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Duke McCall to be nominated for SBC presidency

by Dan Martin, Baptist Press

Duke K. McCall, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be nominated for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Edwin N. Perry, spokesman for a "group of Louisville pastors and laymen," said: "Duke is not a candidate in the sense of running for office, but if his name is presented, he will not withdraw; if elected, he will serve."

McCall, also president of the Baptist World Alliance, was in Russia on a tour and not immediately available for confirmation.

McCall thus becomes the first man who has gone on record as a nominee for the presidency of the convention. Others, including James Draper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.; Ed Young, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Don Sullivan, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; and Perry Sanders, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La., have been mentioned as potential candidates but have not confirmed whether they will or will not allow themselves to be nominated.

Perry, pastor emeritus of Broadway

Baptist Church, Louisville, said he had talked with McCall on two occasions about presenting the nomination and had received McCall's permission.

"He (McCall) is a world statesman. We need him," Perry told Baptist Press. "Many of us have been waiting for someone to emerge (as a candidate). If someone else with a sense of historic integrity and worldwide vision of the denomination had emerged, he (McCall) would not have allowed his name to be presented."

"The presentation of McCall as nominee for president at the 1982 annual meeting of the 13.8-million member denomination "will bring about a clear cut choice for messengers attending the New Orleans meeting," Perry said.

Perry, who has been McCall's pastor for 25 years, referred to efforts by a "takeover group" within the denomination to control the presidency and, with it, the appointments of two powerful committees. "We feel a heavy victory by the takeover group . . . will hamper, hinder and alter the character of our institutions and agencies, especially our cooperative missions efforts at home and abroad. That is why we are so concerned."

"We feel the momentum must be checked and that we must make every effort to deny that momentum," Perry said.

"He said that "in the opinion of the group which will propose McCall as president, the SBC is in effect a house divided," and added that "many of us fear the convention is facing radical character change . . . and disintegration."

"We cannot go on very much longer divided without separation beginning," he said.

Perry commented that the appointments of Adrian Rogers, immediate past president, "has been the single most disastrous move of any Baptist leader in memory. His nominees were not chosen to be representative of Southern Baptist life, but rather of a predetermined (theological) position."

Of Bailey Smith, current president, who is not eligible for reelection in New Orleans, Perry said, "He is the young-

est president in 100 years. This is not the time for another novice. We have learned the hard way what world leadership really means. Youth has been served but experience now is desperately needed."

He added that "with a change of leadership without a change of direction" the SBC is "facing inevitable disintegration."

"There must be an effort at reconciliation and stabilization," Perry said, adding that McCall "is a man who fits very well into the needs of world leadership at this time."

(A New York Times article and an Associated Press release last week connected the Western Recorder editor with the movement for McCall. This is not true. As an editor serving all Kentucky Baptists, the editor will not endorse any presidential candidate but will try to help Western Recorder readers understand the issues and developments.)

Finchville pastor leads movement pushing Billy Graham candidacy

by C. R. Daley, Editor

The name of Billy Graham is the latest in the speculation over who will be elected Southern Baptist Convention president this year. Graham does not even know anyone is suggesting his nomination but he will be approached if a groundswell for him develops.

This movement for Graham as a unifying leader for Southern Baptists began with Leslie Hollon, pastor of Finchville (Ky.) Baptist Church. He says the idea came to him as he agonized over what he regards as a crisis in Southern Baptist life. Hollon shared the idea with some fellow pastors in Shelby County and they encouraged him. Subsequently, individual preachers and laypeople have joined him in the project.

Volunteers are assisting in preparing a prayer covenant and mailing it to as many as 1000 Baptist churches throughout the nation. The covenant is an agreement to petition God to lead Graham to accept nomination. It is to be signed by church members and returned to Hollon for presentation to Graham.

Hollon says he would like to send the covenant to all Southern Baptist churches but the facilities and finances are simply not available. He hopes churches receiving the covenant will share it with other churches or that churches will copy the covenant as it appears in this news story and let members sign it.

Hollon gives assurance he does not

mean to reflect upon any potential nominee for convention president but he feels Graham may be the only person all Southern Baptists would rally around. He has made no contact with Graham so far and says he realizes human chances for Graham's willingness to be considered are very slim but he feels the prayer dimension can make the difference. He knows two persons who will approach Graham if the prayer covenant receives wide approval.

Churches wishing to join in this effort can obtain a copy of the covenant by writing Finchville Baptist Church, Box 4, Finchville, KY 40022.

The text of the prayer covenant is: "During times of crisis God can raise up a leader to meet the needs of his people. Southern Baptists, a segment of God's people, are in such a crisis. We need a unique person to lead us in a unified effort to minister to the needs of a hurting world. Dr. Billy Graham epitomizes a Christ-centered, ministry through his enduring commitment to world missions and evangelism."

"We are praying that Dr. Graham will seriously consider serving as the president of our Convention. Please sign the prayer covenant and circulate more copies of the covenant to other churches if this idea catches the imagination of your heart. The covenant with signatures should be mailed to Finchville Baptist Church, Box 4, Finchville, KY 40022 by Tuesday, June 1, and in turn will be mailed to Dr. Graham's residence in Montreat, North Carolina."

Rogers speaks on controversy

by Dan Martin

Doctrinal unity and program unity in the Southern Baptist Convention rise and fall together, former SBC president Adrian Rogers says.

"You can't have one without the other," said Rogers, immediate past president of the 13.8 million member denomination and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., at a press conference in Rome, Ga., where he was preaching at West Rome Baptist Church.

Rogers, however, noted he is in favor of the denomination's cooperative missions, education and evangelism efforts, but feels it is "not only illogical, it is immoral to ask a man to support with his money and with his influence . . . things that are theologically repugnant to him."

Baptist Press obtained a tape recording of the press conference from West Rome church pastor Jerry Vines, who called the meeting.

The Memphis pastor told the press conference—attended by only one newsman, Jack U. Harwell, editor of The Christian Index, journal of the Georgia Baptist Convention—that Southern Baptists "have made a golden calf of the program. . . . It's almost easier to be against the Virgin Birth than the program."

By program, he said he meant the entire work of the denomination, of which the Cooperative Program is a major part.

He said Southern Baptists started out "with a moderately narrow theology," and while the denomination "always refused a written down, finely honed creed," there were common beliefs, such as "the inerrance of the scriptures, salvation by grace through faith, the priesthood of the believer, autonomy of the local church, baptism by

immersion of believers only, the security of the believer . . ."

Alongside that narrow theology, the denomination "had a broad program. Well, then somebody said about 1925, we need to narrow the program. So we got the Cooperative Program. So not only could we more or less believe the same things, but correspondingly and logically, we could support the same things."

He charged the denomination has "many professors who do not believe the Bible is historically, philosophically, scientifically and theologically without error," a point inerrantists stress, maintaining the Bible is without error in all of these dimensions.

"I would say that perhaps we could remove tension from our Southern Baptist Convention if we would relax our insistency of Southern Baptists walking in lock-step program-wise," Rogers said. "We cannot put people in a strait-jacket program-wise and have an unlimited freedom theologically."

He said he knows his proposal "strikes at the very vitals of what we are trying to do because someone says the genius of our Southern Baptist work is the concentration of our efforts in our programs," but adds, "First best is to have a commonality of beliefs and a commonality of program."

Rogers commented that the 1981 annual meeting of the denomination in Los Angeles "was the biggest headon collision we've ever had in the Southern Baptist Convention. I do think that we came away agreeing to disagree."

He predicted a large attendance for the 1982 annual meeting in New Orleans (June 15-17) and said: "I don't feel the conservatives are going to be asleep, or that they are not going to be interested, that they are not going to be there. They will be."

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Earnestly contend for the faith which
was once for all delivered to the saints.
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

An idea whose time has come

Here's an idea whose time seems to have come. It is to use some of the current unanticipated Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program income to help suffering retired Baptist preachers.

Pastors who have literally given their lives in service to Baptist churches have come to retirement and old age without the necessities of life. They are at the mercy of relatives, friends, members of former churches and in some instances government welfare programs.

At the same moment these saints are suffering, contributions from Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program are at an all time high. Indeed, they stand to surpass all goals for 1981-82. It now appears all three levels of the adopted Southern Baptist Convention budget—operating, capital needs and Bold Mission Challenge—will be met and exceeded.

After all, who more deserves it. The present Cooperative Program success is due at least in part to their efforts in the past on behalf of the Cooperative Program in the churches they served.

What could be fairer? Cooperative Program funds are already being used to provide somewhat adequate retirement for state and Southern Baptist Convention denominational workers. Don't those on the level of local churches deserve as much? The flow of Cooperative Program funds is almost exclusively from local churches to the denomination. Wouldn't an occasional flow in the other direction be refreshing?

It might require bypassing usual budget procedures to appropriate funds for this noble cause from the Southern Baptist Convention overage this year but we should always be that flexible.

Not only is an emergency appropriation for suffering retirees from the Southern Baptist Convention appropriate this year but serious consideration should be given for putting the Annuity Board in the Southern Baptist Convention budget every year for additional help to carry out its assignment. In this way we could prevent more employes of Baptist churches from coming to retirement without adequate resources.

The growth and strength of Southern Baptists are due to their ability to see new needs as they emerge and to make necessary adjustments to meet these needs. Our

vast foreign and home missionary enterprises, Baptist colleges and seminaries, radio and television outreach and other accepted ministries were once only new ideas. So was the Cooperative Program, our method to undergird these ministries. They were ideas whose time had come. Relief for suffering retired Baptist preachers is such an idea.

If such an idea sounds like something new and unheard of, consider the New Testament churches. Paul called for the first conventionwide offering. And it was not for providing more missionaries but for the poor saints in Jerusalem. Paul thought enough of these needy servants of God to delay his trip to Rome and to put his life in jeopardy to take the offering to them.

Do we think less of needy Baptist servants today?

Billy Graham could become world's foremost peacemaker

Though time and wear have forced Billy Graham to slow down somewhat, he is still the most outstanding Christian spokesman in the world. Indeed, he has recently risen even to new heights as a good influence in his espousal of the imperative of peacemaking and nuclear disarmament.

His recent trip to Russia was in the interest of better relations between Russia and the United States and thus for peace. He is to be admired for going to Moscow in spite of apparent discouragement by the United States State Department. Though the invitation was not to preach as such but to participate in a peace conference, everyone knows whenever Graham opens his mouth the gospel comes out. The reports of his activities in Moscow bear this out.

Graham is not naive. He was fully aware Russians would use his visit for propaganda purposes but his concern for peace overruled expediency.

It's somewhat absurd that Graham's visit to Russia was allowed by the Russian government and discouraged by the American government. It could be that this one trip to Russia by Graham will contribute more to world peace than all the negotiations of both governments.

Graham has been unjustly criti-

cized editorially for counseling Russian Christians to obey civil authority. The Louisville Courier-Journal displayed its biblical illiterateness in branding Graham's advice as Leninist doctrine. It might have been a view of Lenin but it is surely New Testament.

In the first century Rome was more tyrannical than Russia is today. Christianity was illegal and many followers of Christ were savagely executed. Still when Paul wrote to the Roman Christians, he defended civil authority, called it God's provision for an orderly society and urged his fellow Christians to submit to such authority.

Mr. Graham's willingness to espouse the present peace and nuclear disarmament movement in spite of criticism is admirable. Hopefully it will encourage some of his fellow Baptists to espouse this cause which in the past has been a no-no for many Baptists. In fact, a good bit of Baptist preaching especially among ultra conservatives has a nationalistic and militaristic ring.

We cannot afford this today, if ever we could. Population explosion in some parts of the world has caused some to regard starvation as the world's greatest threat. While starvation does loom as an enemy of mankind, extinction is a greater threat. After all, starvation poses little threat if millions of humans are evaporated in a nuclear holocaust.

Billy Graham, the world's foremost evangelist, could become the world's foremost peacemaker. God grant it!

BAPTIST FORUM

[Miss Rice's letter appeared in an earlier issue with some unintentional omissions. It is reprinted in its entirety with apologies to Miss Rice—Editor.]

A quote clarified

I would like to clarify a quote attributed to me in the singles retreat article. The article suggested that "an awareness of separation in the church" led me to explore loneliness in the life of Jesus.

Actually, my purpose was to show that loneliness is a part of the human experience, not just the single experience, and that Jesus can truly sympathize with the person who is experiencing loneliness. God then uses loneliness

in the lives of individuals to draw them to himself. In fact, the first step toward salvation is the realization we are separated from God and have a desire to know him—an example of loneliness.

I regret that the article suggested a negative attitude toward my church, Hillvue Heights. It has offered me a place of fellowship and service without regard to my marital status.

Patti Rice, Auburn

A resolution for Long Run Baptists:

Whereas we are convinced that our community's, our nation's, and indeed our world's greatest natural resource is our children;

Whereas we are equally convinced that good schools are essential for the development of healthy children and the promise of our future together as a people;

Whereas we recognize that public education institutions provide the only route to an education which many families can afford;

Whereas we further believe that the responsibility for educating our children is not a private burden to be borne by the parents alone but a public responsibility for the benefit of all;

We, the members of the Christian life committee of the Long Run Association of Southern Baptists, wish to voice our support of the school tax increase for Jefferson County schools.

Because of the extreme importance of the issue for the Louisville community, we call upon fellow pastors to encourage the participation of their church members in the May 25 referendum;

And we call upon all fellow Long Run Baptists to give their prayerful consideration to the referendum proposal and make an exerted effort to vote in the May 25 referendum.

We further call upon all Long Run Baptists to join with us in a determined commitment to move toward a new spirit of cooperation and support for the positive development of public education in all of Jefferson County.

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

Are you coming our way?

Help!! Please help the Baptist Student Union at the Air Force Academy get the word to the young men and women coming to the Academy on June 28, 1982. We would like to meet their plane, provide transportation and housing overnight, and help them report to the AFA at the proper time Monday morning.

If parents, pastors, friends, and/or the young people themselves will drop us a note with name and address, we will correspond with them to secure flight arrival times and provide further information to them.

Write Don Gurney, Director BSU, 1230 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; phone (303) 471-8050.

For West Point help write: Alton Harpe, 11 Washington St., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520. For Annapolis help, write: Dick Bumpass, Box 1509, Annapolis, MD 21404.

Don Gurney, Colorado Springs, Col.

'Church messenger, be responsible'

by Larry L. McSwain

One of the greatest privileges a Southern Baptist has is to be elected by a local church to serve as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBC is the largest and most democratic denomination in the world. Every SBC church has the opportunity of participating in the denomination's business. This guarantees Southern Baptists will not be controlled by a select few from either the right or the left.

I am a member of a church from which more members attend the annual convention than the maximum of 10 messengers. So I have attended some some conventions in which I had no vote. What a helpless feeling not to be able to share in response to God's leading as important decisions are made! But I support limiting the number of messengers even the largest churches can elect so we can maintain fairness for all our churches.

We Southern Baptists do have a critical problem, however. The privilege of service as a messenger is being abused by irresponsibility among a few churches and individuals. If something is not done to restore integrity to this important role, we may discover in future years we have lost the democracy we so value. We need a new covenant of responsibility from both churches and the messengers they elect if we are to work together as God's people in a meaningful way.

What are the abuses? The worst abuse is messengers who do not participate. Hundreds of elected messengers every year go to the convention to enjoy a vacation or attend only one session. Often the church has shared in the expenses of the trip. But these messengers attend few sessions and never vote on a critical issue. Something is wrong when 85 percent of the messengers vote on who will be president of the SBC but only 25 percent vote on the more crucial issues of the convention.

Something is wrong when hundreds drive in as a part of a political movement only to elect their candidate for a particular office. Something is wrong when children who do not understand what they are doing serve as messengers and provide their parents a "double" vote, even though the constitution allows such to happen. Something is wrong when a messenger leaves the proceedings and gives his ballots to someone else to cast. Something is wrong when so-called "leaders" are elected as messengers of churches in which they are not a member. Something is wrong when non-Southern Baptist groups pass out their literature attempting to influence convention decisions. Can anything be done? Yes.

First, the church must be responsible. The church should elect only those who wish to serve as SBC messengers and only those who will be responsible. This means no one but the church itself should decide who will be a messenger. It is a poor practice for the pastor or other leaders to select messengers for the church. Only members should be elected. Only those who are planning to attend all convention sessions should be elected. Only those members willing to become informed about the denomination's work and willing to pray about their vote should be elected.

The church must be responsible for securing the necessary messenger cards and filling them out correctly for those duly elected as messengers.

Second, elected messengers must be responsible. No Southern Baptist should allow oneself to be elected as a messenger by any church in which he or she is not a member in good standing. A messenger should plan to attend as many of the sessions as possible. A copy of the Book of Reports should be secured and studied so as to be well informed on the matters of business at hand. Every messenger should pray daily before and during the convention

to know the mind of Christ in the matters to be decided. No messenger should ever ask another to cast his/her ballot. If forced to leave the convention, a messenger should destroy the remaining ballots.

Third, the convention must be responsible. Superb work is now being done by the credentials committee and the registration secretary to insure fairness and correctness in procedure. But more can be done. If the abuses continue, the convention should pass a bylaw requiring churches to certify their messengers six weeks prior to the SBC. Messenger cards would then be sent directly to the elected individuals. Unethical behavior should be openly publicized and messengers freely report the abuses they observe. Each person speaking to an issue should clearly identify the church of which he/she is a messenger. The period of registration of messengers should be closed at the beginning of the convention so as to guard against group assaults on "single issues" confronting the convention. The election of the president should be scheduled near the end of the sessions as the culmination of the week's work and voting limited to those who have participated in the total work of the convention sessions.

You may not agree with all of these suggestions. Surely all of us, however, can agree that God is best honored in our convention by the most serious deliberation conducted by prayerful people serving as responsible messengers.

FORUM

Reagan missing so much

I share the concern of guest editorial writer Louis S. Clapper that President Reagan attended only four Sunday services in 13 months in office.

The solution, however, is not to make a private White House Sunday service a substitute for worship with a congregation. If the goal of Christian worship is to cause President Reagan the least "disruption"—then let him tune in Jerry Falwell on the White House television. This would disrupt neither his personal schedule or his beliefs!

There is an alternative to private White House Sunday services: worship in a local congregation. I would suggest a small congregation in a poor neighborhood. Then President Reagan could meet and become acquainted with some people struggling with life and poverty. Didn't Jesus have something to say about preaching Good News to the poor?

The gospel is not preached to improve the "religious image" of President Reagan. The gospel is not preached to achieve a Sunday service "with some considerable success" as in the Nixon White House. The gospel is not preached to cause the fewest problems and the least disruptions.

The gospel is preached to disrupt the lives of the hearers. What "incalculable value" there is in a divinely disrupted life.

Charles W. Julian, Indianapolis, Ind.

Meet Cumberland College Student...



Ellen Gail Popham

Ellen Gail Popham, Cumberland College senior, is a rather unique person, because she is one of the few females who serves as minister of music in a Baptist Church.

More impressively, she has done so at two churches, serving for eight months at First Baptist Church in Jellico, Tn., and currently serving as Minister of Music at Pleasant View Baptist church where she has served for one year. Her duties include conducting the adult choir, the youth choir, and directing church singing.

Ellen, majoring in church music and music education, is from Elizabethtown where her father is a Baptist minister. She has two brothers, both attending Cumberland College.

She is extremely active in college academic and extra-curricular activities, most of which are centered around music. She is President of MENC, past-president and student conductor of the Chorale, a student conductor with the Cumberland College Singers, and was chosen Outstanding Vocal Performer for 1980-81. She was selected by the Cumberland College faculty to be included in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Modest despite her many accomplishments, Ellen credits God with her success. "God has given me talents and I only want to do the best that I can do with what He has given me. I want to develop and use those talents to their fullest."

Although Ellen considered other schools, she chose Cumberland because of its superior Church music curriculum. "I like Cumberland and the friendly people here. Also, the college offered me the opportunity to work in church music and become a more complete person."

Ellen expects much of herself and of those with whom she works. "God only wants our best. I try to get the best out of others by letting them know they have achieved. When you expect the best, you are more likely to get the best. I try to do this by setting a good example."

Admittedly, Cumberland College has allowed Ellen to develop and cultivate her talents and to broaden her dreams. Those dreams include attending seminary and pursuing a career in the ministry of church music, her dreams will become reality. We welcome others like her.

Dr. Taylor:
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WORLD'S FAIR

Religious exhibits attract the multitudes

by Jim Newton

Following a three-hour opening ceremony filled with pomp, pagentry and a dedication by President Ronald Reagan, the Southern Baptist Pavilion opened at the 1982 World's Fair within a few hundred feet of the Court of Flags from where the President spoke.

Almost 90,000 people attended opening day at the fair in Knoxville, Tenn., fewer than expected, and more than 870 visited the Baptist Pavilion.

A capacity crowd of almost 250 jammed the Baptist Pavilion when it opened one hour after Reagan's speech to watch a musical drama by an octet called PowerSource and a multi-image media presentation by Wayne Grinstead of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Visitors leaving the Baptist Pavilion walked past an exhibit showing a first edition Gutenberg Bible housed in a huge walnut Bible display case built for the 1873 World's Fair in New Orleans.

The Bible display case is on loan from the Baptist Sunday School Board and Philadelphia Museum of Art and is valued at \$50,000.

"It's powerful," one Georgia woman said with tears in her eyes as she left the Baptist pavilion after watching the opening performance. "It made me proud to be a Baptist, and proud Baptists have a pavilion at the fair."

Southern Baptists are the only religious group with their own pavilion at the fair and perhaps the only denomination ever to have their own pavilion at any world's fair, said David Peach, executive director of Baptist Ministries at the 1982 World's Fair.

Peach said Baptists are fortunate to have one of the best possible sites for the pavilion, located in a peak traffic pattern on the 72-acre fairgrounds in downtown Knoxville.

There are three other religious exhibits at the fair, all in the Technology and Lifestyle Building, across "Waters of the World" lake from the Baptist

Pavilion and Court of Flags.

Both Seventh Day Adventists and the Church of Christ worldwide have their own exhibits.

Seventh Day Adventist's exhibit, "People Helping People," features a computerized health analysis.

The most expensive and posh religious exhibit is sponsored by the Church of Christ worldwide. Operating on a budget of \$900,000, the exhibit carries the theme, "Energy for Life—God's Love, Person to Person." It features walk-through displays of Church of Christ ministries, a computerized Bible quiz, videotape presentations and a 1611 King James Bible displayed in a triangular plexiglass case. The only two-level exhibit in the Technology and Lifestyle Building, it provides offices for private counseling on the upper level.

Described as a "multisensory experience," the exhibit by a coalition of 16 denominations called "the Church's Presence at the World's Fair" is the most technologically sophisticated and mindboggling of the religious exhibits.

Operating on a budget of \$830,000 but valued at \$1.25 million because of donated talent, equipment and facilities, the Church's Presence exhibit uses almost every conceivable electronic and sensory media.

Visitors sit in a pitch-black room and watch with wonder as creation unfolds around them electronically, then move to a second room with a carnival decor where they watch six television screens and multiple image projections tell of man's futile search for meaning in life, then follow a transparency projection of Christ into a third room where they see what the church is doing in the world today.

"It is tremendously moving and stirring," said Harold Bales, executive director of the project and an official of the United Methodist Church.

The Church's Presence exhibit is sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the AME Zion Church, the Christian Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Church of the Brethren, Church of God (both Cleveland and Mountain Assembly groups), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, Greek Orthodox Church, National Baptist Convention, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Roman Catholic Church, United Methodist Church and United Presbyterians.

Baptist Ministries has cleared about \$40,000 on the sale of tickets to the fair, but Peach had expected earlier ticket orders from Baptists planning to attend.

Baptist incentives call many to draw apart, rest

by Norman Jameson

The 248 air conditioned seats in Baptist Pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville will spell welcome relief for scorched visitors to the world's largest steam cooker.

Officials of the fair, which opened with 87,659 visitors May 1, expect 13 million guests before the close Oct. 31. When southern sun parches the 72 acres of asphalt this summer, fair goers will gladly plant their bermudas in any air conditioned plot for brief relief.

Southern Baptists will provide the opportunity to lower body temperature for a chance to raise spiritual temperament with a rousing live musical presentation of the gospel.

"Love, You Spoke a Word," written by Ken Medema, premiered Apr. 29 in the packed Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The audience, mostly local Baptists with a healthy sprinkling of Baptist journalists in town to cover the fair's opening, received the initial performance enthusiastically.

A nationwide talent search produced 16 college young people, now a trained team called PowerSource, that will perform the musical six to eight times daily in the Baptist Pavilion in the very heart of the fair.

Using parody and humor, the musical drama tells the biblical story of creation, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ and the role of Christians in the world today.

The production, sure to become popular in Southern Baptist churches, has four parts, all with lively tunes and striking, powerful lyrics. The words are as modern as warnings of "nuclear thunder," as ancient as the refrain, "Death, where is your victory?"

"I think we'll capture this whole place," said David Peach, executive director of Baptist Ministries for the World's Fair. "The word's going to get out."

Preceding the performances of PowerSource will be a powerful slide-sound presentation "The Word Is . . .

Energy." Primarily written and produced by Wayne Grinstead of the Baptist Home Mission Board, the production, using 16 slide projectors, moves quickly from man's worship of energy, such as lightning and fire, to the Christian's responsible use of energy.

In touch with the fair's energy theme, the production, which won its category in the recent Baptist Public Relations Association's awards competition, asks penetrating questions through a feast of sight and sound: Will man so control pollution that it is priced out of the range of the poor? Will we lower the safety factors now required on nuclear power production and threaten ourselves with the resultant dangers? Do we have the right to displace ancient traditions in our search for energy?

Eventually, we must go beyond energy to faith and the one who created spiritual energy, the film says. "Jesus came to point us to the source . . . GOD."

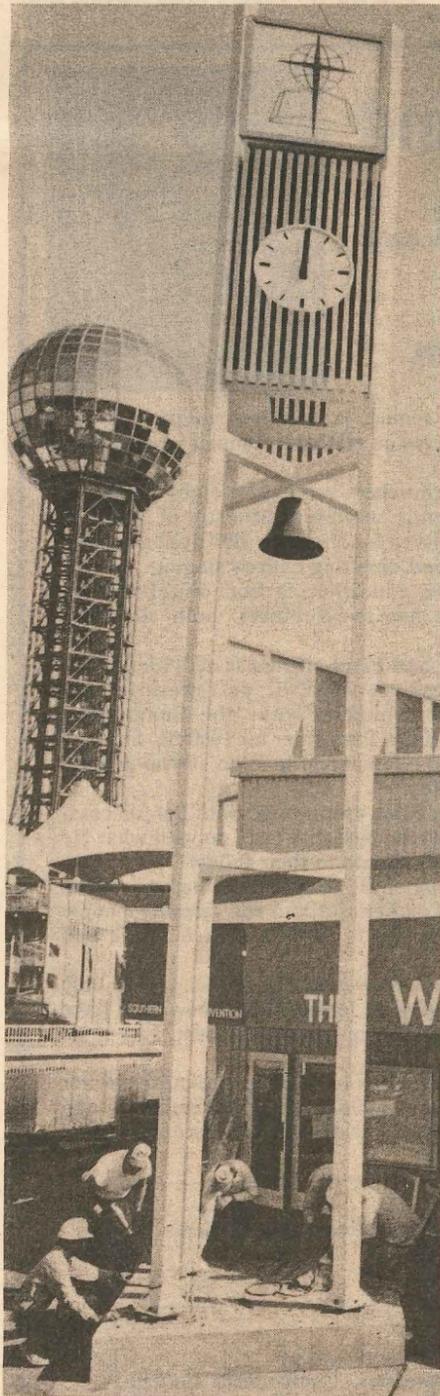
Peach said 145 church, college and BSU choirs are scheduled between performances of PowerSource and the media presentation.

With 23 international exhibits, this fair is the largest sanctioned world's fair in the United States in more than 40 years. The exhibits by China, Peru and Egypt are most outstanding because of their ancient and artistic excellence.

Because live performances and cool seats are popular, Peach and other Baptist officials who attended opening day festivities are excited about the outreach offered through the Baptist Pavilion, the only pavilion at the fair sponsored by a single religious group.

A Christian flag adorns the pavilion roof, visible from the Sunsphere, the outstanding structural feature at the fair. The flag was shown on national television during opening festivities and television commentators identified the International Court of Flags where Reagan and dignitaries spoke as "next to the Baptist Pavilion."

A carillon, with a large clock, SBC logo and cross at the top, was erected in the waning hours before opening day. It will chime the hour and play hymns during the day. The Baptist carillon closed opening day festivities with a hymn and chimes.



Baptist carillon



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Court rules against loan of public books

The California Supreme Court has ruled it is unconstitutional for the state to lend public school books to parochial or private schools. The unanimous decision said state laws challenged by the California Teachers Association and the American Civil Liberties Union violate two sections of California's Constitution prohibiting the use of public funds in support of sectarian schools.

Bible drill winners earn three-year mark

Forty-seven children have been state winners for three consecutive years following the children's Bible drills Apr. 24 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington; and First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

Four hundred and fourteen of the 452 participants representing 35 associations in Kentucky made four or less mistakes and were recognized as state winners.

The state winners for three consecutive years were Timothy Alvey, Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville; Michael Baldree, Little River Baptist Church, Herndon; Matthew Belcher, Parkville Baptist Church, Danville; Tonya Birkhead, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville; Eddie Boland, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; Chris Boutin, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro; Tammy Burr, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro; Stuart Chappell, Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah; Sara Cocanougher, Central Baptist Church, Maysville; Joseph Estep, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg.

Also Edward Ethridge, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Devon Fluty, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland; Tonya Gordon, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; Wanda Hamblin, Airport Gardens Baptist Church, Hazard; Jeff Hill, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville; Tera Hoops, Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville; Anna Howell, Union Baptist Church, Hardyville.

And Lisa Johnson, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; Julie King, First Baptist Church, Russell; Royce Knight, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Kelly Mason, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Russellville; Scott McConnell, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville; Steve McConnell, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville; Patrick McCormick, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Randall McKinney, Eubank (Ky.) Baptist Church; Denise McWherter, Valley View Baptist Church, Louisville.

Also Marlana Molden, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Somerset; Jeffrey Morrow, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; Cossandra Moseley, Bethany Baptist Church, Alvaton; Cami Moss, Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church; Gail Melissa Noe, Campbellsville (Ky.)

Baptist Church; Kim Oliver, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Anne-Leslie Owens, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington; Sara Pagan, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro; Darrel Papajeski, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Amy Powell, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland; Sonya Smith, Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

And Betty Swope, First Baptist Church, Highland; Scott Terry, Berkley Baptist Church, Arlington; Holly Thomas, First Baptist Church, Mayfield; Tanna Tooke, Wallonia Baptist Church, Cadiz; Douglass Turner, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Phillip Walker, First Baptist Church, Oak Grove; Cliftina Weakley, First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington; Becky Weatherwax, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville; Tamatha Womack, Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah; and Anita Worley, First Baptist Church, Mayfield.

Each winner received a plaque in recognition of achievement.

Circuit judge cancels subdivision's annexation

Kentucky ninth division circuit judge Charles Leibson recently struck down a proposed annexation of certain east Jefferson County properties including the Kentucky Baptist Convention building, Baptist Homes for Children offices and Spring Meadows Children's homes.

Residents near the Baptist properties took the Louisville subdivision of Douglass Hills to court after a vote last November showed the opponents did not get the number of votes needed to defeat the annexation.

A controversial Kentucky annexation law states that 75 percent of the property owners or registered voters in an annexed area must vote against a city's move to incorporate the area in order to defeat the annexation.

The annexation would have meant taxes to be paid by affected employees to the city of Douglass Hills for civil protection.

Jameson resigns at BP, joins SWBTS staff July 1

Norman Jameson, Baptist Press feature editor since 1977, will become assistant director of news and information services at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 1.

Jameson, 29, a Wisconsin native, went to Baptist Press from Colorado Springs, Colo. where he was religion editor of the Gazette-Telegraph. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.

"Norman Jameson has done outstanding work as feature editor of Baptist Press," said Wilmer C. Fields, director of the news service. "We commend him for wanting to add theological education to his training and experience in journalism. This new post will allow him to be a student, as well as a professional staff member for Southwestern Seminary."

Day's in; will coordinate SBC video tape service

Douglas D. Day, minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss., will become the first coordinator of the Southern Baptist Video Tape Service June 8.

VTS is a conventionwide project to produce teaching, training and informational materials on video tape for distribution to churches, associations and state conventions.

Day, 32, will be employed by the ad

hoc committee for the video Tape Service, which administers the project.

He will base his work at the Radio-Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex., where the tapes are being produced.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Day is a graduate of Mississippi State University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married and has two children.

WMU welcomes Baptists

This summer Woman's Missionary Union is offering tours of its national headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

Visitors can see many missions related objects: Lottie Moon's trunk, an original Navajo Indian rug commissioned by the Home Mission Board, an antique Chinese tapestry and hand-embroidered horsehair pictures from Ecuador.

Tours may be arranged by contacting Vickie Barns, public events director, Woman's Missionary Union, 600 N. 20th St., Birmingham, AL 35203. Or call (205) 322-6511. Special help—specific directions, bus parking, or information about restaurants or overnight lodging in the Birmingham area—is also available on request.

Chattanooga minister believes in TV potential

Presbyterian minister Ben Haden told Southern Baptist media workers that churches should accept the intrusion of television into their worship services because without it they cannot reach their communities.

"If you believe in home and foreign missions, you've got to believe in television," he said.

Haden, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was keynote speaker for the second national conference on broadcast ministries in Ft. Worth, Tex. The Apr. 26-28 meeting drew more than 400 participants and was sponsored jointly by the Radio and Television Commission (RTVC) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Workshops were conducted in several interest areas to train pastors, media ministers and others in use of radio, TV and cable. Participants also observed an actual videotaping of a television special for the American Christian Television System featuring comedian Jerry Clower and The Centurymen choral group.

Haden has hosted a national weekly radio program since 1967 and his Chattanooga church has been on television 11 years, four of them nationally. He said that exposure has multiplied his church's ministry.

"Every year we present the gospel to more individuals than the church did from its formation in 1839 to 1967 . . . and maybe every week," he explained. "That's only possible because of television."

Haden said because many people will not go to church, they are beyond the traditional ministry of the local congregation.

"The idea you can transfer the church (service) to television is tommyrot," the former newspaper editor declared. "Television is an entertainment and information medium. If you are not going to entertain in any way, don't go on television. They did not buy a television to go to church."

"You conform to the medium or the audience tunes out and the opportunity God gave you is gone."

Haden said the major opposition churches face when they consider a TV ministry is that it interferes with the worship service. But, citing testimonies from his own ministry, he said the re-

sults in changed lives are worth the cost.

Haden challenged churches that use TV in ministry to communicate their message clearly, avoiding theological, intellectual and denominational complications.

"The discipline of television is simplicity," he explained. "That is also the discipline of Jesus. It is to communicate, not to confuse. If anything is seen and heard and not understood, it is better left unsaid."

"Television is not a denominational medium," he said, noting that 90 percent of the viewers who write in response to his program are not Presbyterian.

Haden called Southern Baptists "the most blessed of all denominations" and attributed their success to insistence on public invitations for commitments. He added, "I don't believe any other denomination will pull off a network like ACTS (American Christian Television System)."

Mountain missions meet planned for July 5-9

The annual KBC mountain missions conference will be July 5-9 at Oneida Baptist Institute.

W. B. Casey will teach the Bible study. Casey is a retired pastor who served for a year as a volunteer missionary in Africa.

Evening messages will be brought by Ross Figart, director of the mountain missions program; Wendell Romans, pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Winchester; and Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The conference is free but advance registration is required. Reservations may be made by writing Barkley Moore, president of Oneida Baptist Institute.

Despicable demagoguery: Reagan's prayer stance

Baptists' chief church-state spokesman has condemned President Reagan's call for a constitutional amendment on public school prayer as "despicable demagoguery."

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, reacted to Reagan's May 6 announcement asking Congress to pass the amendment. The President's appeal for the measure came during a Rose Garden ceremony held on this year's National Day of Prayer.

In a statement released to the press, Dunn declared: "It is despicable demagoguery for the President to play petty politics with prayer. He knows the Supreme Court has never banned prayer in schools. It can't. Real prayer is always free."

Dunn said in spite of public misunderstandings of what the high court decided in its landmark 1962 and 1963 rulings outlawing state-sponsored devotional exercises in public schools, Reagan knows better. "He knows the court in those prayer rulings affirmed and encouraged studies about religion in public school classrooms," Dunn said. "What the court has done is protect religious liberty."

Noting that most religious bodies "have steadfastly supported" the rulings, Dunn said the Baptist Joint Committee, which works for 27 million U. S. Baptists; the National Council of Churches, encompassing 40 million mainline Christians; and every national Jewish organization have consistently opposed "compelled ritual."

The President, Dunn said, "is being deliberately dishonest" by joining those who have misinterpreted the high court's position.

Tom Halsell, W. Virginia leader, has heart attack

Thomas E. Halsall, executive secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, is in serious but stable condition in a Charleston (W. Va.) hospital after suffering a massive heart attack at home Apr. 26.

Mrs. Halsell requested news of the incident be delayed until a daughter could finish final exams at Purdue University and a missionary son in Hong Kong could be notified.

A temporary pacemaker was installed May 3 after medicine failed to regulate Halsell's heart rate.

Doctors have ordered three months of complete rest and the family has requested no flowers be sent since Halsell is allergic to them.

FMB starts orientation center work in Virginia

Southern Baptists launched construction May 11 on a \$9 million missionary orientation center, to be named for Eloise and Baker James Cauthen, and voted to begin work in Gambia, the 96th country to which Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

The board also sent fraternal greetings to Argentine Baptists and expressed its "Christian love and concern" for them in the crisis with Britain over the Falkland Islands. "We are praying for you as we anticipate continued cooperation in the future," the message said.

Sixty Southern Baptist missionaries work in Argentina, with 54 on the field now.

In other actions the board appointed 27 career missionaries, reappointed four couples, including one couple to start work in the small west African nation of Gambia, and set up a mandatory disability insurance program for all volunteers going overseas.

During groundbreaking for the new orientation center about 15 miles from Richmond, Va., president R. Keith Parks announced that a major part of funds bequeathed to the board by the late Cecil B. Day, founder of Days Inns of America, will be used as an endowment to pay for training missionaries at the center. This training portion of the center's work will be named for Day and his wife, Deen, who participated in the ceremonies.

Day, who died of cancer in 1978 at the age of 44, left what Parks termed "a significant portion" of his multi-million-dollar estate to missions, with equal amounts going to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The exact amount of the gift was not disclosed.

SBTS trustees name four; others promoted, tenured

Four faculty members were added and the status of 11 others was changed during the annual spring meeting of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees.

Named to the faculty were assistant professors Gerald Keown and R. Philip Roberts, professor Luther Joe Thompson (announced already) and senior professor C. Penrose St. Amant.

Keown, professor of the chair of Bible, Baptist Student Center at the University of Missouri, will be assistant professor of Old Testament interpretation. Roberts, a doctoral candidate at Oxford University in England, will be assistant professor of evangelism.

Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., will be professor of Christian preaching. St. Amant, former dean of Southern's School of Theology and retired president of the

Baptist seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, will be senior professor of church history.

Trustees also elected Elizabeth Ann Bedsole as assistant professor of church music and Robin Kent Rogers as assistant professor of social work, effective Aug. 1. Both have been on the faculty in contract positions.

Three faculty members were granted tenure. They are Walter C. Jackson III, professor of ministry; David E. Garland, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation and R. Michael Harton, assistant professor of educational administration.

Four faculty members were promoted from associate professor to professor. They are Andrew D. Lester, psychology of religion; Larry L. McSwain, church and community; Paul D. Simmons, Christian ethics; and William P. Tuck, Christian preaching. Daniel O. Aleshire was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of developmental psychology.

Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament interpretation and long time faculty member, was designated emeritus professor of New Testament interpretation, effective upon his retirement from teaching June 12, 1982.

Prayer in public schools: Baptists on both sides

Conservative Southern Baptist leaders who support President Reagan's call for a constitutional amendment on prayer in public schools said they will not press the matter during the upcoming meeting of the convention in New Orleans.

In interviews with Baptist Press before and after Reagan's May 6 announcement he will soon submit such a proposal to Congress. Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler and SBC resolutions chairman Norris W. Sydnor Jr. said they do not intend to make school prayer an issue in New Orleans.

Asked if the controversial subject will be part of his inerrantist group's agenda at the annual meeting, Pressler replied, "I have no agenda—I never have." Pressler said he did not know how he was invited to the Rose Garden ceremony, attended by more than 100 religious leaders.

Sydnor, who described Reagan's support of a prayer amendment as "one of the greatest initiatives the President has made," nevertheless renewed an earlier promise not to pursue any pet issues in his role as chairman of the powerful resolutions committee. He said that while he intends to work individually for passage of the amendment, he will not ask the convention to endorse it.

Other Southern Baptists invited to the White House ceremony included Dorothy Patterson, Adrian Rogers and Edward E. McAteers. Mrs. Patterson said she and her husband, inerrantist leader Paige Patterson, have long supported the return of formalized prayer to the nation's classrooms.

Rogers, though invited and sought out by White House aides virtually until the last minute to stand with President and Mrs. Reagan during the brief ceremony, did not attend. But McAteer, who heads The Roundtable and belongs to Rogers' congregation in Memphis, said his pastor supports the constitutional amendment.

Meanwhile, two Baptist church-state specialists joined other national religious leaders in denouncing the President's proposal at a Capitol Hill press conference.

John W. Baker, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, warned that involving government in prayer would "trivialize and secularize" it.

"Truly voluntary prayer has never

been and could not be banned from public schools," he said. "What was banned was the use of the coercive power of the state to promote the religion of whichever religious group was dominant in a particular school district."

R. G. Puckett, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said his organization opposed a school prayer amendment because it would violate the "spirit and intent" of the First Amendment and would prove divisive.

Puckett denied the claims of amendment proponents that God had been thrown out of public school classrooms by the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court rulings.

Puckett said it is "rather faulty theology" to assume that God could be removed from the classroom by the Supreme Court or restored to it by Congress.

Mid-America is granted accreditation after appeal

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., following a successful appeal, has been accredited by the Association of Southern Colleges and Schools.

Mid-America was denied accreditation in December 1981 when the association's commission on colleges reversed the recommendation of its on-site evaluation team to grant the vital status.

"We're rejoicing that the committee reversed the decision of the commission on colleges," said Mid-America president Gray Allison. "We believe we deserve the accreditation. We don't think the accreditation makes us a better seminary, but it shows we have a good academic institution."

Mid-America, an independent seminary with strong ties to several Southern Baptist churches, has been in candidate status—an intermediate step to full accreditation—for five years. The appeal board that granted accreditation, retroactive to Dec. 8, 1981, is composed of presidents of seven colleges and universities in the association.

Mrs. G. Kearnie Keegan, Baptist archivist, dies

Mrs. Marian Keegan, Baptist Sunday School Board retiree and widow of former Student Department secretary G. Kearnie Keegan, died May 10 following a short illness.

Mrs. Keegan, 69, was the first full time archivist in the board's Dargan-Carver Library, a post she held 14 years prior to her retirement in 1975.

Her late husband headed the Student Department from 1950 until his death in 1960.

110,000 New Orleans homes to be reached?

Ron Herrod, chairman of Bold Mission-New Orleans and pastor of Kenner's First Baptist Church, is in charge of a "Baptist blitz" expected to bring 5000 Baptists to the streets of New Orleans Sunday afternoon, June 13.

"Our goal is to have 5000 ministers and laypersons to disperse into inner-city residential and business areas for witnessing," Herrod said.

Two hundred trained group leaders have been enlisted to provide orientation for those participating and buses will take them to their areas of ministry, he said.

The witnessing event will precede a Sunday evening rally in the Louisiana Superdome where Billy Graham has

been scheduled as guest speaker.

"Among those who have agreed to assist with the visitation blitz are Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Landrum Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Graham and Cliff Barrows have been invited to participate, also, Herrod said.

John Winters, director of Louisiana Baptist Men, said efforts are being made to enlist 1000 men from outside the New Orleans area to assist with the program.

The schedule for the day begins at 1 p.m. with orientation of group leaders. At 2 p.m. there will be training, instruction and distribution of materials for canvassers.

Buses will leave the Superdome for the assigned witnessing areas and team members will be picked up and returned to the Superdome at 6 p.m.

The bold mission rally begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Superdome with a concert by the Centurymen and festival choirs led by Buryl Red. Following other program events Graham is scheduled to preach at 8 p.m., Herrod said.

Foundation executives elect Johnson leader

Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, has been elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

Also elected were: U. A. McManus Jr., president, Baptist Foundation of Alabama, vice president; and Monty Townsend, director of investments, Louisiana Baptist Foundation, secretary-treasurer.

The Association will meet in Nashville Mar. 28-31, 1983.

SWBTS on CBS-TV series next autumn

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the subject of a documentary film this fall on CBS television.

Film crews were on campus Apr. 13-16 to film for the series, "For Our Times," aired by CBS on 40 stations.

Robyn Mendelsohn, a producer for the series, said Southwestern was chosen because it is the largest seminary in the world and because of the planned 75th anniversary celebration during the 1982-83 academic year.

Miss Mendelsohn said many people do not know what a seminary is. "It will be a wonderful revelation for viewers to see that seminary is not pious people praying all day but rather wide and encompassing studies and activities," she said.

Shelby County missionary appointed by Home Board

The executive committee of the Home Mission Board in its May meeting approved 45 persons for mission service, including 10 missionaries, 11 missionary associates and 24 who will receive church or language pastoral assistance.

Among those appointed missionaries were William and Katie Duke of Shelbyville, Ky.

The Dukes will be assigned to the Pennsylvania-South Jersey area where he will be director of associational missions for Northeast Baptist Association. He has been director of missions for Shelby County Baptist Association since 1978 and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Golden Gate Seminary. She holds degrees from California Baptist College and the University of Oklahoma and has been a librarian since 1966.

Student paper honored

Campbellsville College's student newspaper, *The Campus Tymes*, with Steve Davis of Campbellsville as editor, won nine awards at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association (KIPA) recently at Northern Kentucky University.

The *Campus Tymes* won second place in division "B" for overall page layout, the major category of the contest. Judges group awards into two divisions; division "A" for university papers and division "B" for college papers.

Davis, a sophomore and son of Mary V. Davis of Campbellsville, was awarded second place for editorials and third place for humor columns.

Davis is majoring in business administration with a minor in journalism. He is a 1980 graduate of Campbellsville High School and a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church. He has received several awards in bowling.

Richard Swihart, a senior from Owensboro, received both a first place and an honorable mention in the news feature category. He won second place for sports photographs.

Barbara Duvall, a senior from Frankfort, was awarded first place for humor columns and third place for spot news.

Gary Ford, a senior from Hodgenville, won honorable mention for editorial cartoons.

"This is two more awards than we won at KIPA last year," according to L. D. Kennedy, journalism professor and advisor to the student newspaper.

Southern sets budget

Two instalments of a \$50 million endowment and capital needs program and a record budget of almost \$10

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million were approved by trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during their annual spring meeting.

Together, the first portions of the new endowment and capital needs program total \$7.5 million and reflect priority needs designated by the seminary's master plan, said president Roy L. Honeycutt.

Approved were solicitation goals of \$1.5 million for an addition to the School of Church Music facilities and \$6 million for a student/family ministry center which will include expansion of present physical fitness facilities.

Current music school facilities accommodate 170 majors and last fall the enrolment was 260, reported Milburn Price, dean of the School of Church Music. The new facilities would allow the school to efficiently train up to 300 majors, the "maximum number" of students the school expects to receive, he added.

The record budget also approved by the trustees includes allocations of \$9,565,313 for operating expenses and \$346,180 for capital needs for the fiscal year beginning Aug. 1, 1982.

Trustees also reelected Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, as board chairman. Other officers are J. Cleve Iler III, Louisville businessman, secretary; James L. Monroe, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., first

vice chairman and chairman of the trustee executive committee; and David Grant, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., second vice chairman.

In other action, the trustees elected three new members of the board of overseers of Boyce Bible School, a ministry training program of the seminary.

They are Billy Adams of Atlanta, Ga., director of the education extension program of the Georgia Baptist Convention; Russell Bennett, Louisville, executive director of Long Run Baptist Association; and Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., a business executive.

Daley speaks to grads

Georgetown College celebrated its 153rd commencement exercise in a two day ceremony May 14-15 when 288 were granted degrees.

Chauncey R. Daley, veteran editor of *Western Recorder* and a former teacher at Georgetown College, preached the school's annual baccalaureate sermon in the John L. Hill Chapel.

Commencement speakers for the Saturday morning exercises were Steven W. May, Georgetown College professor of English and honor graduate Kent Price from Paducah.

May, a University of Chicago Ph.D., is a Shakespearean scholar. He joined

the Georgetown College faculty in 1969.

Kent Price, a pre-law candidate, was awarded the school's most prestigious citation, the Dean's Honor Award, during Georgetown's honors day. Price is an American studies scholar at Georgetown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brandon Price of Paducah.

Two members of the graduating senior class sang for the occasions this year.

Janie Parker of Paducah performed "Let the Bright Seraphim" by Handel in the baccalaureate ceremonies and Cassie Fox of Louisville sang "Hear Ye, Israel" by Mendelssohn in the commencement exercises.

"Elijah" on cable

Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" will be produced by the Southern Seminary School of Church Music in a two hour special telecast which will be shown seven times on the Metroversity cable channels (CPI 24; Storer 3) on the following schedule during the week of May 24: Monday, May 24, 4-6 p.m.; Wednesday, May 26, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday, May 28, 8-10 p.m.; Saturday, May 29, 1-3 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, May 30, 4-6 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Martin is evangelist

Gerald E. Martin who has served Hannibal-LaGrange College as president and chancellor since 1973 requested that the trustees of the Hannibal, Mo., college relieve him of all administrative duties as of July 1982 to pursue a lifetime desire to be an evangelist. He will continue to carry the title chancellor for external affairs and perform certain duties for the college.

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Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, breaks ground for a \$1 million sanctuary. Deacon chairman Roy Strange turns a shovel of dirt while pastor T. L. McSwain looks on. The groundbreaking took place outdoors under a big top tent so both morning worship groups could participate.

PERSONNEL

Newberry, Payne named directors
Dennis Newberry and Gabe Payne were named to the board of directors of Southern Seminary Foundation during the seminary's spring trustee meeting.

Newberry is president and chief executive officer of Texas Gas Development Corporation in Owensboro and Payne is a Hopkinsville pediatrician.

Williams is youth-education minister
Dan Williams is minister of youth and education at Finchville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

He is a Texas native and a student at Southern Seminary.

Penick accepts Mt. Sterling pastorate
John G. Penick, former pastor of Northgate Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling.

He began duties at Mt. Sterling Apr. 25.

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Redding, Chiles to retire from Boyce
George W. Redding and Harley Chiles will retire from the faculty of Boyce Bible School July 31. Redding has taught New Testament and a course in biblical backgrounds since the opening of Boyce in 1974 and Chiles has taught various Old Testament courses since 1975.

Both had retired from their earlier places of ministry—Redding as head of the Bible department at Georgetown College and Chiles as long time pastor of First Baptist Church, Murray.

Redding plans to teach at Oneida Bible Institute next year and Chiles will continue holding interim pastorates, conducting Bible conferences and teaching at Baptist institutions.

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Severns Valley replaces youth minister
Lisa Simpson, minister of youth at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has resigned to be married. Bill Langley, a student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be youth minister this summer.

J. Howard Cobble is the church's pastor.

REVIVALS

Ridgewood lay team leads Lewisport
First Baptist Church, Lewisport, had a lay led revival Apr. 4-9. The revival team was from Ridgewood Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Randall Stallings, pastor of First Lewisport, reports 78 decisions.

Union reports 90 made decisions
Union (Ky.) Baptist Church reports 90 decisions made at its recent revival. Wade Clemons was the evangelist.

David Carter is Union's pastor.

Decision at Spring Valley revival
Spring Valley Baptist Church, Bethel Association, reports one decision made at its recent revival.

Douglas Stanley is pastor.

Linginfelter leads Clinton revival
First Baptist Church, Clinton, reports 63 decisions stemming from its Mar. 21-28 revival.

Henry Linginfelter was the evangelist and Dick Barrett led the music.

Thomas Atwood is Clinton's pastor.

Dozen make decisions at Irvington
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a revival Apr. 18-21 which yielded 12 decisions.

Allen Walworth was the evangelist and his brother, Roger Walworth, led music and youth activities.

Tim Noel is pastor of the church.

Tallants lead revival at Maceo church
Maceo Baptist Church rejoices in a revival which resulted in 10 professions of faith and six additions by letter, according to pastor Guy M. Deane. Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Tallant of Louisville served as the evangelistic team.

CONGREGATIONS

Third Avenue Church burns note
Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, had a note burning ceremony May 16 to celebrate the final payment of an educational building.

Leon Larimore is pastor of the church.

ORDINATIONS

First Ludlow ordains music minister
First Baptist Church, Ludlow, ordained its minister of music, Gary Belcher, last fall. Dudley Pomeroy was the guest speaker.

Belcher has served the church four years.

Arnold Moon is the church's pastor.

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BROADMAN

Ridgecrest's rich heritage marks 75th anniversary

by Gail Rothwell

Bernard W. Spilman had eliminated the word "failure" both from his dictionary and his philosophy of life when he founded Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in 1907.

In 1982, as Ridgecrest celebrates its 75th anniversary, more than two million persons have attended conferences now conducted year-round. Ridgecrest is one of two national conference centers for Southern Baptists. The other is at Glorieta, N. M.

The 290-pound Spilman had marked the word failure out of his dictionary in 1897 amid urging by some that he give up Sunday school field work for the North Carolina convention. In 1901 he became the first field secretary of the

Sunday School Board. In his efforts to build Ridgecrest as a training center he maintained two full time jobs for 15 years.

A man who could laugh at himself, Spilman was known to call the railroad and ask that the train stop at Ridgecrest to pick up "a large party." The "large party" was Spilman.

The first 12 years of operation were unusually trying at Ridgecrest and the people connected with it suffered personal losses, financial difficulties and natural disasters.

During that period Spilman's youngest daughter died and he became very ill. The property at the assembly was damaged or destroyed by severe winds

or flooding and financial instability seemed to plague the center.

But by 1920 Ridgecrest's turbulent beginnings seemed to have passed. Because Spilman felt an assurance about the future of the assembly he left his responsibilities at the assembly to devote his full attention to his work at the Sunday School Board.

In 1920 the Southern Baptist Convention assumed a controlling interest in Ridgecrest and the SBC Education Board took responsibility for programming. In 1927 responsibility for the assembly was transferred to the SBC Executive Committee.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operations was transferred to the Sunday

KBC ACTIVITIES

MAY

- 17-23 Associational Emphasis Week
- 24-26 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedar-more
- 24 Interfaith Witness Conference. Elizabethtown, Emmanuel Baptist Church
- 25 Interfaith Witness Conference. Danville, Southern Avenue Baptist Church
- 27 Interfaith Witness Conference. Richmond, First Baptist Church
- 28 Interfaith Witness Conference. Corbin, Central Baptist Church
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 6 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 13-17 Southern Baptist Convention Meetings. New Orleans, La.
- 20 Father's Day

June Conference and Camp Dates

- Ridgecrest
- 5-11 Church Recreation
- 12-18 Church Training Youth

- 19-25 Church Music
- 26-July 2 Foreign Missions

- Glorieta
- 5-11 Church Training Youth
- 12-18 Sunday School
- 19-25 Sunday School
- 26-July 2 Sunday School

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- 28-July 2 Acteens & GAs, Cedar Crest; RAs, Camp Rabro: Grades 4-12

- Jonathan Creek
- 28-July 1 GA Camp

LAI D BY

Plow the corn early. After it gets its growth, you break it down and destroy the crop itself in trying to plow out the weeds.

As the stalks grow tall, corrective cultivation ceases to get good results. When a crop reaches this state, we speak of it as being "laid by," or as being "made." Whatever fruit it is to bear is already predetermined; it is on its own from this point on, so far as the farmer is concerned. Only God's rain and sunshine will affect it hereafter.

Our children reach this same stage in their rearing. Corrective discipline, lessons of life which we try to impart must be applied while they are young and responsive. After they grow up and become resentful, rejecting our counsel, resisting our discipline, disputing our decisions, we only destroy them and make them worse by our continued corrective efforts. They are laid by. We have to leave them to God. The fruit they are to bear is now predetermined. Further discipline scars the life and

breaks down the child himself, like plowing breaks and scars the corn stalks after it gets too tall for the rig to straddle the rows.

Plow the corn early, before the crop is made. Correct the children while they are young, before they are made. I reckon that whether it is corn or sons and daughters, there is nothing to do but lay them by after they are made. Pray for them, support them when they are right, but speak only softly when they are wrong. God must be the corrector from here on.

We build the lives of our youth much like accumulating a mixture in a bottle—a little sweet, a little bitter, a little bland, a bit of gall and finally the bottle is full. No use adding more, it simply spills and makes a mess. The solution, for better or worse, is now fait accompli.

How deeply satisfying is a crop that has been properly laid by or a child who is well made.

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Knowing that God had chosen the Israelites for his redemptive purpose, Moses repeatedly sought to remind them that God was rightfully expecting them to be a blessing to others. The sin of forgetfulness—Deuteronomy 8:11-14 Moses was aware that the people whom God had delivered from

bondage in Egypt, had sustained as they journeyed through the wilderness, had brought into the good land and had lavished his gifts upon them had a tendency to forget the divine giver. This passage is a clear warning to all of God's children to be on guard against the danger of receiving and enjoying the gifts of God while forgetting the giver.

Forgetfulness of God is an evil for which there is not any justification whatsoever on the part of anyone. It is tragic when anyone yields to the temptation to forget God and becomes haughty and arrogant. Such an act of disobedience to God is a mark of ingratitude. It also deprives the guilty one of joy and numerous other blessings, and invites divine chastisement. The sin of pride—Deuteronomy 8:17-19 Prosperity frequently results in people forgetting God, assuming the attitude of superiority over those who have not accumulated worldly possessions, and boasting that their achievements have been the result of their own personal efforts. Verse 18 reminds its readers that it is God who giveth them the ability and the opportunity to acquire wealth.

Periodically all of us need to be reminded that whatever we are is due to God's grace, and whatever we possess has been given to us by our heavenly

father.

The sin of false pride—Deuteronomy 9:6 As a result of their egotism, the Israelites made the tragic mistake of thinking that all of the blessings which they had received from God constituted a reward for their own righteousness. As a matter of fact, they had been rebellious against his will and disobedient to his commandments. All of us should ever be mindful of the fact that our reception of God's blessings is due to his loving grace and calls for our genuine gratitude, love and praise.

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which human eyes will ever gaze will be the appearance of the unsaved at the great white throne judgment. The righteous judge who will sit on the great white throne will be none other than Christ, the son of God. John 5:22 informs us, "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son." No believers in Christ will ever stand before the judge on the great white throne to be judged. Only the unsaved will be judged there.

Before this judgment throne both "the small and the great" will appear and they will be treated alike. The purpose of this judgment will be to ascertain the degree of punishment that will be meted out to each wicked person. Those who appear on that occasion will be judged according to what they have done with Christ and "according to their works." Those who repeatedly, deliberately and willfully refused "the gift of God" which is "eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" and did more wicked deeds than others will be subjected to punishment far more severe than those who heard the gospel occasionally only and yet rejected Christ. Some will suffer more than others depending on the opportunities they had and rejected and the sins they committed. Any sinner who believes on Christ will avoid an appearance before the white throne of judgment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

MAY 23, 1982



H. C. Chiles

School Board in 1929. Over the next 15 years, the board's relationship with Ridgecrest was one of overseer and guardian. In August 1944 ownership of Ridgecrest was transferred to the board.

Today, while none of the original buildings remains, the dream of B. W. Spilman is realized each year. Capacity crowds of more than 30,000 guests attend conferences each summer. In 1981 the year-round attendance neared the 60,000 mark.

This summer, to commemorate the anniversary, a drama, "The First 75 Years," will be performed during selected weeks throughout the summer.

Ken McAnear, manager of Ridge-

crest since 1967, has written an updated history of the center, Ridgecrest: Mountain of Faith, published by Broadman Press.

Other anniversary activities include a card campaign currently in progress. Persons who have made any type of commitment at Ridgecrest are encouraged to send a post card to the center with a description of the commitment, their name, address and place of service. Cards should be mailed before June 1 to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.



The beginnings of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center can be attributed to B. W. Spilman [in the illustration, center]. His efforts to build Ridgecrest into a national training center were not unlike Spilman, who was a large man. It is said while visiting Ridgecrest he would call the train station and announce a "large party was waiting." Often, Spilman was the large party.

This year the conference center is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

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HOW DOES ONE GIVE THANKS?

As a preschooler in Sunday school I was taught to sing, "Thank him, thank him, all ye little children, God is love; God is love." The Bible abounds in examples and admonitions to give thanks. Our entire Christian heritage and environment encourages the giving of thanks, praise and adoration.

But how does one give thanks? It seems to me that thanksgiving will become the overflow of gratitude when we recognize God's blessings upon us. The "Thank him, thank him" song simply says, "God is love." Such unlimited love extended to us is sufficient grounds for giving thanks.

Early in my church experience I learned to sing, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Counting our blessings will not only surprise us because the Lord has done so much, but it will result in a spontaneous expression of thanks.

Springtime is another tangible reminder of our bountiful blessings. After a devastating winter and near starvation the Pilgrims experienced a good crop-year with an abundant harvest. In spite of overwhelming hardships and great losses they came together to celebrate and thank God for his blessings. We rejoice in the tradition of thanksgiving. Today our abundance is so much greater than that of the Pilgrims. Is our giving of thanks sufficient?

How shall we give thanks in the midst of so many blessings? Let us sing praises to God, offer prayers of thanks and bring to him generous offerings. And yes, let us give ourselves to him anew. Paul tells us that the Corinthian Christians "first gave themselves." Our best demonstration of thanksgiving is to give ourselves to God through thanksgiving, then our material gifts will be more generous and more meaningful.

With daily prayers of thanksgiving for God's blessings, let us remember to give our possessions and selves.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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WE WILL GRADUATE 31 THIS YEAR

We experienced a wonderful week. It was climaxed on Friday with the commencement where 31 received certificates or degrees. They will now go to various communities and states to serve our lord.

Our graduates and some of their places of service are: Jackie Burkett, returning to Texas; James Chrisman, pastor, Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky.; Roger Fisher, pastor, 20th Street Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky.; Herstle Griffis; Greg Hodnett, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.; Phillip Inmon;

Also Phillip Lindsley, pastor, Newtown Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky.; Joel Lytle will attend Midwestern Seminary; John C. Ramsey will attend Midwestern Seminary; David Sheriff, associate pastor, East Bernstadt Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Ky.; Randall Williams;

And Michael York, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ewing, Va.; Bruce Wilmoth, pastor, Thompson Settlement Baptist Church, Jonesville, Va.; Jimmy Cox, pastor, Rosedale Baptist Church, Abingdon, Va.; Eugene Bray; Clarence Dorman, pastor, Valley View Baptist Mission, Irvine, Ky.;

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THE HONOR ROLL

As a boy at Oneida I always looked forward to the calling of the academic honor roll each grading period. I worked very hard to be one of those called and there was always the satisfaction of achievement.

Human nature does not change. Public recognition is still an incentive for achievement the world over. Oneida students still look forward to the honor roll being called. It is not easy to meet the standards required. Our teachers assign much homework and classwork and top grades come hard.

As much as I used to enjoy being on the honor roll it is even more fun to get to call it. I read the names very slowly giving each student their moment in the sun as they come to the chapel platform. About 25 percent of our student body stood with me on the platform when I finished calling the last honor roll.

Six of our boys and four girls had an "A" average. In addition 68 boys and 36 girls had a "B" average. That made a total of 114.

Let's look at those who had all A's this grading period of nine weeks.

Pam is a graduating senior who has been with us all four years. She is a

mountain girl from Owsley County whose family both farms and runs a small country store. Pam is going to college.

Jim first came to us in the seventh grade. The following year his parents became members of our staff. After graduation he will leave to do mission work in Peru during the summer months before going on to college.

Donnie came to us as an eighth grader from the river town of Cloverport, Ky. This is his fourth year at Oneida. His father, a pilot on the Ohio River, is home a month and on the river a month. His mother joined our staff as a housemother and campus barber-beautician a year after Donnie came. She is presently tutoring in our special help program.

Jenifer is a vivacious redhead who came to us as a sixth grader and has been with us five years. Her mother now lives in Oregon.

Ricky is a local boy living on Bullskin Creek and is the son of a Pentecostal minister. This is his second year with us. His two sisters and a brother have already graduated. All have been excellent students and the older ones are in college on scholarships.

Lance's father is chairman of the board of education in Duquesne, Pa.

But he chose Oneida for Lance and brother Lex who is on the "B" honor roll. Both boys are fine students, good athletes standing over 6 feet tall and just plain good old boys. They are proud of their Serbian heritage and their father is one of the leaders of that community in the U. S. Nothing makes these boys happier than to spot a copy of the New York Times. They have keen minds and avidly follow world and national events.

Harrison is another local boy from Bullskin Creek in his second year with us. Charnel is from Wide Creek in Lee County. She is a quiet mountain girl. Ken, at age 20, is in the ninth grade. He was a "dropout" for more than five years. Now he carries six subjects daily, rather than the normal five, and has made straight A's.

Theresa is a brilliant girl from West Virginia. Though doing 11th grade work while only a ninth grader, she is still making straight A's.

Eight of the above 10 students are on full scholarships, many being from large but low-income families.

Junior Tammy Edwards is the daughter of Bessie Crouch who came to us from Dwarf, Perry County and received our freshman progress award in 1963. Freshman Jerry Ledford had a father of

the same name who graduated in 1964. Freshman Jim Woods' father, Phil, graduated in 1966 and is now a state police detective.

These and other honor roll students are the second generation I have worked with.

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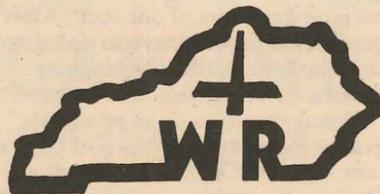
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