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Gwen Phillips quits as WMU children's leader; to join Highview school

Gwen House Phillips, Girls in Action and Mission Friends consultant of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union since June 1976, has resigned effective Dec. 31. She will teach second grade at Highview Christian Academy, operated by Louisville's Highview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Phillips, who will be 30 Dec. 17, is a native of Memphis, Tenn. and grew up in Nashville. She received the BS degree in elementary education from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. in 1973 and taught fourth grade in Augusta, Ga. the following year.

In June 1976 she received the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the following year married Harold A. Phillips. Phillips, a native of Nashville, is minister of education at Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church.

At Deer Park Mrs. Phillips is involved in the Cherub Choir, preschool division in Sunday school, Baptist Young Women and adult choir. Her interests, she says, include "children, outdoors, elephants, rainbows, the zoo, people, music, sunshine, vacations and children's books."

Billy Graham to address New Orleans rally

Evangelist Billy Graham will keynote an evangelistic rally at the Superdome Sunday, June 13 in advance of the 1982 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The rally, expected to draw 75,000 people, is being planned as part of the annual Southern Baptist Pastors Conference which traditionally meets on the Sunday and Monday in advance of the SBC.

It will culminate a three-day door-to-door witnessing effort which is expected to draw 3000 young people and 5000 adults to the streets and residential areas of greater New Orleans.

Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston and president of the Pastors Conference, said the meeting "began as a dream type of thing" but rapidly took shape as a massive evangelistic rally.

"We have an opportunity to have the largest gathering of Southern Baptists in history," Young said, noting that a rally in Houston's Astrodome during the 1979 SBC meeting drew an estimated 50,000 persons.

"It is my prayer that this rally will set the entire tone for our convention," Young added. "It can say to the world that this is what we are to do; that this is our purpose, that this is our goal. All other things are peripheral. We are an evangelistic body which has the world on our hearts. At this meeting in New Orleans we are putting into action what we have been preaching about."

To help make the rally a cooperative venture Young approached Charles E. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., and chairman of the 1982 SBC order of business committee, which plans and leads the annual meeting.

Fuller said the committee had been seeking a means to have a specific evangelistic effort, in fulfillment of a resolution adopted at the 1981 SBC in Los Angeles.

Fuller, who said the order of business committee was acting cooperatively in responding to the proposal, wrote or telephoned leaders of the groups which hold pre-convention meetings on the Sunday and Monday preceding the SBC.

"We felt they should have the same opportunity to respond we had," Fuller said, adding he has heard from most of the groups and each he heard from indicated willingness to plan programs in such a way as to allow their participants to take part in the Graham rally.

Young said the rally is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. with Graham to speak about 8:30 p.m. in order to allow the other organizations time to have meetings and then to participate.

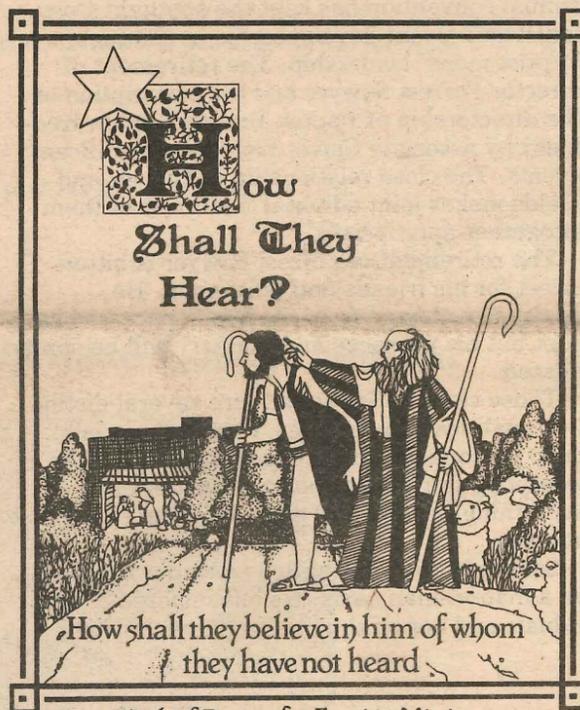
Nolan Johnston, director of missions for the Greater New Orleans Baptist Association, said the rally will be preceded by two major evangelistic efforts, including

door-to-door witnessing by young people, a youth rally to be addressed by evangelist Arthur Blesset and a city-wide visitation campaign by youth and adults in advance of the rally.

The witnessing effort, Johnston said, has been "set for over a year. We were planning it before Billy Graham was invited."

He said New Orleans Baptists are "going to work hard and are committed to making this a meaningful thing. We believe God is going to bless us."

Young added he "hopes 3000 or 4000 people come to know Christ" during the effort. "I feel this is of God and that he is going to bless it."



Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$50,000,000

Baptists hopeful, cautious on Reagan peace proposals

Southern Baptist leaders reacted with hope but caution to President Reagan's dramatic Nov. 18 proposals for peace in Europe and future strategic weapons talks with the Soviet Union.

Reagan's plan, announced during a speech televised to many parts of the world, called for cancellation of 572 new medium-range American missiles now planned for installation in western Europe, provided the Soviets agree to dismantle some 600 of their medium-range missiles aimed at Western Europe.

Such a step, the President declared in his first major foreign policy pronouncement since taking office 10 months ago, would be "a historic step." By agreeing to the reductions, he went on, the U. S. and the Soviet Union "could together reduce the dread threat of nuclear war which hangs over the people of Europe."

In addition, Reagan said he has proposed to Soviet president Leonid Brezhnev that a new round of discussions on strategic nuclear weapons begin early next year, perhaps in January which would aim not just at limitations on future nuclear arms but at actual reduction of current arsenals. To "symbolize" the change he proposed that the new discussions be called START (Strategic Arms Reduction Talks), replacing SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks).

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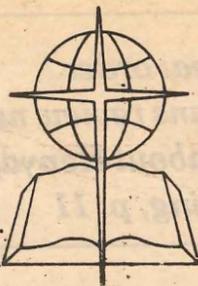
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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Congratulations to Forrest Sawyer and Calvin Fields

Dominance of Kentucky Baptist news by the annual convention has kept the spotlight from important recent developments in Kentucky Baptist mens' leadership. The retirement of director Forrest Sawyer and the assumption of the directorship of Baptist Brotherhood in Kentucky by associate Calvin Fields are significant events. The close relationship of Sawyer and Fields makes joint editorial treatment of them altogether appropriate.

The retirement of Forrest Sawyer is bitter-sweet for his friends and fellowmen. He deserves a change from the hectic pace he has kept but his presence and ministry will be sorely missed.

Those close to Sawyer admire several distinctive qualities he possesses. One of these is a deep personal religious experience. He doesn't wear it on the outside but it shines through everything he says and does. He is an evangelist at heart.

Sawyer's great strength as a leader has been on a man-to-man basis. He has majored on individuals and not on the masses. Over his long

ministry he has profoundly influenced many individual laymen who will reflect his good influence for many years.

Calvin Fields is not like anyone else but Calvin. The Lord didn't make him and throw the pattern away. He was made without a pattern.

Who can describe him? To be dignified is not within his power. Often he can be heard further than he can be seen but to hear him and see him are both delightful experiences. With no negative reference but only with admiration Calvin can be called a "spiritual clodhopper." He wears the Texas boots and 10 gallon hat to prove it and comes through strongly to identify with the rest of us clodhoppers.

It just might be he has influenced more Kentucky Baptist boys for Christ and a Christian witness than any living Kentucky Baptist. If he fills the number one spot half as well as he did the number two spot in Brotherhood work, his selection will have been wise.

Both Sawyer and Fields richly deserve our continued love and prayers.

Still a long way to go

Kentucky Baptists, you have come a long way in support of missionary efforts on foreign mission fields since this cause was first presented to a group of Kentucky Baptists representing several churches.

The first recorded foreign mission offering taken in an association of Kentucky Baptist churches was in Russell Creek Association in September 1815. This was only one year after the organization of the Triennial Convention in Philadelphia May 18, 1814. The idea for such an organization had been discussed for several years but the catalyst for the actual organization was the emergency need for financial support of the Judsons and Luther Rice who set out for India in 1812 as Congregational missionaries but became Baptists on the journey.

Rice returned to America to stir up support among Baptists for foreign missions and for Baptist schools in which to train missionaries. Rice worked mostly along the Atlantic seaboard but came as far west as Kentucky and was present at the 1815 annual meeting of Russell Creek Baptists at Sand Creek (now Friendship) church in Green (now Taylor) County.

Rice preached in the associational meeting Sunday, Sept. 17, 1815 and an offering for foreign missions was taken on Sunday and Monday. The offering amounted to \$87.75. The

association had already collected \$24.00 for foreign missions and this along with \$2.50 for interest and a small gift from another church made a total of \$114.50.

That sounds like a humble beginning but for the time and circumstances it could represent as much generosity and sacrifice as we sometimes see today. Particularly interesting was the gift of \$2.50 as interest on the funds held by the association. It is known today that some state conventions claim for their own budgets the interest earned on mission gifts from the churches which are invested during the period between being received and being sent on to Southern Baptist Convention offices.

From Kentucky Baptists last year the Southern Baptist foreign mission enterprise received approximately \$3,296,023, excluding \$278,578 given for world hunger. This includes gifts through the Cooperative Program budget and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Indeed, we have come a long way.

There's still a long way to go, though, before every living soul hears once what most of us have heard every day of our lives. It's most appropriate, then, that our first and most generous Christmas gift this year be for the sake of the one who first gave meaning to Christmas.

A history teacher becomes a preacher

In analyzing contemporary American thinking a college history professor has become a preacher and his observations a sermon. Prof. Robert McElvaine of Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. explains in a newspaper article why a large majority of Americans endorsed the New Deal in the 1930's as well as the Great Society which followed a few years later but now are supporting the systematic dismantling of these concepts and programs by the Reagan administration and by Congress.

The professor says the feelings of the "average" American of the Great Depression era and of the present era are vastly different. He says the severe depression of the 1930's produced a feeling of common plight and thus led to values based upon concepts of equity, fairness, justice and compassion. It produced what he calls an "us generation." Practically everyone was in the same predicament and felt for each other.

In contrast the affluence of recent years has led many Americans to be self-centered and to think only of their personal well being. This has produced the "me generation" which McElvaine claims is the backbone of support for present administration policies.

Prof. McElvaine uses illustrations from history to support his conclusions. He points out that the New Deal put emphasis upon projects for the common good such as libraries, parks, schools and the arts. The same concern for the "common welfare" a century earlier had produced public schools, public libraries, museums, etc., according to the professor.

But this is far from the attitude of Americans today. Here's how Prof. McElvaine describes contemporary Americans:

"Today, however, an insidious selfishness gnaws at the cooperative aspects of our national life. We spend ever-larger sums on private automobiles and the gasoline to operate them while public transportation systems in our major cities are allowed to decay. The wealthy—and those who hope to be—call for tax credits for families whose children attend private schools. Meanwhile, the budgets for public education are slashed.

"Many of the achievements of the conservationist and environmental movements over the past century are threatened by the attitude of greed that leads to the use and abuse of resources for immediate gain, rather than preserving them and the natural beauty that surrounds them for future generations.

"Seen in this light, the basic difference between the dominant values of the 1930's and the 1980's is that much of the middle class in the earlier period identified with the poor, whereas the bulk of Middle America now aspires to become like the rich.

"There actually was a 'moral majority' in the 1930's; it is no more in the 1980's. The tone of America in the Depression years was set by the truly needy; today it is set by the truly greedy."

A preacher could not say it any better. America's problems are not primarily political and economic. They are moral and spiritual.

Our crying need is not a new economy but a new humanity. We have more than enough of everything for everyone if all of us knew how much was enough.

Oneida Journal

'Mention her to the Lord'

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



A mother writes: "I just wanted to tell you how thankful I am to you and to Oneida for all of the help, Christian love and support that has been shown my son. From a boy who hated nearly everyone, he has changed back to the boy I used to know. The hate has almost entirely disappeared from his eyes.

"I thank God every day for guiding us to Oneida before it was too late."

Another mother writes: "We heard from our daughter today, and she is doing fine, but needs our prayers at this time. I know you have a lot of people to remember in prayer, but please mention her to the Lord at this time. Oneida meant more to her than you knew. Even though she didn't do her best there, she says it was the beginning of coming back to the place she knew she should be as a person.

"You are so right in feeling that no child who comes to Oneida is there except that the Lord is in it. I understand that the boy who was previously there from this county is back again. We are so glad. His father tells us there has been a big change in him. It reminds us of the work you are doing, along with your good staff of workers, with all the children who are under your care. Enclosed is a small gift to be used where most needed. May God continue to give you the added strength day by day."

A social worker who has referred many young people to us writes: "Joey (not his real name) gave me the enclosed key to return to you. I am happy to report that he is doing extremely well since returning from Oneida. So far, he seems to have straightened out his problems with the school system and he is getting along fine with his mother, too. As usual, some of the good you do there at Oneida has rubbed off on another young man.

The mother of the above-mentioned boy reported some weeks ago that her 6'2" son is making her go to church with him. What a blessed change for both! God is still working his miracles. How wonderful to serve such a master.

A father wrote some months ago: "Just a word to express our thanks to you, the staff and faculty for the ministry extended our son. It is easy to see much needed progress in his life.

"He now expresses love for us and home and a wish to live at home, instead of open contempt. One of the most hopeful signs is his different attitude toward his work responsibilities at Oneida. Also his devotion to the Lord and his work has blossomed. He loves the evening devotions."

A long letter from a mother some months ago said in part: "There is an obvious change in attitude, both scholastically and socially. The most important and meaningful change has been the improvement made in our relationship. We are much closer than before. After one year at Oneida I, and others, saw a new maturity in her.

"I have been much impressed by the interest shown each individual student all year, and the dedicated and enthusiastic teachers she had. They not only took an interest during school hours but, more importantly, during their free time. Even after disciplinary actions were taken, she always spoke highly of them. It is my hope that her own achievements as well as my inability to pay be taken into consideration when a decision is made to continue her scholarship."

Reader, will you invest in these young lives that we are working to salvage and prepare for service?

Clear Creek Comments

Some Thanksgiving thoughts

D.M. Aldridge, President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, Ky. 40977



Thanksgiving is always a special season for most of us, and it is especially true for us here at Clear Creek Baptist School. I'd like to share some thoughts I have this Thanksgiving season.

First, I am thankful for the Lord saving my soul, and when I hear the testimonies of the students during some of our chapel services, I know they are too. It is rare that a student does not preface his remarks by making a statement of thanksgiving. This is a good time of the year to pause in remembrance for all the blessings of God, especially for the salvation of those who call upon him.

I am also grateful to the dedicated students who come to our school. Because we are an adult institution, those students are all over 21 years of age, and mean business when they come here. They have surrendered to the call of God and know what they want. Most have families and have left good jobs, homes and families to come to Clear Creek Baptist School. They work hard to support their families and spend endless hours in preparation for their classes. In addition, they are hardworking witnesses of the work God has wrought in their hearts.

Next, I thank God for both the Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist Conventions for the support they give us. Our school is proud to be Southern Baptist; we make no apology for it. All over the nation our students continue to stand for biblical principles stated by all Southern Baptists. We support the programs of the convention and teach our students to become strong Southern Baptists and to remain so wherever they go.

Finally, I am thankful to people, just like you, all over Kentucky, and the nation, who support our school through prayers and financial contributions. Recently, several nearby associations made gifts of food items for distribution to the students. It took only a small gift for each individual but collectively those gifts made a substantial difference in the food budgets of the students. When you give to Clear Creek Baptist School, you become a missionary and your gift will continue to preach and teach the love of God until Jesus comes.



Ministering to the children of the 80's



Influence

Eldred M. Taylor,
Executive Director

When I became pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky., among the many strong pillars of that great church was Mrs. Ernest (Mae) Tandy. She had been an active member of the church for many years, teaching in Sunday school, working in Woman's Missionary Union, serving on committees and visiting.

Mrs. Tandy had always prayed for and supported her pastors. Although she became a member of First Baptist Church in 1914 she had only had three pastors: W. E. Hunter, D. L. Hill and Preston L. Ramsey. I became her fourth pastor in 1958, and for 23 years she never failed to encourage, support and pray for me.

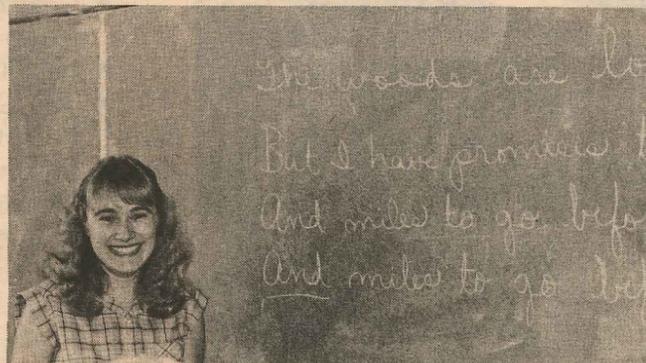
A few days ago my wife and I received a "love letter" from Mrs. Tandy. After expressing her sense of loss in our leaving the church, she encouraged and affirmed us in our decision to come to Child Care, saying, "I know you felt led by the Holy Spirit to make the change. I am glad you are in this kind of work. I know what these homes mean to homeless children, for I was once homeless. I never shall forget the good influence the home had on me. I can even remember (I was eight years old) what the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home (now Spring Meadows Children's Home) looked like, the rooms I had and the playground I enjoyed so much." Then she tells how one of the older girls who helped care for the younger children helped and taught her, and whose influence first caused her to want to become a Christian.

On Dec. 24, 1981 Mrs. Tandy will be 86 years old. On Sept. 27 she resigned as a regular Sunday school teacher, having taught for 64 consecutive years in First Baptist Church. She still serves as a substitute teacher. Her letter closed by saying, "I remember you daily in my prayers, that God will use you in a great way."

How wonderful that the influence of our children's home has lived on in the life of Mae Tandy for 77 years. Only God knows how many others have been so influenced. And just think, as we today give, pray and care for children needing a home, our influence for good in their lives will live long beyond our time.

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Meet Cumberland College Student



Janet
Hicks

Janet Hicks is a triple winner who recently won both the English Honors Award and History Honors Award for her superior work in both departments. That's two victories.

The third victory is more impressive. Janet overcame financial hardships and personal heartache (both parents have suffered heart attacks since Janet first enrolled at Cumberland) in order to excel in her academic career.

After her freshman year at Cumberland, Janet was placed on an academic scholarship without which she might not have been able to afford her college education. She has done well, maintaining a 3.9 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and maintaining her academic scholarship.

Janet wants to be a teacher so that she might someday help others. All she ever wanted was an opportunity to apply herself. Through her academic scholarship Cumberland gave her that opportunity.

There are others like Janet with the ability and the desire to excel. All they ask is the opportunity. We want to provide that opportunity.

By sponsoring an individual student, establishing a new scholarship fund, or contributing to an already established fund, you can help us help others like Janet.

President Taylor.
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State convention reports

FLORIDA

Florida Baptists, meeting Nov. 9-11, took a look at priorities and goals for 1982-85.

Among those adopted were 120,000 baptisms, enrolment gains of 85,000 in Bible study, the training of 120,000 persons to share their Christian witness, leading 2500 church members to volunteer for career missions and church-related vocations and seeing 500 additional persons appointed as short-term missionaries.

Also the Floridians set a goal of increasing the number of organized churches to 1700 from the current 1573, and increasing Cooperative Program gifts to \$21 million by 1985.

Messengers elected William E. Anderson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Stillwater, president.

The 1981-82 Cooperative Program goal of \$14,556,660 was adopted. The

Cooperative Program basic budget of \$12,882,000 will be divided 52 percent for Florida state causes and 48 percent for Southern Baptist Convention causes, the same percentage as last year.

Florida Baptists were challenged last year to increase Cooperative Program gifts at least 13 percent annually. Churches responded by giving 13.61 percent more than the preceding year. The 13 percent annual increase in giving is necessary for a goal of a 50-50 division of all Cooperative Program funds to be reached by 1985.

The 1982 convention will be held Nov. 15-17 in Tampa.

ALABAMA

Despite budget deficits of almost \$1 million Alabama Baptists planned a record \$16,125,000 budget, established a partnership mission project with the

Nigerian Baptist Convention and approved a study for a similar relationship with Wyoming Baptists.

The budget designates 39.34 percent for Southern Baptist Convention-wide causes.

They elected as president Harrell R. Cushing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gadsden.

The 1982 meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention will be Nov. 16-17 in Mobile.

TENNESSEE

In quiet convention sessions Tennessee Baptists elected Wayne Allen president, passed a \$17 million budget and called for the restoration of a law to keep beer sales 2000 feet from any school or church.

Allen, pastor of East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, was chairman of the

1980 Southern Baptist Convention committee on resolutions. He was named to that post by then SBC president Adrian Rogers, who nominated him as Tennessee president.

Tennessee will forward 37.5 percent of its budget receipts to world missions causes through the national Cooperative Program. That is a .25 percentage point increase over the previous year and marks the fifth consecutive increase after a 17-year distribution of 33.33 percent to worldwide causes.

The 1982 Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 16-18 at Leewood Baptist Church, Memphis.

ARKANSAS

Messengers to the 128th annual session of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention elected a new president, adopted a record \$9.1 million budget and approved a unified budgeting system which will increase the percentage amount of money given through the SBC Cooperative Program.

Dillard S. Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mena, was elected president.

The more than 1000 messengers allocated a record \$9.1 million to state and Southern Baptist Convention causes, which represents a 13.5 percent increase over last year.

The 1982 budget includes \$7,973,878 in the operating section, of which 43.07 percent—\$3,434,349—will go to worldwide causes through the SBC unified budget, an increase of a half percent over 1981.

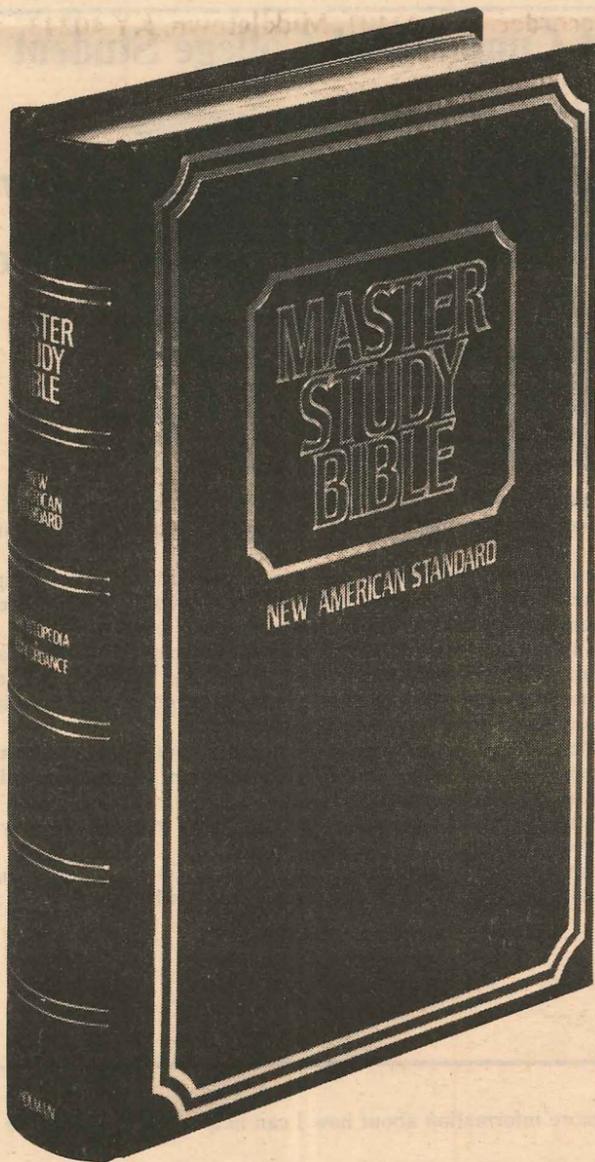
In recognition of the contributions of the late executive secretary Huber L. Drumwright, who died Nov. 2 after slightly more than a year as head of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Tuesday evening session ended with a memorial service. Drumwright's wife, Minette, associate executive secretary L. L. Collins and Don Harbuck, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Dorado, reminded messengers of Drumwright's concern that Arkansas Baptists be united despite their diverse theological and social backgrounds.

The 1982 convention will meet Nov. 16-18 in North Little Rock.

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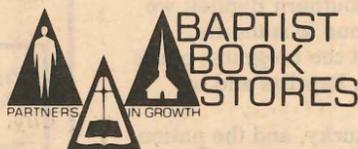
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Gift books for Christmas reviewed

A Woman's Quest for Serenity

by Gigi Tchividjian

Reviewed by Mary-Ann Drummel, Pastor's Wife, Philpot

With a delightful style and friendly, warm manner, Gigi Tchividjian writes of her own search for spiritual triumphs in *A Woman's Quest for Serenity*. Gigi relates much of her upbringing as the oldest daughter of Ruth and Billy Graham. Her exposure to deep spirituality caused her to place high demands on her own religious experiences. In her relationships with so many mature Christians, she finally realizes that "they had been walking life's road with the Lord for many years and had many bumps and scrapes in their own spiritual journey."

As a wife of a Christian psychologist and mother of six lively children, Gigi speaks from experience as she compares physical fatigue with the weariness that comes from internal conflicts. Her search for the source of her own weariness brought about this book which is liberally sprinkled with poetry—both her own and her mother's—as well as quotations and timely stories pertaining to her subjects.

Gigi openly admits her own impatience, pride, tendency to be too busy and other faults which characterize so many young women today. Frequently she makes unique comparisons between her Christian life and situations of familiar objects. Her analogy between her need for a balanced life and a finely tuned piano or the weights on a boat or a much-loved grandfather clock point up the Lord's control in balancing all the facets of her daily responsibilities.

She recounts with frustration how often her overly busy life-style has been a deterrent to the Christian walk. "I do not get the picture of Jesus running about in six directions at the same time, but at one steady pace with his priorities under the direction of the Father," she says.

Her saga of courtship and seeking God's will in regard to her marriage at 17 to a Swiss-Armenian six years her senior who she barely knew is heartwarming and encouraging. She had discovered at an early age how God leads and directs those who genuinely seek his guidance.

Gigi often quotes scriptures to convey her theme that "only the fullness of the love of Jesus can fill our weary hearts." Repeatedly, she encourages women who feel inundated by the barrage of propaganda to have the perfect home, raise the perfect children, cut food costs and always look terrific. Her beckoning and realistic appeal to find peace of mind and heart comes from personal experiences and struggles from which the reader may gain strength and courage.

This well written, timely book is easily read and understood. The reader would enjoy it for the value in poetry, scripture and thought provoking quotations as well as for its truths about serenity in the Christian woman's life.

The Best of Chester Swor

by Chester Swor

Reviewed by Jim Wilson, Campus Minister, Cumberland College

Often an attempt to honor a man by bringing together composites of his writings proves to be a noble but somewhat uninspiring effort. Especially when those writings bridge 30 years one would think they would reveal their age in a contemporary setting. On the contrary, *The Best of Chester Swor* is a delightful and inspiring legacy of one of Southern Baptists' great and endeared saints.

Chester Swor's ability to relate deep truths in simple language provides a fine opportunity for readers to experience the richness of Swor's years of ministry. His practical devotional-centered advice speaks to all ages from youth to senior citizens. Through the years Swor has been appreciated and loved by teenagers and even though he is now in his seventies, young people still listen with enthusiasm to his lectures as if he were a beloved elder brother. His youthful effervescent life style is summed up in his poem "Soliloquy at Seventy":

I'll just look my age and live fancy free,
Remembering my chassis is getting antique
And once in a while will just have to squeak.
I'll laugh at the jokes 'bout the aged they tell,
But, laughing, I'll treasure this thought very well:
It's great to look seventy in physical ways,
If your heart's twenty-one on down through the days!

The Best of Chester Swor contains selected pieces from five of Swor's eight books: *Very Truly Yours, If We Dared!*, *Neither Down Nor Out, The Parent Slant and Youth at Bat*. For 45 years Chester Swor has presented his unchanging Christ-centered message, reflected in these books, to a world caught up in constant change. Yet his message is as fresh as if written to a contemporary setting.

His emphasis on reaching one's potential and developing a good self esteem of a God-created person is characteristic of his whole ministry and life. His chapter on "Multiplication" (how Jesus fed the five thousand) illustrates that God takes a potential life, if placed in Jesus' hands, and makes a multiplied blessing. His words of advice to the handicapped person are evidently the voice of one who has struggled with his own handicap and found victory. His insightful advice to those who endure suffering, even innocent suffering, form a high point of the book.

Swor also deals with a wide variety of topics in his book such as dealing with grief and death, witnessing, hatred, bearing fruit and the generation gap.

One of the features the reader notices initially as he opens the book is Swor's sensitivity to his readers. The whole book is in large print, evidently for the purpose of aiding senior citizens in their enjoyment of the book.

Master Study Bible

Reviewed by Dean Pack, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg

Bible study is a serious and necessary discipline for the spiritual growth of every Christian. Because the Holy Word is so very crucial for an understanding of a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ as savior, it is extremely important to be very careful and selective in choosing those Bible study helps that will assist in the serious Bible study. The newly released *Master Study Bible* would be a very good study aid for the serious student of the Bible both for its assets and its liabilities.

Published by Holman, which is the Bible publishing division of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the *Master Study Bible* is packed full of Bible study aids.

The biblical text is the New American Standard translation. Each book of the Bible is accompanied by an outline and survey of its contents. The words of Christ are printed in red. And there are over 100,000 center column references and notes that provide supplementary information about the biblical text.

There is a section detailing the life and teachings of Jesus, including a chronological portrait of Jesus' life, and listings of his teachings, discourses, parables and miracles.

A chronology of the Bible is provided that shows the time of the Patriarchs, Judges, Kings, the Captivity to the end of the Old Testament era and the Jewish calendar. Tables of Bible prophecy include "general predictions," "messianic prophecies of the Old Testament" and "predictions made by Jesus."

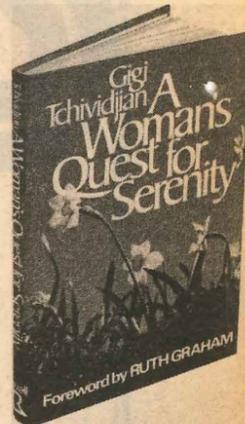
Articles by well known authors provide further helps for reading and studying the Bible, with such subjects as the land, people, languages, early manuscripts and archaeology of the Bible. There is a concordance to the *Master Study Bible*. Seven Bible maps with an index are included.

The ambition of the publishers of the *Master Study Bible* is to be complimented. The Bible student is provided with a variety of topics surrounding an excellent translation of the scriptures. It would do well for the Bible student to use as his study guide the format of the *Master Study Bible*. If the serious student is proficient in the subjects suggested in the work, then he will certainly have a firm grasp of the biblical account of God's involvement in his creation. However, the comprehensiveness that the publishers profess for their book is not exactly accurate.

Just a quick glance will find some typographical errors. And it would seem that most of the study helps are geared not so much for a serious study of the Bible as they are geared for a serious study of the *Master Study Bible*. The encyclopedia is good in the subjects it lists and where it gives more than just a scripture reference and a one sentence description of the subject it accompanies.

It is very helpful to list under one-word headings the subjects of Jesus' teachings as this work does. But there is more to studying the teachings of Jesus than just to know where a particular subject is found in the scripture. Even at that, there are the dangers of taking subjects out of context in the biblical account, and the arbitrariness of selecting par-

ticular headings to describe particular times, are very subjective and quite opinion. The serious Bible student having a deeper understanding of the "prophecy" than the categorizing of "prophecy" includes "predicting" a The *Master Study Bible* is a good "comprehensive" or definitive in the



A Pocketful of Hope

by Mary C. Crowley

Reviewed by Mrs. Maribeth Hambri
President, Kentucky WMU, Georgetown

A Pocketful of Hope by Mary C. Crowley implies. This dynamic Christian has put her own positive, optimistic, life into her book which is subtitled "Women" and through it gives to each woman for each new day.

Giving particular meaning to the book, Edith Schaeffer of Switzerland's L'A presents the many facets of the life of a woman manages the large business which she has time in her life for meeting the needs. Having been introduced so beautifully to the Christian life of the author and to be lived the way she writes, the reader

Mrs. Crowley has an informal style adapting to the many topics discussed. "Spiritual growth of the new Christian" is the general theme of the book because the author moves quickly to spiritual growth to another and uses many familiar scriptures. She uses including old hymns, new songs, poems, Abraham Lincoln, Corrie Ten Boom, Truett, Billy Graham and many others. "Pilgrim's Progress" to the Las Vegas

Woven into the book are several elements of love of country, a devotion to work and are obvious ones. There is a scripture with illustrative material and a prayer of the scripture. Then the author picture one would expect to find in such a book. Flag Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day. Her approach to each day is different some short, some philosophical, most

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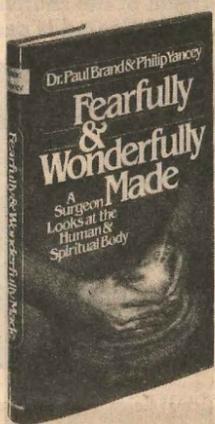
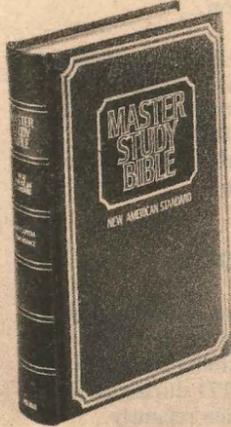
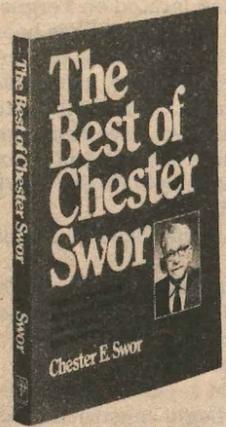
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the advertisements would like you to believe. Rather, it is good because it creates a more intense appetite for even deeper Bible study.

I can recommend the Master Study Bible with one reservation. In making your purchase, do so with the understanding you are not buying a "comprehensive Bible study" as much as a Bible study help that provides a very good skeleton outline of those subjects that make for a very thorough Bible study.



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thought provoking. The reader almost feels this is a diary of a busy person writing according to her own needs. Indeed, by the time the year is over, the reader has an insight into the author's life which includes her early childhood and the relationship with a Christian grandmother, a stepmother, a husband and the adjustments she makes to him, her children and grandchildren.

All ages of women, beginning with entry into either marriage or career, or both, would benefit greatly from this book. Even though Mrs. Crowley is a mature person herself, with a grown family, she is not oblivious to the stresses of today's young families. This book includes very constructive thoughts on strengthening family life, money management, inflation and tithing. Especially in the sections around Mother's Day and Father's Day does the author appeal to the young family, and husband and wife would benefit from some togetherness in these devotional periods. Also the section on Proverbs 31 about the "truly good wife" would be good for both men and woman. Although the book is written from the viewpoint of a woman, there is much in it for men because the home is emphasized and the individuality of husband and wife is stressed.

If this book has a weakness it would that it might come as a shock to the person who does not believe in the work ethic because Mrs. Crowley does give a feeling of action and work. Also it is not for the introvert. The author's thoughts are definitely directed outside herself.

The personal standards which the author has set for herself are also woven into the book. She believes in excellence in her work, in accomplishment over mere activity. These qualities coupled with her belief in the centrality of Christ in one's life result in a book with a definite invigorating thought for each day. When read as a whole, it gives an enthusiastic, zestful, challenging and yet demanding approach to life.

Besides being an excellent devotional book and one whose illustrations would be useful in many ways, this book contains such classified information as the second verse to "Now I lay me down to sleep," a good definition of meekness and agape love, besides the explanation of the great seal of the United States and the definition of a truly liberated woman. What a variety! Read the book. Better still, keep one and give one away. It is indeed "a pocketful of hope."

The Best of Open Windows

Clyde E. Fant Jr., Compiler

Reviewed by Hughlan P. Richey, Director of Missions,
Little Bethel Baptist Association, Madisonville

In 1937 Southern Baptists began a new devotional publication, Open Windows. It was a devotional magazine with a message for each day in the month and designed for ministers and laymen alike.

Now after 40 years and 15,000 articles Open Windows is still in publication.

Clyde E. Fant Jr. is the compiler of a 153-page book which includes 150 selections of the more than 15,000 articles already published in Open Windows.

The devotionals in *The Best of Open Windows* are arranged under 10 topics:

1. Our Unchanging God
2. Looking Unto Jesus
3. Put on the New Nature
4. Thy Will and Thy Way
5. Friends of Christ
6. The Magnificence of Service
7. Look Your Soul Over!
8. Invisible Defenses
9. The Light on the Hill
10. Open Doors

An added feature at the end of the book is an index of scriptures used in the devotionals.

The writers of these devotionals are familiar names among Southern Baptists. This book will be a cherished possession for those wanting a sample of the writing from the pen of 150 writers among Southern Baptists.

The book is available from Baptist Book Stores for \$5.95. It would be a nice gift to the pastor or your favorite Sunday school teacher.

Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

by Paul Drand and Philip Yancey

Reviewed by John M. Sykes Jr., Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Ashland

Here is a book that should interest all who would like to know more about the church as a community of believers. The New Testament uses the metaphorical phrase, the "body of Christ," as a description of the church more than 30 times. Most readers pass it over, fearful of taking it too literally or of over-spiritualizing the term. This book is an effort to explore the complex creation known as a human body in order to give us insight into the reality of the image of the church as the "body of Christ." By parabolic comparison the authors proclaim some parts of the human body and their functions are a good analogy of the church as the "body of Christ." For example, the bones of the body are compared in their make-up and their function to the doctrines and the moral law of the church. As the bones give togetherness, freedom and mobility to the human body, even so do doctrines and moral law give mobility and purpose to the church.

Sunday school teachers, pastors and others will find insight and numerous illustrations on the subject in this book as the authors reveal insights into such things as cells, nerves, skin and other parts of the body.

Dr. Paul Drand lends his knowledge of medicine and his extensive experience to the pen of Philip Yancey. The latter does a superb job in interpreting and clothing the doctor's insights into a well written, lucid, interesting book. The reader will also be interested in seeing how the authors deal with the Christian's erroneous habit of separating the material body from the spiritual. The two are shown here to complement each other. Nature, or the human body, is shown here to focus the spotlight on the community of faith, the church as the "body of Christ." As Christ "enfleshed" God, so the authors find the human body to en flesh the spiritual as a portrayal of the "body of Christ."

The chapters on service and presence are perhaps the most interesting in the book. They are perhaps worth the price of the book. The average church member will receive a new vision of his vital role as a church member by reading the book. I recommend this book especially to teachers and pastors.

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Combs changes Covington church posts
Rosdale Baptist Church, Covington, has called Curt Combs as music director. Combs moved from the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church of the same city.

Leitchfield man takes McGrady Creek
McGrady Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Richard Jones of Leitchfield as pastor.

Student Staples resigns pastorate
Derik Staples has resigned as pastor of Smallhouse Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. Staples is a Campbellsville College student.

Trayner serves Pleasant Ridge 18 years
Morris Trayner celebrated 18 years in the pastorate of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owen County Association, in October.

Tripp joins staff at Brookview
David Tripp, a church music student at Southern Seminary, is minister of music at Brookview Baptist Church, Louisville.

A native of Missouri and graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Tripp began at the Louisville church Oct. 11.

Bagdad pastor moves south
Kenneth M. Murphy, pastor of Bagdad (Ky.) Baptist Church more than five years, has been called to a similar position at Iuka (Miss.) Baptist Church. He began his ministry in Mississippi Oct. 1.

Greer begins Louisa FBC ministry
Otis Leon Greer began as pastor of First Baptist Church, Louisa, Nov. 15.

The Waynesburg native moved to the church from a six-year pastorate at Corinth Baptist Church, Winchester. He has also been pastor of Forks of Dix River Baptist Church, Lancaster, and Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.

Greer is a graduate of Georgetown College.

Laws accepts Wallins Creek post
Leaman Laws has accepted the pastorate of Wallins Creek (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Formerly of Cleveland, Tex., Laws is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Etheridge to lead Thomas flock
Thomas Baptist Church, Irvine, has called Dale Etheridge as pastor.

Etheridge, a Logan County native, is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Mitchellsburg pastor is Landis
Mitchellsburg Baptist Church, South District Association, has called Gary Landis as pastor.

Perryville adds Barrick to staff
Paul Barrick has been called as youth director of Perryville Baptist Church, South District Association.

Stanhope moves to Mt. Zion
Jim Stanhope began as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Nov. 22. He moved from a three-year pastorate at Riverview Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. Stanhope is a native of Winchester.



Mary Harrison [r] of Louisville discusses the curriculum she will be writing for Accent with the magazine's editor Pam Brown. The two met in Birmingham, Ala. at a writers' conference sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, Accent publisher.

Miss Harrison, a student at Southern Seminary, will write about "decision making" for the May 1983 issue.

Revivals

Bethlehem has 'festival of faith'
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, had a "festival of faith" recently.

Forty-one decisions were made during the services.

Gary Ervin, beginning his 10th year as pastor, preached the sermons. The Encores of Nashville, Tenn. performed throughout the week.

Buckner has two-part revival
Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, was led in revival services Oct. 11-15 by evangelist Joe Eubanks of Green County. A team of lay evangelists from Kentucky completed the revival Oct. 16-18. Danny Pierce is pastor.

Jervis preaches at Corinth revival
Johnny Jervis was evangelist for the Oct. 25-Nov. 1 revival at Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Sill leads 15-decision revival at Hebron
Terry Sill, director of missions for Blood River Association, was evangelist for the recent revival at Hebron Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Seven persons made professions of faith, seven came by rededication and one person joined by letter.

Joe Pat Winchester is pastor.

Hill conducts Temple Hill revival
Bob Hill was evangelist for the late September revival at Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association.

Five professions of faith were made during the week.

Mike Thomason is pastor.

Bethlehem adds six in revival
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen Association, was in revival the last week of September, resulting in five professions of faith and one addition by letter.

The church's pastor, Durwood Garmon, was assisted by Gordon Moore and Harlin Sikes in leading services.

Joint revival leads 70-year-old to Christ
Four professions of faith, including one by a 70-year-old man, resulted from the recent joint revival between New Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, and New Harmony Baptist

Church, Gasper River Association.

Claud Smith is pastor of New Zion.

Oscar Patterson leads the New Harmony congregation.

Sherman team leads Rosedale revival
The Jack Sherman evangelistic team conducted revival services at Rosedale Baptist Church Oct. 26-Nov. 1.

Rosedale is a member of Northern Kentucky Association.

Congregations

Second 12 Mile passes offering goal
The people of Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, gave \$8171 during their Miracle Sunday service recently.

An \$8000 goal was set to complete payment of the church's debt.

James Conrad is pastor.



Maysville Central marks half-century

Central Baptist Church, Maysville (above), celebrated its 50th anniversary Nov. 1 with morning and afternoon services and a picnic lunch, led by its recently called pastor Truett Cavanaugh (inset).

The beginning of Central was mainly the work of T. Howard Kingston who visited the community and felt a church was greatly needed. The church was first constituted with three members including Kingston and his wife. A revival led by Kingston added about 35 members to the congregation and led to Kingston's becoming the first pastor.

The first name of the church was Tabernacle Baptist but now is called Central for the street on which it is located. Membership stands above 600 with 340 enrolled in Sunday school.

In the morning service the featured speaker was T. Howard Kingston. The afternoon service featured former pastors, family members of former pastors and a historical pageant. Nellie Gantley was chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration committee and author of the historical pageant.

Pikeville FBC specializes ministries
First Baptist Church, Pikeville, has responded to the challenges of Bold Mission Thrust by adding several new ministries.

The church has begun a new mission on Island Creek. The mission is meet-

ing in a mobile unit which has been purchased and placed in the middle of a mobile home park.

An old mission located on Ferguson Creek that had been closed has been reopened. At the home base singles and couples departments, along with a special department for mentally retarded people of all ages, have been started. Also a Bible study has been started in the senior citizens high-rise apartment in Pikeville.

Curtis Warf is the Pikeville pastor.

Hurstbourne passes goal to end debt
Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, has raised more than \$107,000 in a drive to liquidate its debt.

Once the debt is paid, the church reports, it will begin construction of a new building because its current structure "has long been outgrown."

T. L. McSwain is pastor.

Ordinations

Grays ordains minister, deacons
Grays Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association, ordained Billy Scott to the ministry and Johnny Bunch and Randy Mahan as deacons Oct. 25.

Scott is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Orville D. Hickey is pastor.

Central sends minister to west U. S.
Central Baptist Church, Winchester, ordained Jerrold T. Cowan to the ministry.

Cowan is attending Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal. and working as a youth minister in a southern California church.

He served two years in Utah with the Baptist Student Union of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, with the youth of First Baptist Church, Kearns, and with the mentally retarded in a school for adults.

Deaths

Beech Grove deacon dies at 70
Amos Rice, 70, deacon of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, died Oct. 30 at University Hospital, Lexington.

Rice, church treasurer for many years, was a board member of his association.

Concern for the Cooperative Program

Part 2 of 3 parts

Executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen was invited by the 1981 Kentucky Baptist Convention program committee to address the messengers on his concerns for the convention and Baptist life. His address contained these concerns.

This great program of giving and distribution is the best way to systematically support world missions on a regular basis. It came into being largely from the grassroots. During the early days of this century, our growing denomination developed the strength to organize and establish multiple institutions. Field representatives were employed to go about among the churches and associations seeking time on the programs to speak and take up offerings for their particular agencies. The most money tended to go to the agencies employing the best speakers, rather than to the more needful situations.

Theoretically, the Cooperative plan was to fund everything and within such single budget the denomination was to decide how much ministry each agency could project and the agencies were to cut the cloth to fit the pattern.

Now we are drifting back toward the previous competitive system. Our agencies project greater programs than the limited allocations the denomination can make and they are raising their own supplementary money. Extra offerings have been added and are continuing to be added. Talented and dedicated special speakers are giving often greater zeal to these single agency offerings than to the general Cooperative Program.

The Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings for home and foreign missions have in recent years surpassed the Cooperative Program in the funds they supply to our great mission boards. With every appreciation for the educational value and financial strength afforded by these great offerings, I have a concern whether this may go too

far. I know that the Cooperative Program has been the constant-flow pipeline of mission support from the churches. I doubt that it is wise for the mission boards to become too dependent upon a seasonal offering that could be hit with a sudden monetary panic and result in very small income for such year.

I fear also that there is a trend among some churches to keep their books open for gifts to these special offerings for longer and longer periods of time. I remember when the Lottie Moon offering was taken and results announced immediately following the week of prayer for foreign missions. It now seems more known as the Christmas offering and the books stay open through January for late gifts. I hear that some churches keep their books open for months, or maybe even all year. Wherever this is done, it ceases to be a special offering and becomes an on going program that competes with the Cooperative Program. I'd like to see the churches consider deadlines at which time it is recognized that any special offering is completed. A full month for any repeating annual special offering seems enough. Give them our very best for such length of time, then close the books, announce the results and give our full attention again to the Cooperative Program.

I am distressed to hear well meaning people ask me, "How can I give this so it will all go to missions?" There is a vague notion that somewhere out there is "missions." People want to by-pass the pipeline that takes it there. They want to send it "direct," without paying the postage or maintaining the necessary postal system. They don't realize that such procedure rides "piggy-back" on someone else's cooperative giving, without which "the goose that lays the golden egg" may die.

Our denomination is like a great tree with its roots, trunk, limbs and branch-

es, foliage, blossoms and fruit. The good health and balance of the entire tree is necessary to the fruit.

In my front yard, next to a busy thoroughfare, is a huge hackberry tree. It was the picture of magnificent health and strength until two years ago a large truck lost control and side-swiped it, tearing away the bark from about one-third of its circumference. For two years since the accident I have picked up the dead and dying branches falling from her great top. I look up through the now sparse and sickly foliage to the sky which didn't show before the accident. Not a single hackberry has been borne on the tree in the two subsequent years and never will be unless the trunk can regrow to do her task of holding the great top in place and piping the sap to the outer parts of the tree where the fruit grows.

A Southern Convention committee is studying possible reorganization of Cooperative Program giving. Let us pray for them.

Incidentally, somewhat corollary to the above concerns, let me mention our state institutions. They are very important to our identity. Bold Mission Thrust is largely a Southern Convention program, with little consciousness of our state institutions. We must work them into our state applications of Bold Mission Thrust goals and promotions.

LOW AIM: I'm concerned also that many able churches seem content, generally, with lower aim for Cooperative Program giving than in other years. In 1948 Southern Baptists adopted the slogan "50-50 by 1950." I went home to Georgia from the convention meeting and told my congregation that since our church said it did not wish to move to another location and since it could not then buy any more adjacent property for expansion that we should go 50-50 in the next budget. If we couldn't grow at home, we could grow elsewhere through the mission work that our 50 percent to the Cooperative Program

would support. We went 50-50 immediately. On a recent visit there I observed that their present target is about 10 percent. They are not to be unduly scolded either, for this is a rather stylish goal among many powerful churches of today.

SUBURBANIZATION: Before the burgeoning growth of suburbia, much of our denomination's mission funds came from the great downtown churches, whose giving far surpassed their own congregational needs. Their sharing was in the range of 25 percent to 50 percent. Even more in rare cases.

Then, the American population began to suburbanize. Some localities called it white-flight. Others moved out where it was quiet or to get more space. Many inner-city churches were left in desperate circumstances; and are still fighting for their lives. New suburban churches had to build expensive edifices for their affluent clientele. This involved large indebtedness, during which time they could not share 25 to 50 percent through the Cooperative Program. Many of them thus got into a habit of 10 percent. They also grew large church staffs as this came into vogue nearly everywhere. (I hope we don't finally get to where we even hire our praying done.) A great many of the jobs held by noble volunteer lay people (including my wife) in other years are now held by people on salaries. A large staff affords many advantages, but somewhere out there this will have gone as far as it ought to go.

Some of these great suburban churches are beginning to cycle through their heaviest debt payments. We must challenge them to see a vision of greater proportions of mission giving—more like the great downtown churches of yesteryear. Suburbia is now where the people are. It is now where the big churches are. It is now where the money is and where our main hope lies for mighty new growth in denominational giving.

Kathryn Jasper reports on African experience

by David Smith, Staff Writer

Kathryn Jasper said her recent trip to Egypt and Kenya made her comprehend "more vividly than ever before the theme we have just had for the state mission week of prayer, 'To whom much is given, much shall be required.'"

"I could not help but compare what I had been given spiritually, physically, even emotionally, mentally and education-wise. 'And why me?' I just kept asking myself. Why was I able to be reared in the kind of home and country I was reared in and to have known about Jesus all my life? And what will I do?"

Miss Jasper, executive director of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, has been given much, including a three-week trip in October for 10 years of service to the WMU. And she has been giving much, telling of the evidences of bold missions she saw there, focusing on the visit to Kenya.



Miss Jasper

"I think the greatest evidence of bold missions I saw was something I didn't see. That was one couple I met who was going, within a month, to visit a Masai tribe." The people of this tribe are very tall, many growing to be seven feet tall, and the main part of their diet consists of blood and milk, she explained.

Several members of this tribe had been healed of allergies and several medical problems by a volunteer team of Southern Baptist doctors. "They were so impressed they were willing to allow these missionaries to come back and tell them about 'the God' that had sent these doctors to them. And this couple was preparing to go to them. Now I call that bold," she praised.

In Nairobi Miss Jasper visited a clinic owned by the Kenyan government and run by two Southern Baptist missionaries. He is a doctor and she is a nurse.

She said they start at 6 a.m. after riding a bicycle five miles to work, and see patients until 2 p.m. From 2-5 p.m. they do surgery. "They see 70 patients a day and do two, three and four operations a day."

She called the working conditions "unbelievable" due to the space limitations and filth. "Of course the government owned the building, but what bothered me was that we (Southern Baptists) didn't even provide all that we could provide, which was medicine."

In spite of such obstacles she made it clear the medical team at the clinic was "doing such marvelous work. The day before (her arrival) he operated on a woman who needed a tumor removed. He removed it and she walked home. There was no place to keep her but if they had put her on a list to go to the hospital, it would have been three years. She would have been dead."

"Now they had boldness to work in that situation when they had so little progress. It was just a drop in

the bucket; but it was a drop, everyday. And that was the satisfaction they had."

Miss Jasper said the clinic had a room with benches in it where they taught classes on family planning and nutrition and that was also where they presented Christ. "Everyday while people were waiting to see the doctor the Christian gospel was presented."

The Somerset native said another way the Christian witness is provided in Kenya is through the three Southern Baptist secondary schools and one college. Through the schools they try to influence the Kenyans earlier in life, hoping they can raise a generation of Christians and Christian leaders. According to Miss Jasper the lack of Christian leadership is a concern of the Kenyan mission "since the majority of Kenyans are illiterate."

Christianity is also presented on television and radio through programs developed at the Southern Baptist Communications Building, she noted. The Kenyan government allots to the mission a certain number of minutes each day to present Christianity and the mission buys additional time.

"Knowing they have so few missionaries compared to the number of people they need to reach, they rely heavily on the programs."

She also visited the Baptist Publications House in Nairobi. "It was enlightening. They depend so much on the written word because so many people in Kenya have such a yen to read anything. They are striving for education and the written word has won a whole lot of people," she said.

She mentioned that the Lottie Moon Christmas offering paid for all of the Southern Baptist buildings she visited. Still, she was quick to point out, none of the work could go on without the help of both the Lottie Moon offering and Cooperative Program funds.

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Looking Ahead

JANUARY

4-8 January Bible Study Week
10 Witness Commitment Day
18 Area Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Cedar Creek Baptist Church
19 Area Evangelism Conference, Lexington, South Elkhorn Baptist Church
22-23 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Cedarmore
24 Baptist Men's Day
24 and 27 Prayer Emphasis for Bold Mission Thrust 82-85 and April Simultaneous Revivals
25 Area Evangelism Conference. Owensboro, Bellevue Baptist Church
26 Area Evangelism Conference. Bowling Green, Calvary Baptist Church
29-30 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Kentucky Dam Village, Gilbertsville

FEBRUARY

1 Area Evangelism Conference. Mayfield, High Point Baptist Church
1-3 "Preaching" Seminar. Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church
2 Area Evangelism Conference. Hopkinsville, Hillcrest Baptist Church
7 Baptist World Alliance Day
8 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. Allen (Ky.) Baptist Church and Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
8 Area Evangelism Conference. Somerset, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
9 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. London, Corinth Baptist Church and Owensboro, Third Baptist Church
9 Area Evangelism Conference. Allen (Ky.) Baptist Church

Frank Owen



Insecurity of preachers

Baptist preachers have always been very insecure. They don't belong to a conference or diocese. Our denomination takes little or no ultimate responsibility for them. They are at the mercy of the local churches for employment.

Rough treatment of ministers seems to be increasing. A minister in a recent meeting stated that forced resignations of pastors without a place to go is reaching "epidemic level" in his area. Another spoke up affirming the same to be true in his part of the state.

Well, Jesus didn't offer security in this world, He offered a cross. Read II Corinthians 11:22-23 and see how the Apostle Paul was treated.

Are preachers to become as expendable as baseball managers and football coaches? Maybe they already are. The law compels Boards to buy up coaches and managers unexpired contracts. Preachers don't even have contracts.

It has always seemed to me that pastor and people come together on a sort of covenant basis, —to treat one another as Christians. The minister to love and respect his congregation, not taking advantage of the pulpit to unduly berate people. "Scolding" them only with a broken heart when he feels his prophetic duty demands it. The congregation in turn covenants to support a minister's efforts as long as they are honorable and at least reasonably fruitful, remembering that Christian authenticity is more important than "success."

Ministers have no unemployment insurance. They don't belong to a Union. They have nowhere to turn when severed from their churches. I understand why other denominations have developed conference membership and assume denominational responsibility for their ministers.

The Baptist system, with its free choice clergy and its autonomous congregations, makes it possible for the people to stand tallest. However, it also permits the worst behavior on the part of either clergy or congregation among people who aren't spiritually very tall. We have much to learn before the World will see the fruits of our complete democracy and free clergy.

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Mark 1:4-11 When he needed a man with a flaming message of judgment, who would be entirely obedient to his will, God called John the Baptist for the important task of preparing the way for the coming of Christ. His task was to get people ready to receive the savior when he appeared on the scene.

The preaching of John the Baptist attracted the multitudes and to them he proclaimed the word of God without fear or favor. He condemned sin and warned of judgment, and then gave his listeners the assurance of the forgiveness of their sins on the condition of their repentance. John the Baptist not only preached repentance, but he also baptized the penitent as a sign of the fact that they had repented. He urged them to produce fruits which would prove they had repented, to show the reality of their repentance in the details of their daily lives.

While John the Baptist was baptizing in the Jordan River, the savior approached him and requested baptism at his hands. As Christ sank beneath the baptismal waters he prefigured the death which he was to die upon the cross, and as he arose from beneath the water the Lord symbolized his resurrection from the dead. As Christ was coming out of the baptismal waters, the heavens were rent asunder and the Spirit came upon him in a dove-like form, symbolizing peacefulness, meekness, gentleness, tenderness and love, those qualities which were to characterize the ministry of Jesus. Then Christ received the audible and visible approval of the Father who said: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 9:2-8 On a high mountain, in the presence of the three who were nearest to him in understanding and sympathy, Peter, James and John, Christ was transfigured in a manner which defies human analysis or satisfactory description. The trio gazed in speechless amazement upon their glorified Lord. Then they observed that he had been joined by Moses and Elijah, who had come from the realm of glory to talk with him.

Dazzled by what he saw and heard, and enamored by the circumstances prevailing there, Peter impulsively made the suggestion that all of them remain on the mount, and erect three tabernacles to the honor of Moses, Elijah and Christ respectively. Peter made the terrible blunder of practically reducing Christ to the level of Moses and Elijah, whereas he should have been exalted to his rightful place of pre-eminence far above them.

God corrected Peter's estimation of his son by declaring both his deity and his supremacy in the words: "This is my beloved Son: hear him." The awe stricken disciples gazed, but "they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves." Christ dominated the whole scene, and they did not think of anyone else.

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Galatians 2:11-21 The desire to possess and enjoy freedom is innate in man. True freedom comes to us through Christ, who alone is able to break the power of sin and set men free.

While attending the conference with the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, Paul, the outstanding contender for freedom, informed them as to the content of the message which he had been proclaiming. James, Peter and John, the reputed pillars of the church in Jerusalem, readily recognized that the gospel of grace which he preached had been received from the Lord, so they did not have either the desire or the ability to add anything to it.

When Peter arrived in Antioch Jews and Gentiles were eating together without any discrimination. It was not long until a deputation of Jewish Christians arrived from Jerusalem, perhaps on a mission of investigation, and they were shocked when they discovered that the Jewish and Gentile Christians were eating together. Immediately Peter ceased eating with the Gentile Christians because of his fear of what others might think, say or do.

Without hesitation Paul publicly challenged Peter and rebuked him kindly, lovingly and firmly for his inconsistency in sacrificing principle for expediency in ceasing to eat with the Gentile Christians. As one might have expected, others followed the example of Peter. Perhaps Paul was shocked and grieved more because Barnabas, his partner in Gentile missions, had joined Peter in his inconsistency. This incident provides us with an impressive example of the effects of social pressure. Inasmuch as Peter's offense was a public one, it is not surprising that Paul's confrontation and challenge were public also and justifiably so.

Knowing that neither the works of men nor their observance of the law have anything to do with their justification before God, whether they be Jews or Gentiles, Paul stressed the fact that justification is available only by grace through faith in Christ.

Paul declared that he was not living as he had previously because a great change had been wrought in him. Christ was living in him and that meant refreshment, enjoyment and abiding strength for his daily tasks. That meant victory in the battle with Satan and sin. His life had been mastered by Christ. Christ's will had superceded his will, and Christ's presence filled his soul so completely that he was able to conform to the divine will in a remarkable manner. What Christ did for Paul he is willing and able to do for us. Each of God's children should strive to live in such a way that he does not frustrate, set at nought or nullify the grace of God. To the end of our earthly lives let us give indisputable evidence of our love for the Christ who dwells in us through our faithful and persevering service for him.

Cheerful giving blesses Bell County congregation

by K. Maynard Head,
State Correspondent

A small church in eastern Kentucky is growing by leaps and bounds in every direction. Jenson Baptist Church last year averaged 17 women and children attending. The ladies had seriously thought of going somewhere but continued having prayer meetings. They had been without a pastor for over a year and offerings were about \$20-\$50. A bus sitting on the church driveway had four flat tires and a blown motor. The church building, only 34 years old, was structurally unsound with the walls cracking and the rotten floor coming apart from the wall. There were no rest rooms, running water or parking space. The educational facility consisted of only three Sunday school rooms.

Bob Brooks, a Clear Creek Baptist School student and a native Bell countian, did not find the Jenson community the most appealing situation a pastor ever stepped into, but the story does not end here.

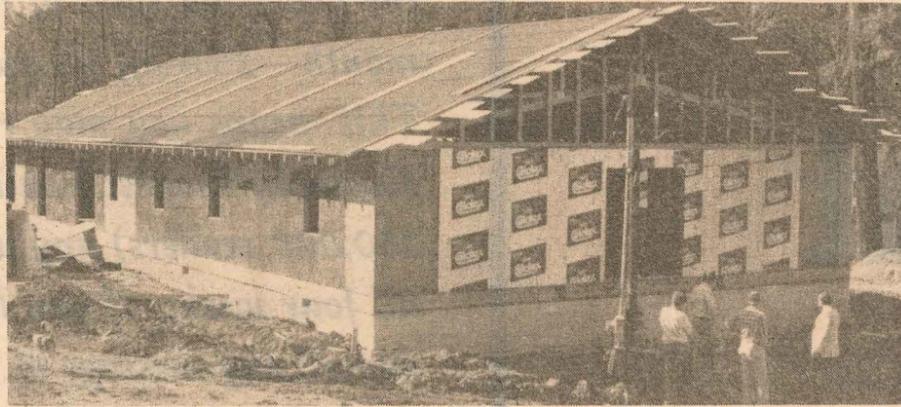
Brooks faithfully sought the leadership of the Lord and told the congregation God would bless them if they met his requirements. He challenged them to give cheerfully to their church and the Cooperative Program and to be faithful in prayer and visitation.

The congregation accepted the challenge and stepped out on faith. The Lord has opened the windows of heaven and is pouring out more blessings than they ever thought as a result.

Land had never before been available to the church. After praying about the matter, the church learned that some property was available for \$7000. With only \$2000 in the bank, they continued to pray. The day they voted to make the purchase a man stood at the close of the service and said, "It is now paid for." The excitement began. People from the church sought construction companies and local utilities and had machinery and supplies donated.

"People have helped on this building who had never heard of Jenson Baptist Church," exclaims Brooks.

Through donated labor the 1970 VW bus is running weekly bringing boys



A new building is under roof at Jenson Baptist Church

and girls to church and Sunday school. Sunday school enrolment is now 83 and the average attendance for church is approximately 70. The weekly tithes and offerings are now \$450 to \$620 weekly, with extra gifts being made to a building fund.

A class for adults and children under six years old was not available last year. Now 14 are enrolled in the children's division and they attend regularly. Fifteen adults are enrolled in the adult department, Girls in Action, Acteens, Royal Ambassadors and Mission Friends are also a part of the church program.

Ten of the 15 persons baptized this year are the result of visitation by the church. Eight have been added by letter.

Vacation Bible school enrolled 94 and helped break the church's record this year with an offering of \$97.50.

The old Jenson Baptist Church was located in a dangerous spot near state Hwy. 221 on property given with the stipulation it always remain a church. It

was originally established as Beech Grove Baptist Church in Jenson Hollow before 1910 but was discontinued in the late 1920s. The congregation reorganized in 1945 at the Jenson school and met there until the 1947 flood.

C. H. Fox, a former pastor, now assistant to the president at Clear Creek Baptist School, recalls, "We shoveled mud from an old garage building and moved some pews in the building located on the banks of the river where at that time a bridge was located. A building site was secured on

the Sam Smith property and Mr. Smith made the donation some time after I resigned in 1948." The church has remained on that site since that time.

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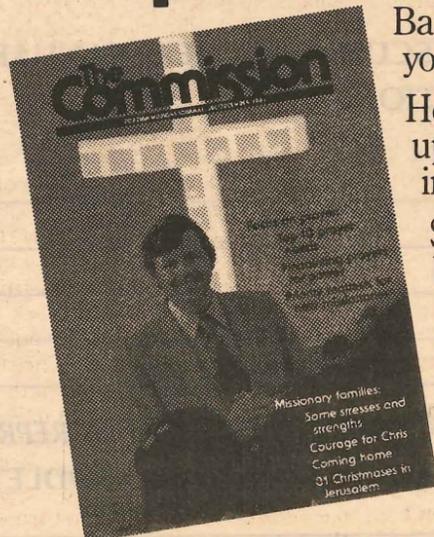
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