

Huls

Tom Huls resigns associate state Sunday School position

Thomas E. Huls, associate in the state Sunday School Department for three years, has resigned effective July 31.

Huls, 42, will become instructional resource specialist in the Educational Support Department at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 3.

A native of Crothersville, Ind., Huls is a graduate of Indiana University and Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates at Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Parkwood Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind.; and Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Scottsburg, Ind.

He is married to the former Virginia Grant of Louisville.

Church Training to emphasize identity of Southern Baptists throughout world

More than 3000 Southern Baptists attending the Church Training leadership conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. learned July 12 they share a common heritage in the Bible, doctrinal beliefs, gospel preaching and singing and eating watermelon outside on a hot Sunday afternoon.

"We are Southern Baptists"—the emphasis of daylong activities including preaching, singing the hymns of B. B. McKinney, a drama and an old-fashioned watermelon cutting on the lawn of Rhododendron Hall—also will be a major theme of Church Training materials and programs for 1981-82.

Noting recent divisions among Southern Baptists, Church Training Department director Roy Edgemon said, "We needed to say something about what has drawn us together—the uniqueness of our heritage and the things which give us unity."

Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., told conference participants that while "Southern Baptists have the greatest denomination on the face of the earth for winning the world to Christ, we are not yet doing the job."

Chapman noted that more than one million persons joined Southern Baptist churches by baptism or letter last year. However, those gains were offset by losses

Ten Kentuckians among 300 Baptists stricken by food poisoning at conference

More than 300 people—at least 10 from Kentucky—became ill due to food poisoning at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, N. C., Saturday night Aug. 25.

Nearly 150 Kentucky Baptists were among the 1600-1700 people who dined at the banquet which opened the week-long conference for Sunday school leaders.

All the victims, including the 62 admitted to hospitals, were reported well on their way to recovery.

The ill Kentuckians included six from Parkland Baptist Church, one from Rockford Lane Baptist Church and three from Georgetown Baptist Church.

All 10 had ham instead of beef as their entree, although several others had eaten the beef.

Nancy Walker, a nurse at the conference center, said the first report of illness came at 7:30 p.m. from the parents of a seven-year-old girl. Within 30 minutes, she said, hundreds of complaints of illness poured in.

Doctors quickly ruled out botulism as a cause for the outbreak and said they believe the exact cause is either a staphylococcus infection or salmonella bacterial infection.

According to Parkland's pastor, James Rennell, "People were scattered all over inside the hospitals. They were lying on gurneys, lying on the floor, lying in the hall and on two chairs put together."

At one point there were 120 patients crammed into the emergency room of Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, 15 miles west of Black Mountain.

The emergency rooms were covered. The emergency people "did a super job getting them treated," Rennell said.

"Everybody seems to be fine," Ridgecrest manager Ken McAnear said at midday Sunday. "Nobody is seriously ill. Most came back last night, some were released from the hospital today and are back, and a few others are still in the hospital, but are expected back later today (Sunday)."

McAnear said he can't explain the incident. "The Buncombe County Health Department is working with us, but we haven't been able to pinpoint anything at this time."

McAnear said the food was prepared as usual and had been purchased from the usual vendors at various times in the past week.

He thought the reason more people weren't taken ill was "it was just a small part of the food that there was anything wrong with."

Ridgecrest is accustomed to feeding crowds of that size but "something went wrong. We're pretty sure it's just an isolated incident. We served breakfast and dinner today as usual," he said.

Foreign board appoints more missionaries at one time than ever before

Eighty-four men and women were named missionaries July 21 in the largest appointment service of the Foreign Mission Board's 136-year history.

The group, from 34 states, far surpassed the previous record of 56, set in April 1947 when a war-ravaged world was begging for missionaries.

Three of the newly appointed couples have Kentucky ties.

Bob and Jean Miller Morgan were appointed to Indonesia. He is a Kentuckian and she is from Ohio.

Jim Smith, a Virginia native, and his wife, the former Becky Nichols of Kentucky, will serve in Austria.

Keith and Sue Younce Vaughan were appointed for service in Japan. He is a former Kentuckian and she is an Ohioan.

The 84 new appointees brought with them caravans of relatives and friends who filled the new sanctuary of Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and spilled into the aisles on folding chairs.

They were pastors, church musicians, business managers, farmers, teachers, nurses, a fertilizer salesman. They ranged in age from mid-20s to late 50s (several missionary associates have grandchildren). Typical Southern Baptists. Ordinary folks bound by a common call to leave home, family and country to spread Christ's gospel.

"I want to plant New Testament churches," explained Dwight Reagan of Texas, a pastor for 26 years, who will be an evangelist in South Africa.

Sue Kavli of North Dakota will teach computer science in a college in Thailand. "I want to gain the intellectual and professional respect of people there and then share Christ with them," she said. "We can show them you don't have to throw away your mind to find new life in Christ." Husband Steve will be a media specialist.

"This night is not an end or a beginning for me but a bridge," said Nathan Corbitt of Texas. A music minister, Corbitt and his wife, Vickie, spent a month in Malawi as music volunteers. They are returning to Africa as career missionaries in Kenya.

Corbitt recalled an incident during his volunteer stint when a Malawi preacher pointed a long finger at him and asked in a loud voice, "If the Lord calls, will you come back?"

"Tonight I can say I'm coming back," Corbitt said.

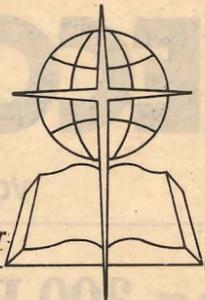
Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks challenged the 84 to be "good soldiers" of Christ, ready for battle, focusing all energies on the evangelical task.

"You'll suffer. Count on it. Expect it. Write it into your agenda," Parks said, declaring that hardship is the lot of Christian soldiers obeying God, along with a joy "beyond what this world can offer."

Counting the naming of 82 missionary journeymen and four special project workers in July the new appointments brought the total of new missionaries for the month to 170, another all-time high. To date, new missionaries in 1981 number 229.

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Daley Observations

A new opportunity for churches to minister

The austerity approach of the Reagan administration towards the extensive governmental social and welfare programs of recent years is decried by some but it may offer churches new opportunities to minister as they were intended to minister. As the government pulls out of human service programs, churches can enter in with help in the name of Christ instead of in the name of government.

This raises the question as to who should provide relief for the poor and the sick who are unable to provide for themselves. Is this a legitimate function of the state? It is doubtful. The state should provide equal opportunity for gainful employment and fair treatment of all citizens but the New Testament teaches that ministry is the assignment of churches.

The great welfare programs of state and national government are a relatively modern development. Many of us can remember the beginnings of the "new deal" and the "great society." These were noble in their intentions and no doubt they provided benefits which many would have never known apart from them. No doubt they were also greatly abused which is part of the reason they are now being drastically overhauled and reduced.

The involvement of government in ministering to the poor and the sick is a judgment upon churches and their lack of redemptive ministry to the whole person. If churches had taken the teaching of Jesus seriously, civil government might never have gotten into such programs.

Whatever the correct evaluation of the past be, the question is whether churches today understand their mission well enough to pick up the slack resulting from reduction or elimination of governmental relief programs.

Writing on the reconciling, reconstructing church in the June-July issue of *Report from the Capital*, Senator Mark O. Hatfield, a Baptist layman, makes some very telling points. One of these is the distinction he draws between church work and the work of the church. Church work, he observes, is what members do for the institution like serving on committees, teaching, singing, etc. This requires only relatively few members—10 percent or less.

The work of the church, on the other hand, is what the church members do beyond the walls of the church. This is what the church members do throughout the community every day of the week and every hour of the day—in business, in recreation, in factories, on farms and in homes. It involves every church member.

Another observation of Senator Hatfield is the difference between a service station and a filling station. Most former service stations are now

filling stations where we serve ourselves. The senator says too many churches which should be serving stations are merely filling stations where we go once or twice a week for our "filling" but where little if any serving of one another's needs takes place.

And even in churches where a concept of serving is practiced, the serving is almost entirely restricted to the church family. This is important but it doesn't minister to the multitudes of poor and needy who are not members of the church family.

Let us no longer consider government as Santa Claus but let churches become a ministering body of Christ.

Baptist Forum

Merger facts set straight

In last week's Western Recorder Myron Worley of Lebanon Junction expressed his disapproval of the methods utilized in the merger which formed the Rock Haven Community Baptist Church. However, in expressing his disapproval Mr. Worley presented a distorted and falsified description of these methods. In so doing he maligned and caused pain to both the former separate congregations and the current merged congregation and also libeled the pastors. Furthermore, Mr. Worley, who lives over 30 miles from our community, has wrongfully set himself up as a second-hand authority above the discernment and experience of scores of residents and members of our church. He has, in effect, called evil manipulation what we consider to be the working of the Holy Spirit. All of this demands a response.

Mr. Worley did not attend any of the meetings which concerned the merger and which were held over a six month span of time. Obviously this indicates that all of his information is second-hand. His response reflects the distorted recollections of a small minority who opposed this merger. So far as we know Mr. Worley has never lived in our community, nor is he a member of our church or either of the former congregations during any of the period of time under question. As Baptists we strongly object to this public interference with our local church polity by one who is neither a member nor directly involved.

Mr. Worley makes three specific accusations, all of which are wrong:

1) First he alleges that the deacon chairman of First Rock Haven Baptist Church did not know about the merger until last of all the deacons (the significance of which escapes us). In truth, Mr. Dan Allen, deacon chairman of FRHBC will vouch that he was one of the first persons to be aware of the merger interest. Furthermore, all of the deacons from both churches besides the chairmen, became aware of this interest within a week of each other during the first part of December, 1980. Mr. Worley further maintains that those who opposed the merger were not given an opportunity to express their opposition. Mr. Worley's father, the only other deacon of FRHBC, was involved together with his deacon chairman and pastor in a dialog with two deacons and the pastor of Rock Haven Baptist Church on Jan. 10, 1981. This dialog produced a unanimous recommendation from both sets of deacons which called for a joint committee to be formed "to discuss ways to enhance the fellowship and improve the image of the two churches in the community, and also to consider the feasibility of merging the two congregations into a united congregation." Mr. Worley's father was deeply involved in this cordial dialog, although he opposed merger. Mr. Worley's mother was a member of an eight person joint committee which resulted from this

recommendation and which produced a proposal for merger. She attended and actively participated in both meetings of this committee, although she also opposed merger. This proposal for merger was thoroughly discussed in two regular business meetings of FRHBC and in a third called meeting. In all of these discussions and meetings everyone was encouraged to voice his/her opinions.

2) Secondly, Mr. Worley alleges that proponents of merger manipulated the constitution and bylaws of FRHBC by ignoring the two-thirds majority and illegally allowing children under 12 to vote. Both of these accusations are false. All procedures were done in accordance with the constitution and bylaws. Two votes on the merger proposal were taken. The first had a simple majority in favor of the merger but not a two-thirds majority. Because significant opposition to the merger came from inactive members who no longer lived in Rock Haven, the proponents of merger did not feel that the will of the body had been adequately expressed. They therefore called for another vote at a special called business meeting the following Sunday, all in accordance with the bylaws. Also to be voted on at this special meeting was a bylaws change which would allow every church member the right to vote. This bylaws change, which was approved in the special meeting, simply protected the inactive members' rights to vote and recognized the voting rights of members who were under the age of 12. This special business meeting was called and announced completely in accordance with the bylaws. A vote of 22 to 5 was taken in favor of merger, more than the two-thirds required for a constitutional change.

3) Mr. Worley's malicious statement that those opposing the merger were "ignored or shouted down" in these business sessions is completely false. These meetings were all noteworthy because of the relative absence of emotional outbursts either for or against the proposal. Everyone was allowed to speak within a well-moderated business session.

Perhaps the most serious of Mr. Worley's charges is the assumption that what has happened in Rock Haven has somehow hindered the working of God, the ministry of his church and the advancement of Bold Mission Thrust. We view it as just the opposite. It is ironic that Mr. Worley's letter appeared three days following a glorious worship experience in RHCBC. During this service two former members of FRHBC spontaneously gave testimony that our two-month-old merger was working out much better and with more love and fellowship than they had ever hoped for. The merger has already allowed us to increase our ministry, including a new chapel service specifically for the campers at Otter Creek Park. Financially we are stronger and will be able to give more to the Cooperative Program and eventually to afford a full time pastor. Because responsibilities are not being duplicated our members are better able to develop their gifts for ministry. And certainly Southern Baptists do not expect to achieve Bold Mission Thrust through splitting our churches. Despite Mr. Worley's assertion that there was only good fellowship between the two former churches, it is a simple fact that for years there was only one Baptist congregation in Rock Haven, for 15 years there were two, and now there is one again. Some old wounds have been healed and others, obviously, have not. Over 200 members of the RHCBC and virtually every former pastor of either of the former congregations will testify that this reuniting has been needed. For two Southern Baptist churches to exist a mile apart in a rural community which is bordered by the Ohio River, Otter Creek Park and Ft. Knox reservation and which has three other Southern Baptist churches within five miles in every possible direction does not exemplify the best stewardship of the Lord's resources in Rock Haven.

In closing we wish to apologize to Western Recorder and its readers for your having to endure this unpleasant and inappropriate use of the Baptist Forum by Mr. Worley and our necessary response.

Craig Sherouse, Harvey Stricklin
Interim Co-Pastors
Rock Haven Community Baptist Church

Baptist News in Brief

FMB sends hunger funds

The Foreign Mission Board released more than \$472,000 in general relief and hunger funds in May and June.

Almost half of the money was divided between Brazil and Haiti. Much of the rest went to relief projects in 10 nations around the world.

More than one-third of the \$120,000 allocated to Brazil is to be used for a maternity and infant nutritional aid project in Belo Jardim and for a mothers' club to train mothers in nutrition, health and infant care.

Another \$36,000 will finance a hunger alleviation program by the Brazilian National Mission Board in drought-stricken Itaporanga.

The \$120,345 allocated to Haiti will be used for well-drilling and nutritional projects. Missionary Jack Hancox noted that even problems such as poor health and unemployment are related to the shortage of good water.

Water development is also the top priority for use of the more than \$88,000 appropriation for Sudan.

Like some of the Brazil allocations \$20,000 going to Jamaica will help underwrite a project of local Baptists. Bethel Baptist Church, Kingston, has developed a model skill-training course for unemployed women. Foreign Mission Board funds will underwrite its first phase which will train about 60 women as seamstresses, a skill in great demand on the island.

Other smaller allocations went for projects such as disaster preparedness in Chile and repair of Baptist educational institutions in Paraguay and Venezuela.

Nurses will benefit

The Kentucky Baptist School of Nursing has received a grant of \$29,038 from the Helene Fuld Health Trust Fund, according to Linda L. Blair, director.

The funds will be used to provide a more complete and comfortable library and audiovisual facility for students. This raises to more than \$175,000 the amount received by the School of Nursing from the Fuld Trust during the past six years.

The recent grant will buy library furnishings and supplies, lockers, skills labs supplies and provide classroom refurbishment. "Previous funds have been used to develop a complete skills laboratory, which has proven to be a vital ingredient in our concentrated two-year diploma program," Mrs. Blair said.

NBC features SBC heads

Reagan administration budget cuts "are asking for a social disaster on the installment plan," according to James M. Dunn, one of four Southern Baptist leaders featured in an NBC special on national poverty.

The hour-long special, taped July 14 in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and scheduled to be shown nationally Aug. 2, is tentatively titled "Unto the Least of These."

Also participating on the panel with Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., were William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Samuel Simpson, pastor of Bronx Baptist Church, New York City; and Ross Hanna, Southern Baptist home missionary, Tucson, Ariz.

Nashville hosts musicians

The Nashville Baptist Book Store will sponsor a music reading workshop Aug. 20-22 at the Baptist Sunday School Board, according to store manager James Yarborough.

Called a "meeting of musical minds," the workshop consists of listening to and singing new music, sharing among musicians, concentrated study with leaders from various publishing companies and hearing the premiere of a new musical by Mark Blankenship entitled "Children of God."

Music publishing companies and their representatives will be: Broadman by Don Edmondson, music promotion specialist; Good Life Productions by Lyndal Bingham, vice president for marketing and sales; Jensen Publications by composer, conductor

and professional accompanist Bob Ray; Lorenz/Triune Publishers by Bob Burroughs, composer and minister of music at Rock Baptist Church in Rex, Ga.; and Word Music by John Purifoy, director of music publications.

The workshop is open to full or part time ministers of music and music leaders. Registration and additional information may be obtained through James Yarborough, Baptist Book Store, 1010 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203, phone (615) 251-2500.

Notice

The dates, time and places of the Sunday school conferences in August for ASSIST group members and 8.5 by '85 representatives are as follows:

Aug. 17-18, 7-9 p.m.

(four locations)

Campbellsville Baptist,
Campbellsville

First Baptist Church,
Barbourville

First Missionary Baptist
Church, Benton

First Baptist Church,
Paintsville

Aug. 24-25, 7-9 p.m.

(two locations)

First Baptist Church,
Earlington

First Baptist Church,
Cynthiana

Family bill controversial

A revised "Family Protection Act" has been introduced in the 97th Congress, but supporters and opponents disagree over the central question of whether the measure protects or jeopardizes family freedoms.

Modeled after a 1979 bill sponsored by Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., the new bill introduced by Sen. Roger W. Jepsen, R-Iowa, as S. 1378 and Rep. Albert Lee Smith Jr., R-Ala., as H. R. 3955 contains a collection of conservative social and educational positions which sponsors claim is designed to get the federal government off the back of the American family.

Critics of the bill—including a pair of Baptist leaders—claim the Jepsen-Smith proposal is more threat than protection to the American family.

The bill, among other things, provides for what it calls "voluntary" prayer in public school and prohibits the use of federal funds for educational materials which "tend to denigrate, diminish or deny role differences between sexes."

It also would establish an education

savings plan whereby parents or other relatives of a child could deposit up to \$2500 annually tax exempt. Though not as direct as tuition tax credits, the proposal would be likely to benefit the nation's private schools.

Former Alabama Congressman John Buchanan attacked the bill, declaring the underlying philosophy of the Family Protection Act "is that of a federally enforced system of family life" . . . (and) "would be more apt to do violence to the rights of American citizens than to protect them."

Buchanan, a consultant to the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, added that the bill would "extend the heavy hand of the federal government into the home and into the very personal and private lives of American citizens."

Further concern about the Jepsen-Smith bill was expressed by Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn who described the measure as an "unwieldy patchwork quilt of attempts to find loopholes in the pattern of guaranteed constitutional liberties."

"Especially offensive," Dunn said, "are the oblique attacks on church-state separation found in the thinly-veiled attempt to provide aid for parochial schools and to offer permission for the exercise of religion in public schools."

Ballenger takes FMB job

Isam E. Ballenger has been elected to succeed J. D. Hughey as the Foreign Mission Board's director for Europe and the Middle East.

Ballenger, 45, was elected during the July board meeting. He will assume the post after Hughey's retirement Dec. 31 following 17 years' service in that position. As area director, Ballenger will administer the work of missionaries assigned to 19 countries.

For nearly five years he has been associate to the area director, acting as a liaison between the board and missionaries in Europe. Stationed in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, he had added responsibilities as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary from 1977 to 1980.

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Long term pastorates don't just occur, pastors say

by Glenn W. Mollette,
State Correspondent

Two years is not a very long time. But to many Baptist pastors it seems to be long enough to be at one church. For some churches it's long enough to have the same person as their pastor.

However, there are people in our state who moved from the majority and joined the minority a long time ago. They are the ones who "stayed awhile."

Several of Kentucky's enduring pastors commented on their philosophies about longevity in a single pastorate.

Earl Waugh, pastor of First Baptist Church, Allen, is one example. "The Lord has not led me to go anywhere else. I feel that I'm supposed to stay here until the Lord leads me to move," he said.

Waugh also believes love of the people and sincere devotion to the work are essential vitamins for pastoral longevity.

Waugh, who has been with the Allen church for 16 years, said, "It takes great patience on the part of the people and pastor to have an enduring relationship."

John Wallace is another enduring pastor. He has served Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington, for 32 years. What is the secret of his longevity with this Lexington congregation?

Wallace related a personal experience about his father falling into deep depression years ago. Since his father lived in the Dallas area Wallace wrote W. A. Criswell about visiting his father. Criswell responded by calling upon his father on two occasions. It

was these visits that seemed to help his father overcome his depression and get back into church.

Wallace was a young minister then and observed that Criswell was accessible and loved people. "I've tried to do three things: love the people, be accessible to people and feed their souls," Wallace noted.

How did he stay so long? "I'm not much of a mover," reported Sears. "I was satisfied with the church and never really desired to go elsewhere."

After a few minutes of conversation Sears also noted the constant population of the town benefited him. The only people who attended were those who grew up in the church.

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Wallace said he never planned to stay 32 years but had taken one day at a time.

He affirmed his love for Parkway church but noted he had experienced depressing moments as many ministers do. "There have been days when I would have taken a job at a chicken ranch in west Texas," he mused.

Many pastors experience moments of ministerial trauma and feel like throwing in the towel. Wallace affirmed he was no different. "Many times a pastor has to grit his teeth and suck in his gut," he exclaimed.

Wallace also mentioned the many changes at Parkway. "We've been a people of change." He noted the relocation of the church from Fifth Street to its present Broadway location. "Change is good and is stimulating to the people," cited Wallace.

Carl Sears, retired pastor of Falmouth (Ky.) Baptist Church, served his congregation for 32 years. Falmouth church was formed in 1792 and Sears has the longest tenure of any pastor ever serving the congregation.

Taylor.

Second, a pastor must study. Taylor promised his people he would never come to the pulpit empty if given his mornings for study. "I never come into the office until noon except for when our staff meets on Monday," Taylor observed.

Third, "a pastor must get to understand and love people where they are, and not where we wish they were."

Other principles Taylor listed were: "be sensitive to people's needs; walk with God in prayer; be a student of human nature and work at relating to people in all situations."

A final comment Taylor made concerned the church's ministry to the pastor. "A church must have a proper attitude toward its pastor. They must support him financially, prayerfully and by their faithful attendance." Taylor said his 23 years were made possible because of the good attitude of his church towards him and previous pastors.

It would be a hard task to mention all of Kentucky's shepherds who have faithfully led the same congregation for lengthy tenures. But it would be much easier than trying to mention those who only stay a year or two.

Good things can result from pastoral longevity. In the cases of Kruschwitz and Taylor, their churches have led the state in mission gifts for several years. Wallace and Waugh have led their congregations through relocation and extensive building programs.

These are some of Kentucky's pastors who have "sucked their guts in," as Wallace said, and put their hands to the plow. Thus because of their tireless labor, their churches and they have been recipients of blessings that come with time, love and an enduring commitment to God and his work.

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Church reacts to public school issue

In reaction to the recent controversy concerning placement of the 10 commandments in public schools, members of East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, began distribution of the commandments and the Lord's prayer.

According to K. Maynard Head, pastor of the church and director of the project, the documents are printed in

two-by-three inch and six-by-eight inch sizes. They have an adhesive backing to be displayed on notebooks, windows, business equipment, tracks and other personal property in view of others.

East Cumberland Avenue member Doug Campbell began the project by having the commandments and prayer printed and asking Head to help with distribution.

With the legal door closing on the posting of the commandments in pub-

lic classrooms, Head and Campbell consider the stickers an alternative way to expose people to scripture.

"There is no regulation governing the private use of such items as the 10 commandments and the Lord's prayer," Head said. "Since there is a great deal of interest in the matter this approach seems to make a lot of sense."

Acceptance of materials is voluntary, he said.

Several hundred of the documents have already been distributed as far as South Dakota where a church family is on summer mission tour.

Head said he envisions the project as a "nationwide movement."

Children must be taught the basic principles of living in a society, he said. "The 10 commandments are fundamental to the healthy continuation of a decent way of life, and the Lord's prayer is used by most religious organizations as an expression of faith."

As the project expands more materials will be printed for those who request them.

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Squire Boone leaves church, church recreation heritage

by Susan Taylor Sears, Staff Writer

Many Christians hope their contributions will be a constructive influence long past their lifetimes. Whether Squire Boone, younger brother of Daniel Boone, had this in mind, his influence within the southern Indiana and northern Kentucky Christian community continues.

Boone directed the building and organization of the first Baptist church in Indiana, then called Old Goshen Church, in 1813. Though the church has long since dissolved, another of Boone's discoveries is used by area church groups almost every day in the summer and fall.

According to legend Boone hid in a cave to flee the Indians while on a hunting trip in Indiana from Kentucky in 1790. The cave has since been developed into Squire Boone Caverns, a village of shops, exhibits and picnic and camping grounds for cave visitors.

Rick Conway manages the caverns bought by his father in 1970. Conway said the majority of the more than 40,000 annual visitors are church groups which take the one-hour cave tour or the spring and fall hayrides.

Alan McCutchen, minister of music and youth at Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, takes a group of young people to the caverns each year as part of his day camp program.

Adhering "pretty closely" to the Sunday School Board's literature on day camps, McCutchen has developed an active program at Minors Lane.

He has had to expand the one week of activities of three years ago to two weeks, one for children in grades 1-3 and one for grades 4-6.

Seven of the young people in the older group visited Squire Boone Caverns July 2.

The group toured the cave, seeing the formations created by minerals deposited over thousands of years by the million gallons of water that flow through the caves each day.

The village consists of nine log structures, seven of which were found in the region, dismantled, their pieces numbered, moved to the village site and reconstructed for use as rock, pottery, leather, crafts, art and candy shops.

The grist mill built by Squire Boone was also restored. A log cabin built in 1830 by Boone's nephew was rebuilt on the mill's original foundation. Water from the cave pushes the 18-foot wheel, turning the 1200-pound buhr stones.

Sam Bockting, mill operator, allowed the Minors Lane children to push the levers which control the water flow. He showed them how to sift the ground corn through screens to separate the husks from the grits and meal.

Each felt the different textures and tasted the fresh corn. Best of all for the children, but proving to be a dilemma for several adults, Bockting encouraged visitors to throw their extra meal onto the floor.

Although his day campers enjoy field trips such as the one to Squire Boone Caverns, McCutchen said he doesn't schedule an entire week of trips as some youth leaders do.

"That defeats the purpose of day camp," he said.

Instead he takes the older group to a local park. "Most kids just love to get out and run," he observed.

The children approve his philosophy by attending the day camp each year until they are too old. When asked why they return year after year, the chil-

dren were puzzled, even incredulous. To them the answer was so obvious—"it's fun," they replied.

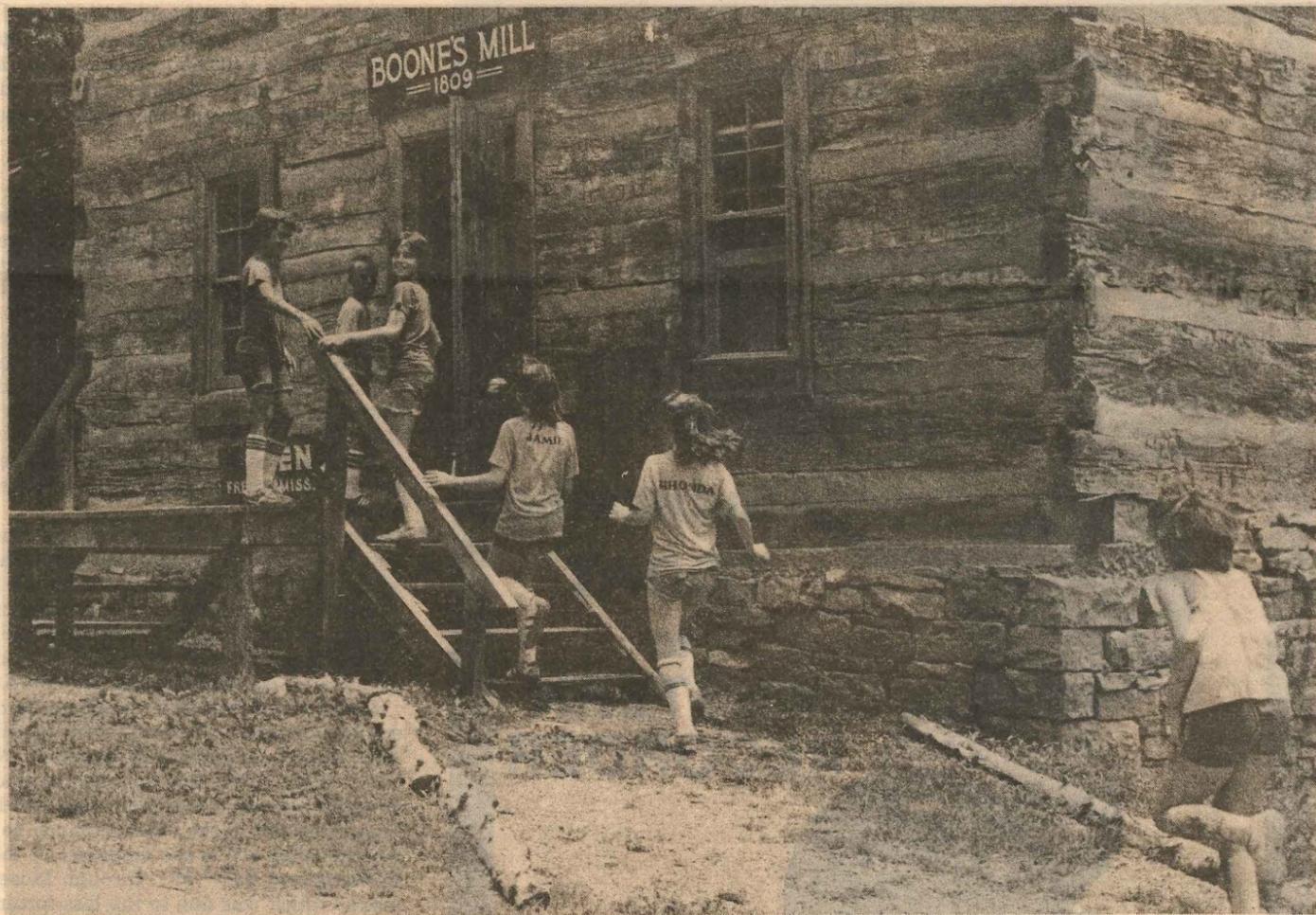
McCutchen leads them in crafts projects, games and a cookout. Only a severe storm could keep them inside, he said. "I made a rule that we don't stop for rain."

The children last summer played several days in the warm rain, doing their crafts under a shelter.

"I didn't know how the parents would take it but once I had put it in writing I felt I had to live up to it," he laughed. The only problem with the rule has been that this summer's group wanted to continue camp until they had their day in the rain.

McCutchen's program is loosely structured by intention. "It's supposed to be the experience of regular camp," he said. "You just go home in time for supper."

Right: Sam Bockting, mill operator, assists Jamie Weatherly of Minors Lane Baptist Church in sifting ground corn through a screen. Below: As part of their day camp program, Minors Lane youth visit Squire Boone Caverns and mill.



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Robert B. Carlin, Director,
Glen Dale Children's Home

Children and young people are naturally drawn to persons who show genuine warmth and sincere interest in others. When Jesus traveled about declaring the good news, he freely used the power that God had given him to heal the sick in a physical, mental and spiritual way. It would have been great to have lived during Jesus' ministry. In our daily work, we witness the need for this healing power. The fact that God is continuing to work through his earthly priests is truly made manifest every day through the work of the Board of Child Care.

Our residential program seeks to be a different environment, a culture of change, a second chance for many who would otherwise fail. We received a letter this week from a 17-year-old boy who had been returned by his referring agency. He stated, "... I was at Glen Dale about five months ago when you first came. I went home on the hope of things changing. . . . Things went well for a while, but soon returned the way they were before. I would like to know is there is any way I could get out before I have to make a decision. I don't know if there is anything you can do, but if there is, let me know. Of all the places I have been, Glen Dale was the best, but I didn't give it much of a chance. As a matter of fact, I gave it a rough way to go. You see, when you are reaching for a hope, you don't stop and think." The young man continued to explain how his family life had deteriorated.

We are making every effort possible to clarify the family situation and enable this boy to have "the second chance" he is requesting. We are shouldering the responsibility as Kentucky Baptists to be our brother's keeper. If we have learned about this loving provision, then we should be moved to provide adequately for others seeking our help and a second chance. Godly concern for the lives of our children and their families should move us all to do our task with zeal and boldness. (Ezek. 3:17-21).

Sunday School Lessons

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H. C. Chiles

WHEN GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY

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Psalm 42:1-8; 43:1, 3-4 While in hiding somewhere beyond Jordan and pursued by those who were thirsting for his blood, the unnamed psalmist was grieving because he had been cut off from fellowship with his family and deprived of the privilege of worshiping God publicly in the appointed place in Jerusalem. In his distress he longed for the opportunity of being in the temple again, unbosoming his burden and obtaining peace. Concluding that he could not go on without help from God, he turned to him whom he believed could do for him what the brook could do for the deer and far more. For the deer with open mouth and heaving flanks the brook was an absolute necessity and even so, man cannot get along as he should and have soul satisfaction apart from God.

As often happens with God's children, Satan tempted the psalmist to question the goodness of God and to conclude that he had been mistreated. Others scoffed at him and disdainfully taunted and reproached him with the question, "Where is thy God?", implying that he had forsaken his servant. Thinking of the better days and missing their blessings he developed a case of blues. His real trouble was not in his circumstances but in himself, for he had stopped praising God. Concerning the troubles, trials and tribulations which had come to him through either the directive or the permissive will of God, he turned his dejected spirit toward God and remarked, "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me."

In his low and disconsolate moments the psalmist unwisely and wrongfully attempted to blame the unhappy circumstances in which he found himself on God, saying, "I will say unto my God, 'Why hast thou forgotten me?'" The fact is that God had not forgotten him just as he does not forget us. As long as we remain here we shall encounter temptations, disappointments, problems and trials that will tend to discourage us but we must not become despondent for we have the blessed assurance that God is for us and will see us through. Always remember that the ultimate secret of triumph over discouragement is faith in God. "Hope thou in God." Confidence and faith in God constitute the final bastion of defense against on-rushing discouragement and depression. God is your satisfying portion. When your soul is tried, beaten and fettered, put your trust in God. Place your feet on the rock of the purpose of God and refrain from seeking the primrose path of your own selfish pleasure. When you encounter temptations, trials and tribulations in your Christian life, always remember that God will not fail or forsake you.

GOD DESIRES JUSTICE

International Series

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 God is impartial in the administration of justice. He requires his children to follow his example in this respect. He wants those who are elected to civil offices to be fair, impartial and just in the administration of affairs whether they are on the municipal, county, state or national level. All governmental officials should have such high and firm principles as to cause them to refrain from injustice, partiality, corruption and bribery. One fundamental principle in good government is the equality of all citizens before the law. The rich are not entitled to an unfair advantage over the poor when they are brought to trial in the courts of the land. There is a dire need today of more and better teaching in our homes, schools and churches on the importance of God's law of equality and of the necessity for justice. God is vitally concerned that minorities enjoy justice rather than be the victims of grave injustices as is frequently their lot in life.

Deuteronomy 24:10-15 Mercy and kindness must be shown to persons in need and in distress. It is right that some should possess wealth and that others should work for them. Inasmuch as all do not have equal ability to handle wealth, those who finance honorable business enterprises are entitled to be recognized as the benefactors of those who are employed by them. Both employer and employe have their place in the plan of God. It is God's will that both shall be governed by the principle of considerateness. Neither has any right to exploit the other.

God's Word forbids an employer to oppress an employe. The fact that an employe is poor and needy never justifies an employer taking advantage of him. Each must deal justly with the other. Neither is permitted to take advantage of the other. What a pity that so much of modern industry has degenerated into a grim struggle between those who work and those for whom they labor, with each trying to squeeze out of the other as much as possible! Greed and godlessness are sinful whether they are in the employer or the employe.

Deuteronomy 24:17-19 Through Moses God forbade the people to pervert the justice which was due to the less fortunate. He exhorted them to sympathize with and to show mercy and kindness to those in trouble, somewhat as he had done in his deliverance of them from slavery in Egypt. One way in which they could do this was by leaving unharvested in their fields a portion for the widows, orphans and strangers. Another requirement of them was that when the olive trees were stripped of the fruit that was ripe, the remaining olives which they had overlooked were to be left for the needy to gather and use. These expressions of mercy and kindness were very important and those who wanted to please God were careful to perform them. Justice calls for a genuine concern for the well-being of others.

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Clear Creek Comments

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Clear Creek School and summertime

Most of the visitors to Clear Creek Baptist School come here during the school year when students are attending classes. I suppose that is the best time to visit us since one can observe first hand what we are doing. However, many persons come here during the summer. They are either on vacation or have taken a few days off their jobs to make an enjoyable trip.

As you may know, we are located near the entrance of the Pine Mountain State Park, one of the most beautiful in all the nation. It is filled with trees and flowers which are difficult to find many places. The park has a fine recreational facility, with camping sites for those preferring to "rough it" and a lodge for others. Some of our visitors spend a few days in the area and make Clear Creek School one of their primary points of interest.

I can well understand why L. C. Kelly selected this location for the training of preachers and other full time Christian workers. It is an ideal location for one to come to learn of God. It appears that God did some of his most beautiful handiwork here in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky, although one can experience his beautiful work wherever he looks.

Clear Creek School has continued to provide quality Christian education for ministers since its inception in 1926. Wives join their husbands in classes, gaining invaluable insight into the work of the ministry. Now that we offer religious education and music, I feel that our type of program is well-rounded and will be needed "as long as the Bible is needed."

I have often mentioned that without your interest and support we could not exist. That is still true today. We face inflation just like everyone else and must live within our means. Your support through the years has enabled us to train 1000 students for the gospel ministry. In fact, just this year we graduated that student during our commencement exercises at the Binghamtown Baptist Church in Middlesboro.

Sometimes when visitors come to our campus they seem to be amazed at what the Lord has accomplished through us. I remind them that it is only through the prayers and support of hundreds, even thousands, that Clear Creek School exists. I hope you will continue to tell your friends about us. If you would like a beautiful brochure describing our ministry, simply drop me a note and I will be happy to send you one. If you will send me the names and addresses of your friends I'll send them one also.

Clear Creek Baptist School is beautiful in the summertime and God's presence can be felt when one looks around the campus. God has blessed our ministry through your interest, and I want to express my appreciation to you for your concern.

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4—Russellville, First Baptist Church

6—Murray, First Baptist Church

7—Ashland, Rose Hill Baptist Church

6-8 Early Childhood Education Workshop. Cedarmore. For workers in churches with day care, nursery school and kindergartens. 1 p.m. Thursday through lunch Saturday. Make reservations through Cedarmore

9 Language Missions Day

10-12 Pastor-wife Retreat. Cedarmore. Sponsored by Church Administration, KBC. Register with Cedarmore

10-12 Church Secretaries' Retreat. Sponsored by Church Administration, KBC. Register with Cedarmore

14-15 Children's Sunday School Workers Seminar. Cedarmore

16-19 College Students' pre-school conference. Cedarmore. 4 p.m. Sunday through noon meal Wednesday. Register with Student Department, KBC

17-18 Sunday School "Basic" Books Training for Assist Teams. 7 to 9 p.m.

Paintsville Baptist Church
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Oneida Journal

Behind prison walls

Barkley Moore, President
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It has been my sad duty to help send four young men to the state penitentiary in the nine years I have been president of Oneida.

This comes to mind this morning as I read a letter from Joey (not his real name): "I hope you remember me. I was caught in a burglary attempt in one of your boys' dorms. I was sentenced to five years in prison. I got out in Feb., 1979. I blamed you and OBI for sending me there. I now realize I was responsible for sending myself. I no longer blame you or anyone else. I'll be on parole until 1982. Even though I was dismissed from OBI, I will always feel that Oneida is my home. At this time I cannot contribute any money to OBI. However, as soon as I find a full time job, I will send you whatever I can afford every month."

I remember vividly the afternoon I first met Joey. I spent hours talking with him. He was a homeless kid that many had tried to help. His single great fault was that he was a chronic thief. I decided to take a chance. Despite our effort and prayer he was soon up to his old tricks. He even broke into my office. On that occasion I talked to him as kindly as I could and did not punish him. But shortly afterwards I was compelled to expel him when he stole some money from one of our local stores.

He was in several boys' camps as he had been before he first came to us. Each time he got out he was in trouble again. Finally, after nearly four years of trying to help Joey off and on, I accepted him back into our school for what was to be the last time. He was dirty. He smelled. He had the clothes he was wearing and little else. I spent nearly \$200 of the school's money to clothe him and to buy sheets, blankets, towels, etc. He was now of legal age and I pled with him to steal no more. I told him I would personally give him from my own pocket anything he wanted, within reason, and all he had to do was ask, not steal.

Less than two weeks later he was caught by Dean Smith, while a basketball game was going on and the dorm nearly deserted, stealing stereos and other items. He was passing the stolen goods through a window to an accomplice who had parked a car nearby. The car was heavily loaded.

I arrested them both with a citizen's arrest and saw them into the county jail. His accomplice had earlier caused us much difficulty and had been forgiven many times just like Joey. I decided, though my life was threatened, that sterner measures were needed. Both went to the penitentiary, but are now out on parole.

Some years before two local boys had to go to LaGrange for forging my signature on several thousand dollars worth of school checks they had stolen in a break-in. Tommy wrote me many times from prison. "I've heard the campus is expanding. It's good to hear. I've been here almost a year. I'm taking therapy and it is helping me a lot. I would like to tour the school when I get out if you don't mind. I just wanted to write and let you know I don't have any hard feelings toward you."

Later he wrote: "It was a surprise and very thoughtful of you to write. I appreciate your concern. I read a lot of the articles you sent and I have a whole new outlook on life. I have a girl waiting on me and I plan on getting married when I get out."

Again: "I watched the news Friday night and saw you and the OBI. It sure made me feel proud. Do you know of mine operators that will hire me when I get out on parole? I won't let you down. God bless you."

Tommy has been a coal miner now for five years, is happily married, is the father of several handsome children, a respectable citizen. God be praised.

Frank Owen



Unity or separateness?

No church or denomination is perfect. I suppose at some time or other every church member finds he must endure something he wishes he could change. Even systems of the greatest strength usually have potential counter weaknesses.

Consider our Baptist concept of local church autonomy. It has to allow for some measure of variety of practices and policies among churches of good standing. How much variety?

The great, generally accepted body of doctrine and practices held among us is not authoritatively defined in detail. We don't have any central authority to enforce unity of customs among us. Our theory of local autonomy forbids vesting such authority in a central person or group.

Baptist individual freedom and congregational autonomy make us depend more than most others on the voluntary will of our people to respect in principle the prevailing general assumptions common to our fellowship. We are equally dependent upon the willingness of our constituents to be tolerant of each other's views and to love unity despite reasonable diversity.

Such discussion as this should observe, though, that at some point out there one can get so far removed from the general body that it would be more honorable to join another fellowship than to pursue a perpetually disruptive contrary attitude as a Baptist.

Please don't misunderstand, we fully appreciate autonomy and individuality. We don't want to grind out churches or Christians just like you make sausages; all the same size, same shape, same color, weight, etc. But on the other hand, if the expression of autonomy or individuality reaches the point at which one is unidentifiable with the general body, standing out in distinction from it rather than posturing with it, then diversity has become disunity. If one becomes better known for his separateness from the body than for his fellowship with the body, he has brought his own union with the body into question.

All is well in God's hands, Mrs. Orr testifies

In the Aug. 30, 1978 issue of *Western Recorder* Ruby Disspayne Orr, a Baptist Sunday School Board secretary, shared her testimony about her struggle with cancer. She continued to live triumphantly for her Lord until her death July 11, 1981. We are reprinting her testimony here along with her obituary.

by Ruby Orr

My doctor said I had three months—the Great Physician has given me two years. I'm genuinely grateful for this privilege to share with my friends how God continues to bless and sustain my life. I've had 51 chemotherapy treatments and what was equivalent to 38 radiation treatments.

Let me say a "thank you" to each person who has prayed for me. I'm here because of answered prayer. Your love, 983 get-well cards, your concern, your smile, a squeeze of your hand—all these from friends have given me an incentive to keep fighting to live.

Speaking of answered prayer, let me relate one personal experience this year that occurred while I was taking cobalt treatments.

One day as I left my office going to Vanderbilt Hospital singing, praying and giving myself a pep-talk which I always had to do, I entered the corridor of Vanderbilt and ran into Dr. Wallace Chappell, pastor of the downtown McKendree Methodist Church. (Ironically, I was reading his book entitled *When Jesus Rose*, which was on the resurrection.) As one faces death, the fact that our Lord was victorious over the grave can be very meaningful. We shook hands and I said, "Dr. Chappell, I'm here undergoing radiation treatments and I want you to pray for me."

It was one of those days that it was an effort to put one foot in front of the other.

He replied, "Let's don't wait, let's just step inside the chapel here and pray now."

We sat down and as he began to pray, heaven literally came down and glory filled my soul. Never have I felt the presence of the Lord so real. He carried me to the feet of Jesus and I felt as if the Lord said to me, "My child, it's going to be all right."

When we finished praying, we stood to our feet and Dr. Chappell said, "God bless you, Ruby, keep in touch with me."

I went on my way for treatment and when I climbed on the table, it was with faith and confidence, and asking God to take his precious fingers and place the radiation right where it was needed most. I repeated a portion of the 23rd Psalm, as I always do, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

I climbed off the table, drove home—stopping at the drug store and the grocery, prepared myself some dinner, and was even able to do some things to my house. Why? All because of the strength of this



prayer. And Dr. Chappell wasn't too busy with his mind to respond to me with his heart. May we never get too busy to pray for a friend or anyone that we feel needs our prayers. We must not minimize the power of prayer.

What a joy it was to experience another Easter and the beautiful hope that is ours in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Easter morning found me contemplating reunion with my loved ones and especially my mother who passed away in January of this year. I love to think of the everlasting joy of the home our Lord has gone to prepare and to know that there I will have a new body and will be free of pain.

I do not want to sound morbid at all, but because of the weakness of my body, I know that the voyage could nearly be over for me for the harbor is in view. It has been a glorious journey with my Lord, my family and friends.

There have been some special scriptures that have blessed my heart. These have been God's promises to me and they are inexhaustible. Let me share a few with you.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 27:1).

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair . . . always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (2 Cor. 4:8,10).

"The God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

So whom can we trust? What can we believe in? Where shall we turn as the foundations are crumbling? There is only one place we find assurance—that is God and his word. "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." These words have been my full assurance during these months that he does care and understands; and nights when I've been awake our Lord is awake too—and these have been holy hours.

Therefore I place myself and all that concerns me lovingly in the hands of the Father, knowing that he is in charge and all is well.

Cancer victim's faith, hope inspirational beyond her death

by Charles Willis

Her fight is over but Ruby Orr's ministry of inspiration did not end when she died July 11 after a five-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Orr, 58, a secretary at the Baptist Sunday School Board, was a model of determination, courage and faith as she battled the illness diagnosed in 1976.

An employe of the board since 1952, she continued her duties. In 1977 and 1978 she wrote articles for the board's employe magazine, detailing her emotional and physical battles with cancer.

"I have never lost hope," she said, despite the original prognosis that she would live only three months. "Incurable, yes. But not hopeless! Whether I have five days or five months, if I can honor the Lord through my illness, this is my deep desire. If I can honor him by living, I want to live. Our Lord

may feel I can honor him more in death. From the very beginning I have said with Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

"But oh, how wonderful the Lord has been. I've felt his hand upon my body and I've come to know what it is to trust him for every day."

Of her physical condition, Mrs. Orr wrote, "The days I am free of pain I find myself like a race horse going as hard and as fast as possible to make each day count."

Cancer patients need help with recuperation and rehabilitation, she observed, "because they experience depression, humiliation and fear. For want of help cancer patients lose hope—then they lose life.

"Hope is a necessity if I am to survive, and I shall continue to push my way through chemotherapy treatments, depression and fear and to stretch myself Godward. The will to live helps me to re-

spond quickly to cancer."

Her articles, reprinted by other publications and circulated by readers to family and friends who have cancer, brought her letters and calls of encouragement from across the United States. Many people also contacted her seeking mutual support. Just a few weeks before her death, Mrs. Orr continued to receive requests for reprints of her articles.

"Because of my sense of gratitude for life and for all the help I have received, I want to help others in return," she had said. "I want to share what the Lord has done for me."

Death did not end Mrs. Orr's ministry of inspiration or her testimony to God's goodness. Today many of those with whom she corresponded can say as she did, "I place myself and all that concerns me lovingly in the hands of the Father, knowing that he is in charge and all is well."