Knoxville. They have two children: Steve 11 and Chandra 1.

Sledge is a first year student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Nelson will serve in Tennessee
Carl Nelson has been called to Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Tenn., as pastor.

A native of Madisonville, Ky., Nelson is married to the former Pamela Kay

Forker, also of Madisonville. They have one child, Carla 3.

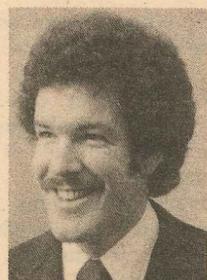
Nelson is a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Thomas returns to Irvine
Sherl Thomas is serving Beech Grove Baptist Church, Irvine, as pastor.

Formerly of Irvine, Thomas is married to the former Naoma Sue Estes, also of Irvine. They have two children: Gregory 9 and Timothy 2.

Thomas is a first year student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Moore resigns Southside pastorate
Wray Moore has resigned the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church, Wickliffe.



Lanier



Sledge



Nelson



Thomas

Revivals

Licking River conducts April revival
Revival services were conducted Apr. 12-19 at Licking River Baptist Church, Enterprise Association. Results were 18 professions of faith and record attendance.

Jerry Waugh, evangelist, and Ron Caudill, music director, led the revival.

Casey leads Macedonia revival
James E. Casey Jr. led revival services at Macedonia Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association. One person made a profession of faith and 22 committed themselves to having a family altar.

Edward Wayne Hubbard is pastor.

Nine decisions at Bethlehem revival
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, reported six professions of faith, one addition by letter and two by baptism as a result of its May revival led by evangelist Fred Brown.

Gary Ervin is pastor.

Mt. Gilead has May revival
J. V. Mullen Jr. was evangelist for revival services at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association. There were two additions by letter and one rededication.

Jerry Howard is pastor.

Clarkson revival reaps six professions
Clarkson (Ky.) Baptist Church reported six professions of faith from its revival Apr. 20-26. Jim Highland, pastor of

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, was evangelist.

Jim Carpenter is pastor.

31 decisions made at Blanket Creek
Six professions of faith and 25 other decisions were made during the April weekend revival at Blanket Creek Baptist Church, Union Association. Pastor Pat Hash was evangelist.

Fairview has May revival
Fairview Baptist Church of Ashland had a revival in early May led by Parcel Flannery of South Shore. Eight professions of faith and four rededications were made.

Leo M. Buschur is pastor.

Revival team leads Upton services
A revival team from Cumberland College led services at Upton Baptist Church, Lynn Association, Apr. 3-5. Four professions of faith were recorded.

Phillip Ronk is pastor.

Martin was Mill Creek evangelist
Six decisions were the result of revival services at Mill Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, Apr. 19-28. Two people made professions of faith and four were baptized.

Garnet Martin was evangelist. Amos Martin is Mill Creek's pastor.

Florida evangelist at Scottsville revival
Scottsville Baptist Church, Allen Association, had revival services Apr. 26-May 1. Decisions included five additions by baptism, three additions by letter and 12 rededications.

John Bruce Myrick of Tampa, Fla. was revival evangelist. Ron Bradley is pastor.

Sherman registers 23 decisions
Sherman Baptist Church held a revival meeting Apr. 26-May 2 with Joe Mobley of London, Ky. as the evangelist. There were seven professions of faith, 16 rededications and many others came for prayer.

Murrell Crockett is pastor.

Moore preaches Falmouth revival
Dean Moore, pastor of Louisville's Beechland Baptist Church, was evangelist for revival services at Falmouth

(Ky.) Baptist Church Apr. 26-May 1. Twenty-seven professions of faith and nine rededications were recorded and two people joined by letter.

Dan Len is the church's pastor.

Carrollton gains six through revival
Carrollton First Baptist Church, Whites Run Association, reports six additions to the church through its April revival.

J. W. Farmer is pastor.

Missions

Dixons appointed home missionaries
Michael and Carla Dixon of Louisville were appointed home missionaries by the Home Mission Board during its May meeting.

Dixon is a church planter apprentice in Lanai, Hawaii. Formerly he was chaplain for Children's Detention Center, Louisville, Ky.

He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary.

Spauldings resign from FMB service
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spaulding, missionary associates since 1968, have resigned from missionary service, effective Apr. 30. The Kentucky natives served in the Bahamas, Trinidad, Scotland and Germany. They are residing in Hustonville, Ky.

Mercers return to Japan
Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer have completed furlough and returned to their mission field in Japan.

Mercer is a native of the Central City area. Mrs. Mercer is the former Ramona Hall of Tennessee.

Bakers serve first FMB term in Spain
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Baker have arrived on the field to begin their first term of foreign mission service in Spain.

Formerly Phyllis Smith, Mrs. Baker was reared in Breckinridge County. Baker is a native of Kansas.

Kirks end furlough, go back to Brazil
Missionaries to Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kirk have completed furlough and returned to the field. They were



Mrs. Ray Mullendore [1], new president of Kentucky WMU, takes a piece of "birthday" cake from Virginia WMU officials during the 93rd anniversary celebration of Woman's Missionary Union. Kentuckians were among the women who met in 1888 in Richmond to organize WMU. The state was one of 10 officially agreeing to join.

appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947.

Mrs. Kirk is the former Maxie Crawford of Louisville. Kirk is from North Carolina.

Curtises serve FMB in Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Curtis have begun their first term of service for the Foreign Mission Board in Japan.

Mrs. Curtis is the former Marilyn Haas of Louisville. Curtis is a Texas native.

Charltons appointed to Brazil FMB post

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Charlton were appointed to the North Brazil mission field by the Foreign Mission Board May 12.

Charlton will be a seminary teacher and Mrs. Charlton will serve as church and home worker.

A church music graduate at Southern Seminary, Charlton has served as a staff worker at the University of Louisville Baptist Student Union. He and his wife served together as ministers of music and youth at Louisville's Arcade Baptist Church and as ministers of music at Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Charlton

Shadowen named music missionary

Jeffrey T. Shadowen of Bowling Green was among 17 persons named missionaries May 12 by the Foreign Mission Board.

Shadowen will be a music consultant in Ecuador. He is minister of music at Crestwood (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shadowen of Bowling Green's First Baptist Church, he earned the BM degree at Western Kentucky University and the MCM degree from Southern Seminary.

Shadowen will attend a 12-week orientation in Pine Mountain, Ga. before leaving for Ecuador.

Burgin pastor joins Home Board

Richard H. Harris, pastor of Burgin Baptist Church since 1977, has been named to the staff of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Harris will be associate director of the board's Mass Evangelism Department, a position created by the HMB directors last October. He joins the board June 27.

Harris is a native of Faubush, Ky. and a graduate of Cumberland College, Eastern Kentucky State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Harris and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

Ordinations

Glen Dale staffer set aside

Tony L. Lynn was ordained to the ministry May 10 at First Baptist Church, Swartz Creek, Mich.

He is married to Jamie M. Lynn. They have one daughter, Naomi Rebecca.

Lynn is presently working at Glen Dale Baptist Children's Home as coordinator of Christian education.

Congregations

Bible drill winner named

Three hundred and sixty-two Kentucky fourth, fifth and 6th graders participated in the two children's state Bible drills at Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

The children represented 34 associations. Three hundred and thirty of the participants made four or less mistakes and were recognized as state winners.

Twenty-six children have been state winners for three consecutive years. They are: Janice Arnold, Salem Baptist Church, Campbellsville; Moriah Boggs, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland; Jennifer Brown, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam; Glenn Campbell, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro; Kelly Clark, Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington; Karen Cooper, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pineville;

Whitney Deane, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro; Courtney Jean Dunn, Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville; Glen Elrod, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville; Lori Faulkner and Sara Ford, First Baptist Church, Mayfield; Leisa Fowler, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland; Mindy Gibbs, Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Russellville; Danny Goodwin, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cerulean;

Luke Henry, Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah; Kim Hughes, Casky Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; Shannon Klaiber, Central Baptist Church, Ashland; Jason Martin, Bardwell Baptist Church, Bardwell; Michelle Pack, First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville; Dawn Papjeski, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Tracy Render, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam; Ken Thomas, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Anne Marie Toy, First Baptist Church, Paducah; Mary Alice Traugher, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; Stephen Walker, First Baptist Church, Oak Grove; Stephanie Zoeller, Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah.

Mason Countian subject of TV shows by W. Ken Forman, State Correspondent

"Elisha Winfield Green—slave, preacher, pastor, educator, associational moderator, church founder, political activist—all of these titles describe a part of who Elisha Winfield Green was."

This descriptive paragraph is a portion of the research paper presented by John Simpson Jr. to the Mason County Historical Society. Simpson, pastor of Maysville First Baptist Church, is in process of a thorough study of the life of Elisha Green.

A documentary film for KET will be produced this summer on the life and work of Elisha Winfield Green. The filming will be under the direction of John Wise of New York and Carolyn

Wooley of Lexington.

Mrs. C. C. Calvert of Maysville has assisted John Simpson in his research at the Mason County Museum.

Severns Valley sets 200th birthday

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has announced two days for observance of the church's 200th anniversary. Wednesday, June 17 there will be a churchwide picnic on the church parking lot. The program which follows will feature Georgetown College president Ben Elrod.

Sunday, June 21 former pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz will deliver the morning message and a pageant depicting the 200 years of ministry of the church will be presented in the evening service. Fellow Kentucky Baptists are invited to join the Severns Valley congregation for this celebration.

Dry Run celebrates Holy Week

Dry Run Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, held its first Holy Week Services Apr. 15-17. "Manna," a singing group from the Georgetown College BSU, presented a concert Wednesday night.

On Thursday, a community-wide communion service was held, and a baptismal service was held Friday night. There were five professions of faith and seven baptismal candidates.

During the services \$53 was collected for the Georgetown College BSU summer missions program and \$75 was gathered for the Georgetown Ministerial Association's transit funds. A food



Examining Elisha Green's tombstone in the Maysville cemetery are, standing [l-r]: John Wise, New York; Mrs. C. C. Calvert Jr., Maysville; and John Simpson, Maysville. Seated is Carolyn Wooley, Lexington.



Shadowen



Harris

offering was also collected for the Scott County emergency food pantry.

M. Keith Tingle is pastor.

Manchester pastor sees dream realized by Beth Wyatt

Raymond Brown, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Manchester, returned to his church after two weeks' absence a very happy man.

Recently Brown and a member of his church, Gilbert Hale, visited Clear Creek Baptist School. Hale, who has made four trips to Israel with the school, casually asked school president D. M. Aldridge, "When are we going to Israel again?"

The question sparked conversation which ended with Aldridge telling them about a trip he would be taking with Bell Baptist Association's director of missions, Joe Cody, and a group of friends, Mar. 23. Brown, a former Clear Creek Baptist School student, had desired to take a trip to the Holy Land for some time.

Before Brown and Hale left for home that day plans were underway for Brown to be in the group that left Mar. 23. After getting home to Manchester, Hale and Macedonia church went to work and raised the needed funds for their pastor to make the trip to the land where Jesus walked.

The trip included visits to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. They toured Jerusalem and the Baptist Village where missionaries Don and Susie Mantoath, former Clear Creek students, are now serving.

Baptist Forum

An urgent appeal from Southern Baptist church historians

We believe the Southern Baptist heritage is precious. It has been won by sweat, blood and tears and passed on to us by noble saints of God. All Southern Baptists need to defend and protect our heritage. In a time of denominational crisis and controversy subtle changes occur which erode our Southern Baptist heritage. We think this is the case in the current denominational conflict.

As students and lovers of Southern Baptist life, we plead for three things.

One, we appeal for the preservation of Baptist distinctives: Among these are (1) The Authority of Holy Scripture, (2) The autonomy of the local church, (3) The freedom of the soul before God, (4) The Priesthood of every Believer, (5) The centrality of Religious liberty, and (6) The separation of church and state.

Two, we request Southern Baptists to remember the purpose and intention of the SBC. According to its constitution, the SBC was organized "for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents, by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort, for the propagation of the gospel." The historic heartbeat of the Convention and the source of its unity and strength has been a commitment to evangelism and missions. We would caution against any action which would turn the SBC from a missionary organization into a doctrinaire and churchly body like so many other denominations.

Three, we plead for a reaffirmation of our historic position concerning the centrality of the Bible and our aversion to creedalism. Southern Baptists have always been a people of the Book who believe and believe in the Bible. Let us not permit human statements about the Bible to replace what the Bible says about itself. The historic Baptist position is that nothing stands between the individual and the Word of God but the Holy Spirit.

In closing, we appeal to all Southern Baptists to continue in their efforts to understand, teach, and enhance the Baptist heritage. Also, we appeal to Southern Baptists to support all SBC agencies which are involved in upholding and spreading the Baptist heritage. Moreover, we appeal to these agencies to lay a new emphasis on exalting and preserving the Southern Baptist heritage.

Robert A. Baker
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Abandon continuity on boards

The opposition of some to our convention's Committee on Boards decision not to nominate some board members to another four-year term has brought to the attention of our constituency a matter not here-to-fore generally known. That is the matter of placing board members who have served a full three- or four-year term right back on for another full term. This has given tenures of six to eight years to most board members.

Is there justification for such a practice? I think not. We have above 13 million lay people and more than 35,000 ordained ministers in our convention. We expect all of these to pray for and give to all units of our work, yet for periods of six to eight years the supervision of these institutions, agencies and commissions has been vested in a veritable handful of leaders. It appears the support of all is expected while the control rests with the few.

There are only about 800 positions on all the boards. Some of these places are occupied by denominational employees and some by wives of employees. When the tenure is extended to six or eight years, grassroots participation is further minimized. Does this sound like the democratic process of which we boast?

Some state conventions have wisely written into their constitutions controls that prevent a person from succeeding himself until after the interval of one year. I believe these same safeguards should be practiced by our Southern Baptist Convention as well.

Eldridge L. Miller, Sallisaw, Okla.

Air Force Academy BSU offers aid

Please help the Baptist Student Union at the Air Force Academy get the word

to the young men and women coming to the academy in June, 1981. We would like to meet their plane, provide transportation and housing overnight and help them report to the academy at the proper time.

The Home Mission Board and Colorado Baptists have been providing this ministry for 12 years. We know about some of the young people coming to the AFA, but we would like to minister to the many others who are coming that we do not know about.

If pastors, parents, friends and the young people themselves will drop us a note with name and address, we will correspond with them to secure flight arrival times and provide further information to them. Please write us at the Baptist Student Union, 1230 North Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

We have a good program going through our Baptist Student Union at the Air Force Academy, and it is widely recognized; however, we need help in telling others about this ministry.

Don Gurney, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Western Recorder editorial applauded

Thank you for your intelligent and courageous editorial of Apr. 22, "Baptists and the 'countdown to disaster'." As followers of the Prince of Peace, we must be about the business of peacemaking in our world today. You alerted us to the dangers of the arms race and the need for the church to call for a halt.

Furthermore, I thank you for printing Robert Parham's guest editorial, "Southern Baptists: pride, preaching and peacemaking." It offered some practical guidance to pastors in planning a Memorial Day peace worship service.

I commend your vigorous attempt to bring the gospel to bear upon our contemporary situation.

Mike Willett, Louisville

These Kentucky passengers say it's comforting to take the bus to LA, leave driving to others

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Matthew, Mark, Missouri.

Corinthians, Colossians, California. When Western Recorder's two Greyhound charter expresses leave Middletown for the west coast Thursday morning, June 4, their 84 passengers will be getting a spiritual lift in addition to a cross-country ride.

According to Ray Hayes, coordinator for the 4500-mile excursion, every person making the trip will be challenged to read the New Testament through before returning to Kentucky.

"What else is there to do besides look at the scenery?" asked Hayes.

Yet, he has left nothing to chance, preparing packets of fun type activities for the bus riders to while away the hours on the road, also.

Each morning Hayes, the Recorder's advertising representative and minister of youth at Kenwood Baptist Church,

Louisville, will conduct a daily devotional period. Lloyd Mims, host on the second bus and Kenwood's minister of music, will lead the singing. Sunday morning they will conduct a worship service before departing from their motel.

The Kentuckians will sightsee along their route to the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles. Included are stops at Arizona's Painted Desert, Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon; Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center; Oklahoma City attractions; and in L. A., major attractions including Universal studios.

The group will be housed in Ramada Inns nightly en-route and while in Los Angeles. They arrive in Los Angeles Sunday, June 7, departing Friday, June 12. They expect to return to Middletown the morning of June 16.

Making the trip on the Western Recorder excursion buses are:

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Aldridge, Pineville; Vesta Egerton and Pauline Bibb, Carrollton; Mr. and Mrs. John Boggess, Central City; Mary E. Brown and Novia Ross, Beaver Dam; Mr. and Mrs. Moseley Cambron, Hawesville; Mrs. H. K. Carby and Ida Smith, Louisville; T. Don Davidson Sr., Rickerington, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mowery, Louisville; Ruby and Anna Reams, London; Rev. Harvery Richardson and Pat, Louisville; Morrie and Mary Lou Richey, Central City; Thelma Young and Marie Johnson, Greenville; Edna Wayman and Karen Hayes, Bowling Green; Everett and Magdalene Branham and Ann Smith, Shelbyville; Norma J. Weidenheller, Ashland; Rev. Walter, Carolyn, Kim and Drew Isley, Louisville; William C. Walden and family, Tompkinsville; Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Louisville; Reta McCloud, Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alcott, Allensville; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Berry,

Nortonville; Ruby Breedlove and Ruth McPherson, Bowling Green; Peggy Brickey and Cona Green, Catlettsburg; Lila Greene and Opal Nasbitt, Bowling Green; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton, Henderson;

Mary Davis, Shelbyville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Love, Nortonville; Jane McDowell and Margie Camenisch, Danville; Edythe Purdy and Eve Marshall, Bowling Green; Hughlan P. and Martha Richey, Madisonville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Sears, Elkton; Cindy Vanhorn and Terri Boyd, Ashland; Evelyn Mottram, Pineville; Frances Mahanes, Louisville; Jean Campbell and Bonnie Griffith, Helen Johnson and Linda Johnson, Louisville; Anna and Judith Hillman, Clara Stewart, and Earlene Menshouse, Ashland; Mrs. Fleetwood Phelps, Jennette Wilson, Catherine Moore and Marguarite Pagram, Paducah.

ALL ABOARD!

Baptist Forum

Nominations for SBC boards questioned

When one is elected to a committee or trustee position within the Southern Baptist Convention one of his primary responsibilities is the allocating and spending of Cooperative Program gifts coming from the churches. Individuals we elect to these positions should have a well-proven track record concerning their support of Southern Baptist programs and polity.

In light of this, what direction are we heading when two strong supporters of the Cooperative Program are not re-nominated for Southern Baptist Convention board positions and two names that are being submitted pastor churches that only give approximately 1.3 percent and 1.5 percent to the Cooperative Program? One even pastors a church that has not contributed to its association in three years.

What a church gives to various interests is obviously the business of the church. However, when one represents our state on Southern Baptist Convention boards he has a responsibility to all Kentucky Baptists. I will not be able to support the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention on boards when it is submitted in Los Angeles.

Terrence L. Freeman, Auburn

Put Bibles back in public school

I am writing because I am greatly concerned about the article in Western Recorder concerning the 10 Commandments and Bible in schools. I have been up-to-my-neck in this controversy with American Civil Liberties Union in Madison County. The last part of 1980 the American Civil Liberties Union threatened to sue the Madison County School Board if they didn't discontinue the distribution of Bibles in school. A group of us citizens formed a committee (Stand Up For Jesus Organization To Put Jesus Back In School) and started working to keep Bibles in school. It's been a hard fight; we think we are gaining some ground though.

The word you used in your article was "let's do what is legal." Have you forgotten that this is America? Of course, in Communist countries it is illegal to have a Bible and they smuggle Bibles in. I am not sure that you know what the ACLU is and what they stand for. Now, I know that you and I could put a Bible in every child's home but that isn't really the issue! The real frightening thing is, who is behind this. Well, let me tell you if you don't know. The ACLU is a Communist front. Communism is atheistic. Here is what the man who founded the ACLU had to say about America and his goal for it, "I am for socialism, disarmament and ultimately for the abolishing of the state itself as an instrument of violent compulsion. I seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class and sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal."

Here is why the ACLU wants the Bibles out—they want these things taught in schools: evolution, humanism, filth in sex education, planned parenthood, abortion and anything else that is contrary to the teaching of God's Word. They are God haters!

The Bible was given to us as God's Holy Word. The Psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." Do we want to take the light away from our children?

Do we want to cop-out just because some atheist has said we couldn't have Bibles in school? I think the Old and New Testaments are full of admonish-

ment for us to hate evil. Christ and his apostles hated evil and refused to compromise with it. We must do the same.

Some people will say we have to abide by the law. It is only an opinion of an attorney general and a ruling by the Supreme Court. Congress makes the laws and it is not a law that we can't have Bibles in school. We hope that Congress will change the Supreme Court ruling in the near future now that we have a conservative President in the White House and others who are concerned about the morality in our schools.

Of course, I find a few people that oppose Bibles being in schools. They are the atheistic, left wing, liberal politicians and a few liberal so-called preachers. And then there are some people who really don't know what it is all about and don't know what is happening to our country.

Glenn Roberts, Berea

Praise for Georgetown's direction

This past weekend my wife, Alice, and I attended an alumni meeting of Georgetown College graduates in the Richmond, Va. area.

We enjoyed the fellowship and an informative visual presentation by Wayne Moore.

We were most of all impressed by the warm and determined commitment for Ben Elrod to sustain and deepen the spiritual direction of our alma mater. Some of the "soundings" for the future are indeed exciting and encouraging,

including a missions emphasis.

We left the meeting with a renewed commitment to pray for and contribute to Georgetown's future—it's a bright one!

Bill Marshall, Richmond, Va.

Louisville minister supports McCall

The news about Abner McCall being nominated in Los Angeles for president of the Southern Baptist Convention is some of the best I have heard. All cooperating Baptists should support him with their prayers and presence in L. A. We are desperate for a leader who can get us back on the track of our mission to the world. McCall is the person who can do this. We have been embarrassed too long by inept and partisan leadership. Glowing promises of peace and harmony have not been supported by committee appointments and other actions. It is time for a change.

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

Handgun controls opposed

Since the first 10 amendments collectively known as the Bill of Rights were penned to persuade the original 13 colonies to ratify the Constitution, the U. S. Supreme Court has decided only four cases involving the second amendment. In none did the high court discuss the individual's right to keep and bear arms because it was not considered to be an issue essential to deciding the case.

The first three cases (United States v. Cruikshank, heard in 1875; Presser v. Illinois in 1886; Miller v. Texas in 1894) saw the court pass the buck back to the states saying, in Cruikshank, that

the right to keep and bear arms 'shall not be infringed by Congress.' That language was repeated a decade later in the Presser decision and again another eight years later in the first Miller case.

The historical circumstances leading to the Cruikshank and Presser cases should give civil libertarians second thoughts before pointing to either in defense of any anti-firearms legislation scheme.

As a Baptist layman I want to retain the right to own a firearm. I want to be able to protect my family against the thief or criminal who comes in the middle of the night and breaks down my door or comes in my window. You may say call the police, well you can't because your telephone line has been cut. Please don't say it can't happen because it does happen.

I want to thank God for the privilege of living in a country where we still have a right to protection and security, and I hope and pray that the millions of God fearing people who own a handgun for the sole purpose of protection are never deprived of this privilege.

All we need in this country to deter these violent crimes with handguns is for our judges and juries to do their jobs.

R. J. West, Elizabethtown

One vote for Bailey

I now believe that Brother Bailey Smith is the best man for another term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is my hope that he will be elected again.

God bless our convention.

F. Walden Adams, Cadiz

Religion writer 'confesses' in book for freelancers

by Nancy Wiedman

Confessions of a Moonlight Writer may sound like a racy title, but don't be fooled! Written by James Cox, associate editor of the *Western Recorder*, it is a book for writers who want to break into the freelance market.

Although specifically written about the religious market, there is more than enough general information for freelancers to warrant reading it and keeping it as a handy reference.

Cox says that a writer must have five basic qualities:

1. A God-given talent.
2. A marketable idea.
3. An ability to communicate that idea interestingly.
4. An audience (or market) for that idea.
5. An intuitive perception in good timing.

There isn't anything one can do about quality number one, but Cox believes it is possible to acquire the others by studying a couple of books: *How I Write*, by Robert J. Hastings and *How to Take the Fog Out of Writing*, by Robert Gunning.

And he suggests that practice in writing is extremely important—particularly on subjects with which the writer has some knowledge and interest. Also, finding the right time and place for writing are considered necessary for developing a systematic approach.

Cox warns prospective writers to be wary of con artists in the writing industry who guarantee success if one takes their correspondence course. Instead, he suggests courses offered by community colleges or adult-education classes in one's own locality.

While Cox advocates a basic grammar course is necessary, he devotes several pages of his book to pointing out the most common grammatical errors and overworked phrases. Some practical exercises are included to improve one's skills.

And, there is a reminder for writers to "keep a dictionary handy and don't be afraid to use it."

If you have forgotten, or have never known in what form a manuscript should be prepared for submitting to an editor, you can get this information as well as practical tips on mailing. A test at the end of the chapter will help the reader remember the rules. And there are several suggestions for aspiring writers from editors whom Cox surveyed.

Finally, Cox gives the reader a run-down on rates paid to freelance writers for acceptance by various publications.

In all, *Confessions of a Moonlight Writer* is an easy-to-read, concise handbook, written by an experienced, successful writer who shares some of his "secrets."

Cox, a native of Pineville, says he always knew he wanted to be a writer. His professional career began more than 20 years ago while he was a student at George Peabody College in Nashville, and his articles were first published by *The Baptist Student*.

Since then, Cox has written articles for many religious publications. He has conducted writers' workshops in several states, has received assignments to develop Sunday School curricula, and has been adjunct instructor in religious journalism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Sharon Ann Williams. The couple live in Middletown and have three children: Robin Ann 16 a junior at Eastern High School; Jimmy 13 in seventh grade at Crosby Middle School; and Jodi Beth 6 a first grader at Jane Hite Elementary School.

Confessions of a Moonlight Writer is dedicated "To Sharon, Robin, Jimmy and Jodi Beth who, perceiving my love affair with a typewriter, indulge me in it generously."

The book is available at the Baptist Book Store and through mail order by writing to: James H. Cox, 202 South Evergreen Road, Middletown, KY 40243.

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Permanency planning

by Edna Woofter,
Director of Program Services

The overall function of a children's home may be summarized in three words: healing, living and planning. Attention must be given immediately to the injury caused by separation, neglect, rejection, and/or whatever other reasons may have brought the youth into residential care. For whatever period of time a group living situation is needed, a living experience must be provided which is conducive to healthy growth and development. Plans for the future must be directed toward providing permanency.

Many children in care will return to their own families, but not all will. A few will remain in residential care for long periods of time—and for some this is appropriate. There are parents who can provide adequate emotional succor and support but cannot provide adequate home care. Some youth have special needs which neither birth parents nor foster parents can meet. Some older children would not be able to accept or adjust to the closeness of a new family. Group living until graduation may be the plan of choice. But for most dependent/neglected youth a foster family or adoptive home would be preferable.

The Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care has not been aggressive in seeking termination of parental rights. However, we have in care five youth whose birth or extended families have not been actively involved with the children for as long as five to eight years. Foster homes have provided stability. The youth, coming to the realization that they will never be cared for by birth families, have requested adoption by their foster parents. The legal process is in motion for this to happen, and we have five anxious, excited, happy youth awaiting the outcome.

We believe every child has a right to his own parents. Our focus of service delivery on each of our campuses is on the youth and birth parents. However, if birth parents are unable—for whatever reasons—to be parents, we believe permanent, substitute, psychological parents are necessary for most dependent youth. Through our Community Services Division, we continue our efforts to find such parents.

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Through the centuries there has been a ceaseless conflict between Satan and God, but the destructive power of the former has never equaled the protecting and enabling power of the latter, and for this fact we should be grateful.

Revelation 12:1-6 In relating what he had seen in a vision, John described a "great wonder in heaven," or the sky, mentioning a woman, bedecked in dazzling apparel from head to foot, who appeared on the scene when she was on the verge of giving birth to a son. John declared he beheld "another wonder in heaven," called "a great red dragon." Of this red dragon's identity there is no doubt, for he is expressly called "that old serpent" and "Satan." He is powerful, shrewd, wise, deceitful, ruthless and persistent. We must never make the tragic mistake of underestimating Satan's resources or his astuteness. This crafty adversary constantly seeks to divert people from complying with the will of God.

When God sent forth his son, the seed of the woman, to accomplish the redemption of sinners, the dragon or Satan repeatedly did his utmost to destroy him. Satan used Herod in his attempt to murder Christ while he was still an infant in Bethlehem but that effort failed. Wicked Herod slew all the male babies in Bethlehem under two years of age but Christ escaped his sword. Again and again Satan sought to destroy Christ with the hands of wicked men, but his efforts were in vain. Fully aware that through the Messiah would come a great reduction of his power and influence, Satan continued a ceaseless struggle to eliminate him from the scene of action but each of his plans was foiled. Despite Satan's numerous evil designs and purposes God's redemptive purpose was accomplished by and through his only begotten son, when he made a perfect atonement for sin through his death on the cross. After Christ Jesus was crucified on the cross and buried in the tomb, God intervened and raised him from the dead and caught him up in order that he might be seated at the right hand of the father until he returns to defeat Satan and his cohorts completely.

Revelation 14:1, 8, 12-13 The hosts of the redeemed are assured of ultimate triumph in Christ, the Lamb of God. God wants his children to understand and appreciate to the fullest extent possible the glorious truth of their security in him. Believers in Christ are ever under his care and protection. How grateful all of them should be for their assurance of victory in Christ. At the same time, he would have the unsaved know of their great folly in setting themselves against God and going in their sinful ways.

Because God and the Lamb have been triumphant over evil, Christians are challenged and urged to bear their unpleasant and difficult circumstances in life, knowing beyond a doubt that they will share in the divine victory. As believers we are encouraged to be faithful and true to our Lord, knowing that the deeds which we do in the name of Christ will survive death and be rewarded. Those who die in the Lord are guaranteed a rest from their labors, a reward for the service which they have rendered for him since they were regenerated, a residence with the Lord and a reunion with the saved.

CLAIMING GOD'S PROMISE

International Series

Deuteronomy 1:19-31 After their deliverance from bondage in Egypt, the children of Israel marched toward the land of Canaan, which long before God had promised to Abraham and his descendants. As they traveled through the wilderness God provided food and drink for them and protected them from their enemies. God informed them of the excellence of the land to which they were journeying, led them to it, gave them possession of it and commanded them to take it. His command, "Go up and possess it," assured them that God would enable them to achieve his purpose for them.

Instead of obeying God's command the people requested that Moses appoint an appraisal committee to explore and inspect the land which God had offered them to substantiate the divine statement that it was good. Considering their request reasonable, although it was contrary to God's directive will but within the bounds of his permissive will, Moses complied with it.

One representative from each of the 12 tribes was selected to make this survey. The 12 spies were instructed to inspect the land carefully and to report their findings in detail. They were told to bring back samples of the fruit they found and a description of the people, as well as the apparent strength of their fortifications. Their thorough exploration consumed 40 days.

Upon their return to Kadesh-Barnea, the 12 reported, "It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us." To them it was a land of magic charms, alluvial soils, luscious fruits and marvelous advantages, just as God had described it. It was well worth possessing. After the 12 submitted a unanimous report, 10 of the spies sounded a discouraging note, declaring that the strongly fortified cities and the stature and strength of the inhabitants would make it impossible for them to take possession of the land. The minority report submitted by Caleb and Joshua did not minimize the difficulties involved, but it emphasized the ability and promises of God and strongly urged that they take possession of the land without delay. We admire Caleb and Joshua for their great faith in God and for their strong desire and great determination to obey him. Their courage, optimism and dedication are worthy of our emulation. By the faithfulness of these men of God we are challenged to give him the full measure of our dedication and devotion. Let us make an honest appraisal of our personal limitations and our abilities, and then use them for the glory of God and the benefit of others whom we can touch and influence. Instead of yielding to fear and worry, which inevitably lead to failure, let us give ourselves unstintingly to obeying the divine commands, ever resting in the assurance of God's presence, protection and power which guarantee victory. The memory of God's past mercies and blessings should cause his people to believe in and depend upon him entirely.

Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
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I was afraid

And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine (Matt. 25:25).

Have you ever felt like that unfaithful servant, or better yet have you ever put yourself in his place?

I have never felt that I had any talents. (Note: Jesus is speaking of money; I'm speaking of special abilities.) I have looked at my friends and noticed all the things they were able to do. Some could sing or play an instrument while others had the ability to paint or draw. All had something they do, except me!

One day while reading this parable I realized God had given me some talents, small though they were. But what had I done with them?

For years I had buried them with my lack of self-confidence. Then, with the encouragement from my wife and friends, I began to accept myself and believe in myself. I began to think, I may not have much but what I do have I'm going to invest it for the Lord.

Maybe God has given you a special talent. It may seem small and unimportant to you but not to God. He expects you to invest it in his kingdom that it may multiply. Then, when you stand before the Lord and he asks for you to give an account of it you won't have to say, "I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth."

The above was written by Ronald Abrams, who graduated May 15. On that evening we saw our 1000th student graduate, and this year's class was 10 times larger than our first graduating class in 1946. That year Calvin Fuson, Lewis Searcy, J. Stillman and John J. Smith graduated.

It was a glorious occasion. The exercise was held in the beautiful Binghamtown Baptist Church at Middlesboro with an estimated 1500 persons in attendance. Roy T. Edgemon, director of the Church Training Department, Nashville, Tenn., brought the address. Music was provided by the Clear Creek chorale directed by professor David Hale and accompanied by Mrs. Hale and professor Don Jacobs. Heavenly music!

In June we shall begin our summer school sessions. Classes are slated for June 2-26 and June 30-July 24. Another busy summer is planned.

KBC Activities

Here and now

JUNE CONFERENCE AND CAMP DATES

Ridgecrest: Church Recreation, 6-12; Church Training Youth, 13-19; Church Music, 20-26; Bible Preaching, 27-July 3.

Glorieta: Church Training Youth, 6-12; Sunday School, 13-19; Sunday School, 20-26; Sunday School, 27-July 3.

Cedarmore: (All full weeks are from 1 p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Friday):

Acteens & GA's, Cedar Crest, Grades 4-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-July 3.

RA's, Camp Rabro, Grades 4-12, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-July 3.

Youth Camp: Youth Weeks (all filled, waiting list available), 15-19, 22-26, 29-7/3.

Jonathan Creek: GA Camp, June 29-July 3

JUNE

- 7 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 7-11 Southern Baptist Convention and auxiliary meetings. Los Angeles, Cal.
- 21 Father's Day
- 28 Christian Citizenship Sunday. Suggestions available from Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Dept., KBC

Looking ahead

JULY

- 6-10 Mountain Missions Conference. Oneida Baptist Institute
- 12 Christian Literature Day
- 24 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
- 31-8/1 Preschool Sunday School Workers Seminar. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

The Child Care, Clear Creek and Oneida columns are paid space.

Oneida Journal

'Thanks for the memories'

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



I reported to you last week on the \$375,000 loss by fire of our maintenance shop and nearly all its contents, and the total destruction of Hensley Hall, a dorm for 40 boys, occupied only two years.

Housemother both years was Mrs. Martha Embry, beautiful and youthful mother of three sons, the youngest of whom came to Oneida his eighth grade year. The following year Mr. and Mrs. Embry left their home on the Ohio River at Cloverport and came to serve as volunteers. Mr. Embry is a river pilot on the Mississippi and is on the boat a month and home a month. The Embrys live on his income. Mrs. Embry has never received a penny for being a housemother here and Mr. Embry has worked in maintenance a total of one year without any pay.

Mrs. Embry also opened a fully licensed barber-beauty shop, equipping it herself, to serve the campus community with haircuts (greatly helping us to enforce our hair rule for boys) and permanents. This shop and its equipment was destroyed in the fire.

Mrs. Embry has a beautiful voice and is an excellent organist and pianist. Those teenage boys of Hensley Hall singing the old and newer hymns around Mrs. Embry's piano will always be associated in my memory with that building, now a burned out and useless shell.

The Embrys wish to continue their volunteer work at Oneida. But we have no place for them to live as their apartment and personal possessions were destroyed in the fire. I am praying that some provision can be made by August when the fall term begins so we can continue to benefit from their Christian service.

In the last analysis, buildings do not make a school. People do. The same is true of the church.

Most of our boys were away at the time of the fire. Some of the parents have told me their sons cried on hearing of the loss of the building. I, too, have shed some tears, but mainly tears of joy that all our boys and staff are safe for there could have been much loss of life. Also, it is a warm and precious memory that I have of each soul who lived there for two years, for those whose generosity and volunteer labor made the building possible and the love shared by the boys and the Embrys. It was special.

We are beginning to hear from our friends. The first \$100 "to rebuild Hensley Hall" came on the day of the fire itself from Fenton Hewins, a deacon of Central Baptist, Lexington, who had done two days of volunteer work on our chapel air-conditioning just the week before. This great man of God has labored here hundreds of hours in recent years and has never charged us a cent. The second gift, one for \$500, came from Preston Baker, a 1928 graduate, former teacher, coach and dean of boys, a long time trustee and one of Oneida's most generous and loyal supporters in every circumstance.

If enough such help comes, maybe, just maybe we can build a new dorm, and the boys can once again sing hymns and drift into sleep as Mrs. Embry reads from God's Holy Word and lifts each up in loving prayer. Those hymns and prayers echo in memory, with new meaning, as do the words sung at graduation May 10: "We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear."

Frank Owen



Denominational problem?

The problem seems to be growing. Whether proportionately or just numerically as our denomination grows is not quite clear, but the increased number of cases is alarming.

They are trained, former church pastors, ministers of education and music, who, after years of productive service in the churches have somehow fallen into unemployment and there seems no way in our system for the denomination to come to their aid and to rescue their destitute families.

It is of little help to point out in many instances, the faults by which "they have brought it upon themselves." Hunger is no respecter of persons (or children).

There seems greater willingness among today's churches to dismiss ministers without employment, though again it may just seem so because there are more churches and ministers.

Our denomination assumes no final responsibility for these ministers and their lost careers. Should we? It is hard for us to get hold of the problem since the congregation (not the denomination) is the ordaining authority—and the only voice in the employment and dismissal process.

Unemployed ministers often feel they have been ungratefully cast out by their denomination after giving many faithful years among the churches. They are not members of any union. They have no unemployment insurance. The congregations that ordained them don't remember them.

Ours is the office to which many of them cry out in their distress. If we tried to create a plan whereby we could help them, would the churches or fellow ministers that brought about their unemployment, feel rebuked and diminish or cut off mission support to our denomination? In cases where there has been a controversy would we be accused of taking sides?

This office can't escape the heavy heart brought on by knowledge of these families and by listening to these men who find it hard to appreciate these fruits of Baptist polity. Is there a way for us to aid the needy, unemployed minister and his family? Is it appropriate for the denomination to play a direct part? Do we need to think prayerfully and creatively about that?

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