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Draper carries out pledge made in 'open letter'

Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Draper met July 1 with denominational vice presidents, following through on a pledge he made in "An Open Letter to Southern Baptists," circulated earlier (See page 2).

In the letter, sent to the editors of the 34 state Baptist newspapers and to Baptist Press, Draper said he will meet with the two vice presidents "several times during the year to pray together and to discuss plans. I value the suggestions and guidance of these two co-workers."

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., a suburb of Dallas/Ft. Worth, was elected president of the 13.8 million-member denomination in the recently completed annual meeting in New Orleans, La. John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., was elected first vice president, and Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., was selected as second vice president.

Sullivan and Garrison are seen as "moderates" in the denomination, while Draper has been identified as part of the "inerrancy" camp.

In his letter, Draper expressed "gratitude for the high privilege of representing" Southern Baptists, and said he "did not accept the position light-

ly, but seriously and prayerfully."

"I realize these are days of great stress for the entire Christian community and especially for our Southern Baptist Convention. I understand the tremendous pressures we're facing," he wrote, noting both his father and grandfather were Southern Baptist ministers. "Because of this background, I have a grasp of where we have been and where we must go.

"Our major challenge now is to join hands and hearts to complete Bold Mission Thrust. To that end, I pledge myself this year as . . . president."

Draper's letter did not mention criticism that immediate past president Bailey E. Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., did not consult with his vice presidents and did not take into consideration their suggestions on key appointments but did say he values the "suggestions and guidance" of the two officers.

SBC bylaws require the president to appoint the members of the committee on committees and the resolutions committee "in consultation with" the vice presidents. Efforts to change the process in recent years have failed.

Mentioning the appointments he will make for the 1983 convention, Draper wrote: "Pray also for the appointments which I must make. The individuals

selected must have impeccable credentials both as Christians and as Southern Baptists."

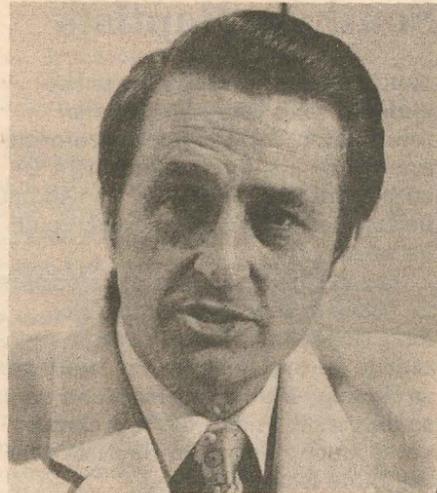
Smith, who released his appointments in advance of the 1981 meeting in Los Angeles and was faced with a storm of criticism, refused to release the names of persons he appointed to the two committees this year.

Draper, in his letter, however, pledged his appointments "will be released well in advance of the convention in Pittsburgh."

"I pray that these actions—consultation with the vice presidents and early release of the appointees—will help to build confidence and trust among us all so that we can convene in Pittsburgh next year with a renewed vision of reaching our world for our Lord Jesus Christ," Draper wrote.

He concluded: "Because reckless accusations and slanderous charges have no place among Christians, I am determined not to dissipate my energies in responding to such behavior. I urge each of you to join me in prayer that we will turn our energies instead against Satan and the forces of evil. Truly we are in a spiritual warfare, and we must put on the whole armor of God in order to claim the victory that Christ has already won for us. May God lead us as we continue to be an even greater army for him in these days."

Of the July 1 meeting, Draper said the session "was so helpful we are going to do this often. In fact, I want us to meet every other month or so. I feel they are going to be an invaluable help to me and a help to the whole work of



the convention.

"We talked about the kind of people we want to serve on those committees. We have not discussed names."

He added the officers "are very much in agreement . . . the persons should be people with solid biblical views and with solid Southern Baptist involvement."

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Court noted for church-state rules

In one of the most significant years for church-state relations in its 192-year history, the Supreme Court issued major rulings and took other actions on religious exercises in public institutions and government aid to religion in its just concluded term.

Headlining the high court's church-state action was an 8-1 decision last December upholding the right of students at state-supported universities and colleges to conduct worship services on campus. That ruling struck down a policy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City banning worship and religious teaching in campus buildings or on campus property.

Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., writing for the court majority, declared the ban unconstitutional in that it violated the students' First Amendment rights of free speech and association.

He emphasized, however, the court had consciously sidestepped what many observers believed to be the central constitutional issue in the case, that of free exercise.

Siding with the students in the high court test were several religious groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case.

Precisely one week after that decision, however, the high court handed a defeat to a group of Guilderland, N. Y., high school students seeking to hold prayer meetings at their school before school hours.

The students lost their case when the justices unanimously declined to review two lower federal court rulings disallowing their free exercise claims. They had asked the high court to hear their appeal of those rulings, claiming the Second Circuit Court of Appeals decision against them "ignores the fundamental right of millions of students to be free of governmental control of their associations and the free flow of ideas."

They also claimed that in the use of school property for religious purposes, "a high school, during school hours, is identical to a college or university."

But the justices clearly disagreed with that line of reasoning although, as is customary, they gave no reasons for denying the appeal. Their refusal to review the case left standing the lower court's ruling which held that the prayer meetings "would create an improper appearance of official support, and the prohibition against impermissibly advancing religion would be violated."



Fun in the Sun

Memories packed away from a summer mission trip are filled with faces of new friends. For Vallory Holland, volunteer from Ruskin Heights Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., a journey to New Hampton, Ia., brought opportunity to tell little Lisha Kenter about another friend named Jesus. Each summer thousands of volunteers like Vallory learn about missions first-hand when they scatter seeds of Christ's love across the country.

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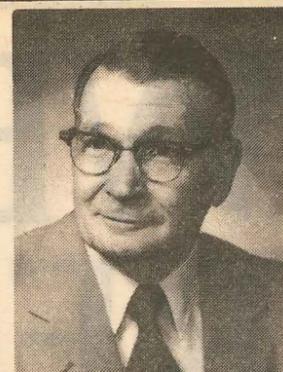
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Earnestly contend for the faith which
was once for all delivered to the saints.
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

The reformation needed by Southern Baptists

Southern Baptists are now in the midst of what could be called a reformation but it is not the reformation needed. If the "reformers" are successful in their efforts we will not be any better off and, indeed, could be worse off.

The battle cries of these reformers is "Back to the Bible" and "Believe the Whole Bible." Such a reverence for and belief in the Bible are so fundamental to our faith and are so universally held that any controversy among Southern Baptists over the Bible is unwarranted.

The reformation we need is not a recovery of an inerrant text of the Bible but a recovery of the authentic gospel revealed in the New Testament. The sin of Southern Baptists is not diminution of the Bible but dilution of the gospel. It counts for little no matter how much we revere the Bible if we do not proclaim the demands of the gospel presented in the New Testament.

What is meant by this? What is meant is that from too many Southern Baptist pulpits a simplistic, superficial view of the gospel is presented. The result is "cheap grace" which brings about no noticeable transformation of life. And some of those crying most loudly for a return to the Bible are dealing out this "cheap grace" in wholesale fashion. The result is statistical success which is arrogantly and falsely attributed to the Holy Spirit.

This kind of preaching usually presents a superficial three step road to redemption. It only requires the participant to repeat after the preacher, "I am a sinner, I believe the virgin born son of God died for my sins and I accept his offer of salvation." Baptism and church membership too often complete this transaction.

Surely one who freely and truly accepts Christ through any method including the above is actually born again but when there is no sign that one has died to one kind of life and has been reborn with another kind of life, the preacher and the prospect both have been in the "cheap grace" business. Walking down the aisle under the pressure of a super-salesman of "cheap grace" is not authentic spiritual regeneration. Being saved is far more than a human transaction whereby one's name becomes a trophy for the preacher and a statistic for the church, the association and the con-

vention.

Genuine spiritual regeneration is validated by holy living and where there is no holy living, there's been no holy transaction.

"Cheap grace" is actually no grace at all and those who buy it still have a gnawing hunger in their souls. This partially explains why so many Baptist church members periodically respond to an invitation to be saved or to rededicate their lives though they supposedly were saved and committed in an earlier experience. Thank God for their honesty and their longing for the real thing but without these second and third responses, the statistics of some evangelists and pastors would not be near so impressive.

Inerrancy is not the life and death issue for Southern Baptists. A faithful presentation and acceptance of the gospel and all its implications for transformed living ultimately will determine whether Baptists are blessed or spewed out of Christ's mouth.

For what good is an inerrant Bible if we dilute and misrepresent the gospel it reveals? For all the seriousness with which some Baptist converts take the claims of the gospel, a mail order catalog would do as well as the Bible.

European Baptists have it hard

The International Baptist Communication Seminar in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, which Western Recorder directors made it possible for Christine and me to attend was an extremely worthwhile experience. Frankly I had wondered if, without the sightseeing bonus, any Baptist meeting was worth traveling that far. Now I not only know it was worth the time and expense but I only wish I had such an experience earlier in my ministry. European Baptist leaders, especially from eastern Europe, provided for me insight, inspiration and courage never before experienced.

European Baptists live and serve in an entirely different atmosphere from that which Southern Baptists know. Their numbers are so small in most countries that their fellow countrymen don't even know they exist and the few who know they exist have little idea about what they believe and practice. Switzerland, for example, has only 1425 Baptists, Finland has 1712, France has 3147, Italy has 4350 and Spain reports 5200. Even moderately sized Southern Baptist churches in the United States have more members

than are in all the Baptist churches in a whole European country.

This means these fellow Baptists have extremely limited resources. Many of those attending the Ruschlikon seminar came at great personal sacrifice. It was very evident they did not have the money to spend for all the necessities to say nothing of the luxuries most Southern Baptists enjoy.

It was a unique conference in that all participants were on the program. Each spoke on an assigned topic which made for long but interesting sessions. English was the official seminar language and only two or three speakers had to have interpreters. When we sang and prayed each used his or her own language and all felt like our Russian Baptist brother who said, "I don't understand what you are saying but it's beautiful."

The participants from communist controlled eastern European countries were most interesting to me. They apparently operate in their country with less restriction than Americans are led to believe. They produce and mail out Baptist papers as we do in the states. They spoke of their faith with great feeling but obviously with caution. They gave no indication of being persecuted but are at best only tolerated in a society where atheism is the official religion. Baptists in none of these countries except Russia are numerous enough to be a threat to communism and they operate under clearly recognized government guidelines.

As a result of my preconceived ideas I was surprised these Baptist editors from communist bloc nations apparently had little trouble getting passports and visas to attend such a conference. There was absolutely no indication anyone had been sent along to eavesdrop or spy on what these Baptists from communist controlled nations were saying and doing. The Polish Baptist editor ate at our table one day and freely answered questions about adverse conditions in his homeland.

Baptists are not much better off in other European countries than they are in eastern Europe so far as numbers and influence are concerned. In nearly all these countries there is an official state church which is favored and supported by the state. All other religious groups are regarded as second class.

All in all the setting in which Baptists live and minister in Europe is so different that a Southern Baptist has trouble understanding the price they pay to be Baptists. We marvel that Baptists in Europe today are so few

though they existed in England and on the continent before the first ones ever moved to America. At the same time they marvel at the numbers, wealth and strength of Southern Baptists.

I left Ruschlikon and my fellow Baptists in Europe with a profound appreciation for how much they are accomplishing with so little. If Southern Baptists used their resources as faithfully, the goal of confronting every living person in the world with the gospel by 2000 A.D. would be a reality.

An open letter to Southern Baptists

by Jimmy Draper, President,
Southern Baptist Convention

I want to express to all of you my gratitude for the high privilege of representing you as president of our convention. I do not accept the position lightly, but seriously and prayerfully.

I realize these are days of great stress for the entire Christian community and especially for our Southern Baptist Convention. I understand the tremendous pressures we're facing. Both my father and my grandfather pastored Southern Baptist churches for a total of 90 years. Because of this background I have a grasp of where we have been and where we must go. Our major challenge now is to join hands and hearts to complete Bold Mission Thrust. To that end I pledge myself this year as your president.

I need your prayers. Pray for the two vice presidents, John Sullivan and Gene Garrison. We will meet in Eules several times during the year to pray together and to discuss plans. I value the suggestions and guidance of these two coworkers. Pray also for the appointments which I must make. The individuals selected must have impeccable credentials both as Christians and as Southern Baptists. Their names will be released well in advance of the convention in Pittsburgh. I pray that these actions—consultation with the vice presidents and early release of appointees—will help to build confidence and trust among us all so that we can convene in Pittsburgh next year with a renewed vision of reaching our world for our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Again, thank you for letting me be your president this year.

Respectability

Divorcing pastor felt career was over, but found affirming love

by Gail Rothwell

When Reid Doster's wife left him in April 1981 he felt his world had fallen apart and his career as a minister might be ended.

But with the help and encouragement of friends and church members, Doster was able to piece together his broken dreams and step back into the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Covington, La.

When Doster moved to Louisiana from Houston, his wife of seven years had stayed of graduate school. He had been at the Covington church four months when she called to say she wanted a divorce.

"Thirteen days later I stood in the pulpit and explained I had a crisis in my personal life that was beyond my control and I needed their prayers," Doster recalled.

The next week he told the deacons and then the congregation the entire story. "I fully expected the deacons to ask for my resignation. I felt like an embarrassment to the church," he admitted. Instead, he said, "They were genuinely concerned about ministering to me. Each deacon tried to reaffirm me and at the end of the meeting they laid hands on me and prayed for me."

In an effort to fully understand the situation the chairman of the deacons, James O. Banks, and another church member went to Houston to talk with Doster's wife. They returned believing there was no hope for reconciliation. A no-fault divorce became final in June 1981.

During this time Doster said he was torn by conflict because, "I felt as the pastor I had to come out of the situation lily white. At first I was afraid to tell my congregation who I was."

But Doster said he soon realized the congregation was willing to accept his humanity. "I was hurting and struggling and at times it was all I could do to hold myself together. There was a period when I felt abandoned by every kind of love. It took me some time but I began to realize God's presence in my life. He was always there to provide the strength and encouragement I needed," said Doster.

Doster believes it was his "firm commitment to the ministry and the knowledge I was where God wanted me to be" that gave him the courage to face his congregation another hour, another day.

"Despite all the pain and terror I felt, I also felt God's presence in my life during this time," he shared. Also, "The congregation believed in me and gave me space and time to heal."

Banks indicated the church felt Doster was the right man for their church. He explained, "If you feel the Lord has called him there, then the Lord will move him or keep him. We felt Reid was the pastor for our church."

Doster said God's presence in the life of the church during his crisis is evidenced by the fact that the church baptized more people that year than in any of the previous 21 years.

"Looking at the records I just couldn't believe it," exclaimed Doster. "It was then I began to realize how God



Reid Doster [l], pastor of First Baptist Church, Covington, La., and James O. Banks [r], chairman of the deacons, talk openly about Doster's divorce. The church has continued to support and minister to Doster throughout the crisis.

was working, using my life."

Not only was the church experiencing numerical growth, but the "Together We Build" campaign went over its half million dollar goal with \$506,000 in pledges. "The campaign began the same time my crisis did," said Doster. "But what greater symbol of support could the congregation show than to vote to move ahead with a major church project?"

In the last 18 months several church ministries have been added. The first singles Sunday school class was begun and within three months had enrolled more than 30 people. A second class for single parents was recently started.

The church, under Doster's guid-

ance, is now conducting a divorce recovery seminar. Approximately 50 people from the church and community are attending the six-week program.

"People are hurting so badly and I believe the church can help them," Doster explained. "They are struggling and need some biblical perspective of divorce and God's healing grace."

In the future Doster would like to use his experience to help other ministers who may be facing the same kind of problem.

Doster recently completed a training seminar conducted by the Baptist Sunday School Board Family Ministry Department and was certified as a special single adult consultant.

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Singles



Judy Herndon [l], Debby Murrell, both of Louisville, and Jan Russell [r], Lexington, recently completed a training seminar and were certified as special single adult consultants by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department. Horace Kerr, supervisor, single and senior adult sections, helped to coordinate the national training event. Consultants may be reached through the Family Ministry Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

BAPTIST FORUM

Calling the kettle black

I would like to comment on your editorial "A Tug of War Convention in New Orleans." Your statement that there were no surprises in the convention "except the strong vote for Duke K. McCall for president" can be easily explained, 75 percent (that may be a little high, but not much) of the votes received by Dr. McCall came from those whose expenses to the convention in New Orleans were being paid by Cooperative Program funds, or by monies that came out of grassroots Southern Baptist pocketbooks. I believe the survey cards from the first day will bear me out in this statement.

I would also like to comment on your statement that president Bailey Smith's address was "inflammatory and accusatory in its tone." It is common knowledge that one of "our" seminary presidents prayed a prayer at the dedication of a beer brewery in his town. This is not an inflammatory statement but the truth.

This fact is an embarrassment to the majority of Southern Baptists and stories like these make it increasingly harder for the local pastor to convince

his people that our seminaries are worthy of our support.

Dr. Daley, I have become accustomed to reading your remarks about the ultraconservatives being the enemies of our convention, and your accusations that those of us who believe the whole Bible are immoral, ignorant and illiterate. I hope and pray that you would consider truthfully the base of support for Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist mission work and therein you will discover who the true enemy is.

Larry G. Mulberry, Lovelaceville

Baubles, bangles and beads

The code word "inerrant" crept into sermons at the SBC Pastor's Conference in New Orleans and a few days later in Washington John Hinckley was pronounced not guilty by reason of insanity. In other days he would be called a criminal and given appropriate punishment. Is there a connection between what was said in New Orleans and what was done in Washington? I think so.

The Hinckley trial is but another symptom of the moral sickness of our times in which guilt is passed off as being simply an emotion to be overcome, sin is an old fashioned, outmoded idea, punishment is considered cruel, there are no absolutes, morality is relative, any act is good or bad depending on the circumstances.

The Book is repudiated which presents God and the devil, righteousness and evil, good and bad, heaven and hell, the narrow and the broad, Christ and antiChrist, blessing and judgment.

It's a whole lot easier for us to talk about our tool than to use it, especially

after these decades of situation ethics and permissiveness when in many places classrooms have become jungles, bedrooms have become brothels and courtrooms have become circuses.

There is indeed a "battle for the Bible" but we had better be fighting it on the right front if we expect to win victories. On the broad reaches of American society in the 80s the issue is not biblical inerrancy but Bible authority. So assuming the accuracy of the Bible, let's get on with applying the Bible, proclaiming the Word with the earnestness of the prophets, the zeal of the missionaries and the incisiveness of Jesus. It doesn't need to be defended, it needs to be heralded, heard and heeded.

Paul S. James, Deltona, Fla.

I felt like I was in Folsom

You said when will we learn that worship services are not enhanced by self-serving politicians? I agree with this but I also wonder when we will ever learn that trash like "I Walk the Line" by Johnny Cash does not enhance worship but feeds the flesh. He didn't prepare me for worship but you said nothing of this. We are very foolish to put up with such trash.

Gene Mathias, Auburn

Separation . . . occasionally?

Baptists gave up the one prophetic role for which we have historically lived and died when we supported the prayer amendment at the New Orleans convention.

In our attempt to politicize personal religion we sounded a compromise with that which has made us a viable religious movement, i.e. our reliance on personal religious experience.

Have we "joined the establishment" and merely reflect the pervading political mood of those in power, thus reversing the role that led Baptists to inspire the passage of the first amendment?

My heart and head battle constantly on the separation of state and church issues, but as I view history, a consistency of separation must prevail in this world.

Gerard Howell, Owensboro

Grapes of wrath

I would like to respond to the recent news article concerning Jim Thomas and the SBC messenger jinks. I am not condoning what Mr. Thomas did but he obviously was not the only person who did not follow the proper procedure.

In my opinion Mr. Thomas should not have been asked to resign because of this action. What he did was a local church matter. If he was to be reprimanded, the local church should have done it, not his boss. I dare say that none of the other people who were publicly cited lost their jobs and/or local church leadership positions because of their actions. It is incidents such as this that "prohibit" many denominational employees to function as local church members because of fear from their bosses.

The Missouri Baptist Convention has lost one of its finest staff members. Jim is one of the most capable and committed men I know in the entire convention.

God has forgiven him. Why can't we as his family in Christ forgive him?

Paula Settle, Philpot

A partnership thank you

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to have Johnny Taylor here to assess and advise us in our Sunday school.

We are now in the process of putting some of his ideas into our organization. As time allows, we will be using many more of his suggestions.

We are very grateful for our Ohio-Kentucky link-up. We can see how all the churches can possibly benefit from this alliance.

Tollie Cunningham, Pastor
Hillcrest Baptist Church
Bellefontaine, Oh.

All is not well here . . .

Mr. Daley, since the election of Adrian Rogers as Southern Baptist Convention president there has been a steady stream of criticism coming from your "Daley Observations" about the direction the convention is taking. One would think after a reasonable period of time such rhetoric would stop, but not so.

Though you were a bit kinder to Bailey Smith for most of his two years in office you finally let Southern Baptists know he was not really fit to be their president in your post convention (June 23, 1982) issue. Just how you will observe president James Draper is yet to be seen, though you have already had his trial condemning him as a "ultraconservative" and "reactionary" (June 23, 1982 issue). Now that the trial is over will future issues bring forth scourgings and the crucifixion?

Mr. Daley, is it asking too much to simply let convention presidents do their job as they feel led under God? This was the purpose of their election. If the majority of SBC messengers become dissatisfied with the direction of the convention they will elect someone to steer a new course.

Mr. Daley, your editorial pen has for too long poured forth the poison of division. Perhaps it is time you draw your ink from a different well.

Don Phelps, Cadiz

A Word to the wise

It seems to me that Southern Baptists have spoken! It would also seem that anyone who might have been listening could have heard the message. I heard it in Houston and it seemed very plain to me. I heard it again in St. Louis. I even, surprisingly, heard it in Los Angeles, and once again it came through very clearly in New Orleans. The message was—we as Southern Baptists want conservative leaders!

If one really desired to catch the full impact, one would have to survey the great majority of pastors and churches who do not attend the convention. I know that the overwhelming majority of churches in our association did not send messengers to the convention. There are probably many reasons for their non-participation, one of which could be that they are tired of and disgusted with the way our leadership of past days have strayed from the Book.

I believe that the overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists believe in a completely inerrant, infallible and inspired Bible as the Word of God. This majority would probably run above 90 percent of the rank and file membership.

I believe we have gone further in this matter of diversity than the Word will permit. I do not believe in creeds. I believe in the Word. If anyone denies the Bible and its doctrines I cannot support that one.

I believe every individual has a God-given right to believe as he chooses. One even has the right to die without Christ and spend an eternity in hell. No one employed by Southern Baptists and who receives his pay from the Cooperative Program dollar, which is funded by the tithes and offerings of those who love God and believe the Bible to be his inerrant, infallible and completely inspired Word, has the right to belittle and deny that Word. If they want to do that, let me suggest that they consider changing denominations and churches. They have the right to do that!

L. E. Tapp, Paducah

VIEWPOINT

A people's candidate?

by T. A. Prickett,
Owensboro, Ky.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country is a line one types many times when learning to type.

Now is the time for all good Southern Baptists to come to the aid of their denomination is a truth that needs to be stated and restated until we wake up to what is happening to our great denomination.

In recent years there has been a concerted effort on the part of some to impose their theological views upon all of us. This effort has resulted in an all out political effort to gain control of the Southern Baptist Convention. To a large degree they are succeeding, but not to the degree which it might at first appear.

The recent annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans is an example of this. The people backing a certain theological position and a certain political candidate were successful in winning the presidential election. This is a major victory, but it is not a complete victory. These same theological, political forces were not as successful in electing their candidates to the other convention offices, to membership on the boards and committees and in passing resolutions.

The right wing of our convention is strong but it is not strong enough to silence the left wing. The left wing is still very much alive. This struggle between the extreme right wing and extreme left wing of the convention could go on for years to come.

Southern Baptists do not need another decade of strife and divisive rhetoric. What we need is a way to get

the right and the left together.

How can that be done? If it is to be done it will be by emphasizing the middle ground.

It is time for the middle-of-the-roads to rise up and be counted. We need to nominate and elect a president who is not identified with either of the extremes of our constituency.

We have become familiar with Pressler's Pals and the Gatlinburg Gang. These seem to be unfortunate designations and unneeded in our convention but, if we must have parties and political pressure groups, then let's have a people's choice group who will come to a consensus on a candidate from the middle of the road and then let's do all within our power with God's help to get him elected in 1984.

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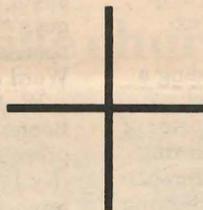
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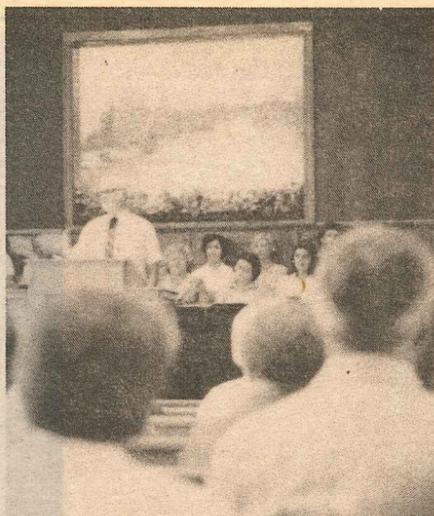
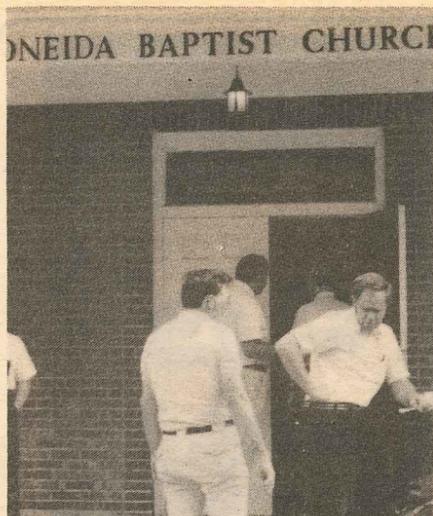
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Clockwise from top left: Ray Cooper [1], director of missions, Tates Creek Association, chats with a friend outside Oneida Baptist Church where the Bible studies, worship services and many of the conferences were held. Ross Figart, KBC Mountain Missions director, presides over the 34th annual conference, attended by 100 participants. Figart says that fellowship with other ministers is one of the purposes for the Mountain Missions Conference. Many, seeking such fellowship, found a shade tree in Oneida's center to ease the mid-90's temperatures. Youth participated in recreational activities while adults attended sessions. Summer missionary Donnie Waltermire leads teenagers in indoor activities while preschoolers had a nature hike. The "Good Time Wagon" made its debut at the Mountain Missions Conference [Boone Association] and in Kentucky. Used by Tates Creek Association, it has the potential for many types of recreation including movies, skits, puppet shows, basketball and other games to attract youth who might later be enrolled in Bible study.

Bottom left: Elmer Wiley, director of missions for Boone and Irvine Associations, discusses with Heston Hatcher, pastor of Island Creek Missionary Baptist Church, some of the blessings and problems of mountain ministry.

Mountain Missions Conference offers fellowship, training, encouragement

by David Smith, Staff Writer

What is the greatest single contribution of Kentucky Baptist's annual Mountain Missions Conference?

"Enthusiasm" according to Preston Baker, a trustee at Oneida Baptist Institute who has attended all 34 conferences. "I think it just puts enthusiasm to these country preachers. They just have to go away enthused."

Ben Steele, pastor of Owensville Baptist Church, Bracken Association, who was attending his first conference, believes "encouragement" is the key contribution. "He (the speaker) takes a problem we all have and lets you know it's not just you that has these problems."

"Preaching," said Curtis Monday, pastor of French Lick Baptist Church, Cheektowaga, N. Y. "I am a preacher and that's the reason I came. I've had a down time. It's good to see them meet a need."

The Mountain Missions Conference, held each year at Oneida Baptist Institute, deals with issues of interest to all pastors and associational missionaries, not just those in the mountains. Spon-

sored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board, it provides opportunity for ministers in east Kentucky who often cannot attend the state convention or evangelism conference to participate in a similar event.

According to Ross Figart, the five-day conference, July 5-9 this year, should help the minister deal with issues pertinent to him personally and his congregation. As an example Figart cited the sessions on "Families in Christ," led by Vernon Cole, Kentucky's Church Training director.

"We're hoping to help our marriages grow in the Lord and also to provide a model for all of east Kentucky. We want to help you and we want to help you give help to others," Figart explained.

Presenting a message and leading a conference on "Weary in the Well Doing" was Wendell Romans, pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington. Romans maintained the conference theme, "Back to the Dream!," showing that Elijah was one who had "lost his dream."

Shortly after Elijah's victory of calling down fire from heaven he fled from Jezebel and prayed, "Lord I've had it.

I've served you 'lo these many years.' Now I wish you'd let me die."

Romans said every pastor talks like that at some point. "I wish I didn't have this church." "I wish I didn't have this band of deacons." "I wish I didn't have this roach-infested pastorium," he mimicked.

Factors contributing to this attitude which Elijah had and many pastors have are: emotional and physical exhaustion, taking eyes off God and focusing on problems, losing fellowship with other people and losing faith in mankind, he surmised.

Romans urged listeners to avoid becoming God's bookkeeper by worrying about the number of responses they get. "God didn't call you to get responses. He called you to preach his Word and he'll get the results."

W. B. Casey, former pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church and presently interim pastor at Lexington (Ky.) Avenue Baptist Church, led conferences on "Out of My Ministry" and the morning Bible studies.

Teaching 2 Cor. he said, "This is a good church (at Corinth) for study at this time and 2 Cor. is a good letter for study because here Paul bares his soul in defending his ministry. Encouraging the ministers, Casey said, "We get a glimpse of the glory of the ministry (in 2 Cor.) that we get nowhere else."

The key verse, according to Casey, is 2 Cor. 5:17 which tells of the "new creature." In Christ one has a new manner of viewing life, a new attitude toward life and death, a new method of directing life, a new master of life, a new motivation, mission, message and title.

Figart insists "a big part of the conference is fellowship and we provide ample time for that." The desire for fellowship was evident by the number who defied temperatures in the mid-90's during the day and mountain mosquitoes during the night to share with other ministers.

While the adults sat through sessions and conversed youth, children and preschoolers were separated into age groups and led in recreational activities by summer missionaries. The swimming pool was popular as was the "Good Time Wagon," brought by Ray Cooper, director of missions in Tates Creek Association.

The "Good Time Wagon," according to Cooper, "is a multipurpose kind of unit." It carries games and puppets but all activities occur around it. It has potential to have a television screen to show video tapes and a movie screen. Operated by a summer missionary this summer, it is used to attract neighborhood youth who will later be engaged in Bible study.

Two discuss mountain ministry

"Mountain people are slow-moving; they don't jump at a thing just because you mention it. You gotta show them it's good," according to Elmer Wiley, director of missions for Boone and Irvine Associations.

"Generally everybody you see here has a church attachment," which stems from a family tradition, Wiley said. "They are not all Christians and they don't all attend."

"Just go and tell them what the Book says and show them the love of Christ. You don't want to say anything against what their parents believe."

"It's hard to get them to move be-

cause of a pride that mountain people have. It's hard for them to believe somebody else has something good enough for them to want."

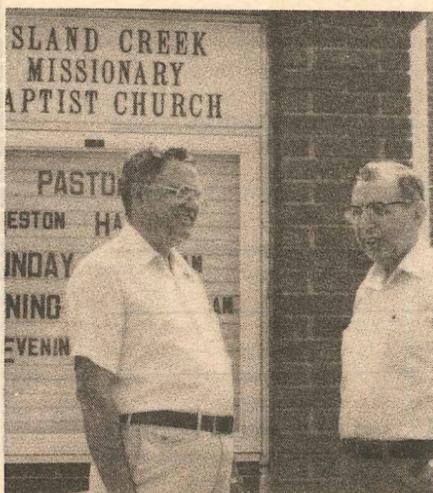
Heston Hatcher, pastor of Island Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Boone Association, led his church to become self-supporting this month. Hatcher listed a few of the problems in building a church in the mountains.

First, he said, it is hard to get mountain people to visit. "It's just a tradition and Satan just don't want it done." (Both Wiley and Hatcher mentioned mountain tradition as an obstacle to effective witnessing.)

Another problem is the lack of credibility newcomers have. "You have to be with these mountain people two or three years 'fore they'll listen at you. They have to get to know you and the further up (in the mountains) you go, the worse it gets. There are some people who'll never be mountain preachers."

Still, he said, people in the mountains are friendly and will be glad to talk about their job or the fishing, but if asked about their relationship with the Lord, "they'll clam up."

Hatcher pointed out that although "generally they might have better morals" than most other people they have many of the same problems. These include alcoholism, drugs and marital problems, he concluded.



MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

PERSONNEL

Wishon accepts Slate Hill pastorate
Larry M. Wishon is pastor of Slate Hill Baptist Church, London.

Wishon is a native of Bethany, Okla., and will graduate from Clear Creek Baptist School in May 1983 with a degree in theology.

Mrs. Pattillo resigns interim position
Zelma Pattillo has resigned her position as interim minister of pastoral care and education at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, effective July 15.

Noteworthy among her contributions at Highland were the "HUGG" visitation program and "Caught in the Act of being Faithful" on Highland's Western Recorder church page.

Caudill resigns Lone Pine pastorate
Mike Caudill will complete his ministry at Lone Pine Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, this month. He will attend Southern Seminary.

Hall Street calls Dendler as pastor
Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, has called C. Richard Dendler as pastor. Dendler, a native of Cincinnati, Oh., has been pastor of churches in Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee.

Tippins resigns from Lyndon youth post
Jim Tippins, minister to youth at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, has resigned. He has accepted a youth position at Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Pastor of Lyndon is Hugh Goldsby.

Hubbard accepts Corn Creek pastorate
Corn Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Benjamin Hubbard, an east Kentucky native, as pastor. Hubbard is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and has been at Southern Seminary for one year.

Shulers are Bullittsburg caretakers
George and Betty Shuler of Upper Sandusky, Oh., have joined the Bullittsburg Baptist Assembly, Northern Kentucky Association, as resident caretakers. The Shulers began their duties at the camp May 24.

They reside in the camp apartment and are responsible for all building and grounds maintenance as well as the supervision of all activities.

First Hazard has Ohio ministry
A group of 12 from First Baptist Church, Hazard, went to Salina, Oh., in June to assist in backyard Bible schools and community surveys.

Herbert Jukes is pastor.

CONGREGATIONS

First Hindman moves into new building
First Baptist Church, Hindman, moved into its new building May 30. Kenneth Dick is the church's pastor.

Worship, patriotism combined July 4
More than 1500 attended the "Festival of Praise unto America Service" at the Ohio County park July 4. Congressman Carroll Hubbard was the keynote speaker at the conference, sponsored by the Ohio County Minister's Conference. Glenn Armstrong, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio

County Association, led in worship.

The purpose of the meeting was to thank God for America and for America's heritage of faith and freedom, according to Wesley O. Hanson, pastor of Hartford (Ky.) Baptist Church.

First Tompkinsville takes mission trip
A group from First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, went on a mission trip to Confluence to conduct a week of revival and vacation Bible school. They report six decisions from the effort.

North View notes 25th year, burns bond
North View Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 25th anniversary and burned its mortgage note June 20.

Clarence M. Riley is pastor of North View.

MISSIONS

Lee completes service to Kenya
Buddy Lee has completed his service as a missionary journeyman to Kenya and returned to his hometown, Campbellsville.

Castlens retire from mission service
James and Shelby Castlen, missionaries to the Philippines since 1971, resigned from service June 30. They were stationed in Baguio City where Castlen, an

Owensboro native, was a seminary professor.

The Castlens will reside in Mt. Washington.

Lawrences are missionaries in Thailand
Kurt and Judy Lawrence, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service. The former Judy Johnson, she grew up in Lexington.

They were appointed in 1981.

McElraths furlough in North Carolina
William and Elizabeth McElrath, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in Raleigh, N. C. for furlough. He is a native of Murray.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Miss Hardy returns to Russellville
June Hardy, missionary journeyman to the Philippines, has completed her two year term of service and returned to Russellville, her hometown.

Journeyman Dalton completes service
Rozanna Dalton has completed her two year term as a missionary journeyman to Brazil and returned to Sturgis.

Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1980 she was minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Morgantown.

Miss Girdler completes mission service
Becky Girdler, missionary journeyman to Nigeria, has completed her two year term of service and returned to the states. She was born in Somerset and has lived in Danville and Pineville.

Harrodsburg native accepts HMB post
John Kurtz, a veteran pastor and evangelist, has accepted an appointment by the Home Mission Board's Mission

Campbellsville church honors staff



From left are Campbellsville Baptist Church staff members Rolando Raganas, Freddy Morris, Peggy Richardson, Anne Mardis, Harold Lee, Mazie Lee, Lewis Sallee, Ann Coakley and Gail Shaw.

Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church held a staff appreciation day recently. Recognition was given to staff members with five or more years of service.

James E. Jones, pastor, pointed out the accumulative total years of service for the staff was 97½.

Anne Mardis received a plaque for 23 years as church secretary. Forest Shely, deacon chairman, presented her with a check for \$1219 and a book of letters and cards from members of the church.

Rolando Raganas was honored for 10 years of service as minister of music and youth and received a plaque. After rehearsing with the regular worship choir he came to the auditorium to find the choir filled with former members of his tour choirs. Greg Mobley presented Raganas with a white sports jacket from the tour choir group. A dinner was held for all the tour choir members in the City Park.

Harold and Mazie Lee were recog-

nized for their five years of service as minister of education and financial secretary respectively and were given plaques.

Gail Shaw received a plaque for 16 years as church organist and Ann Coakley was presented a plaque for 15 years as church pianist. Freddy Morris was recognized for two years of part time service as minister of activities and youth. Recently he was called to become full time.

Lewis Sallee was commended for two years as custodian. Richard Denton, in an informal meeting in the pastor's study, received a plaque for 18 years of service as custodian. Peggy Richardson was recognized for having served five months as the pastor's secretary. The church gave a standing ovation to its staff.

Jones has been pastor for 16 months. He remarked that during his lifetime he had failed to recognize some faithful people until it was too late so he wanted the church to pay tribute to every staff member now.



Gary Watkins [r], pastor of First Baptist Church, Florence, was at the Baptist Sunday School Board two weeks after the Southern Baptist Convention for orientation as a new member of the trustees. Watkins visits here with board president Grady C. Cothen.

Service Corps.

Kurtz will be a liaison between Michigan and Tennessee Baptist churches.

Kurtz has been a pastor for 41 years and is the founder and only pastor of Tulip Grove Baptist Church, Nashville.

A native of Harrodsburg, Kurtz held student pastorates while attending Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For 23 years he was a pastor and church developer in Dayton, Oh.

While pastor of Dayton's Westwood Baptist Church (now Far Hills Baptist) he was twice named president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio which was organized in 1954 at the Westwood church.

The Dayton congregation, at one time numbering almost 2000 members, was for many years the largest Southern Baptist church in the north-northeast. That church began 10 new mission churches in Ohio under Kurtz's leadership.

Four from Bowling Green are sojourners
Four high school students from First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, are working as sojourner missionaries this summer. This new program of the Home Mission Board allows high school students who have completed the 11th grade to be summer missionaries.

The four and their assignments are: Alicia Neat, New Orleans, La.; David Turner, Orlando, Fla.; Kim Houk, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Steve Ayers, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

ORDINATIONS

Sulphur Springs ordains Jeff Randolph
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Franklin, ordained Jeff Randolph to the ministry June 6. Randolph, who recently graduated from Southern Seminary, has been called as minister of music at Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

Slaty Point ordains its pastor
Slaty Point Baptist Church, Bracken Association, recently ordained its pastor, Mark Purcell.

DEATHS

Hawesville member Bruner dies May 6
Raymond Bruner, 54, died May 6 at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville. Bruner has been a deacon, Sunday school teacher, trustee and usher at Hawesville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Nix Bruner, daughters Linda Domerese and Nancy French, three grandchildren and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruner.

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Murder of Chicago pastor, wife, son shocks Baptists

Chicago police found Ron Behm, pastor of Southern Shore Baptist Church, a black congregation active in the Chicago Baptist Association, his wife, Barbara, and son, Matthew, stabbed to death at North Avenue Beach early Thursday morning, July 1.

Later in the day, Behm's stepson, 26-year-old Herschel Jackson, confessed to the triple slaying after questioning by police. He was charged with three counts of murder.

Southern Baptists in Chicago have been "shocked and dismayed" by news of the murders, said Everett Anthony, director of the association. Describing Behm as "deeply committed to the black community" and to "bridging the racial gaps" in Chicago, Anthony said Behm was active in the association as Christian social ministries committee chairman.

According to police reports, Jackson, son of Barbara Behm by a previous marriage, had earlier argued with his parents because of her insistence that the unemployed man be home by 10

p.m. each night and that he stay off the streets.

Behm, white pastor of a black Southern Baptist church, was working on an enclosed porch Tuesday evening when Jackson confronted him. Police said Jackson told them he was outraged by the curfew and stabbed the pastor a dozen times with a seven-inch butcher knife and then stabbed to death five-year-old Matthew sleeping in a bedroom.

Police said Jackson told them he then watched television until Barbara, who is black, returned at 10 p.m., and murdered her in the living room.

Police said Jackson told them he dragged the bodies down the back steps of their second floor apartment, stacked them on the back seat of a leased station wagon, and left the car with the bodies and keys inside at a nearby park, hoping someone would steal the car.

The next night, he returned to the park when newscasts did not mention discovery of the bodies, and drove the car to North Avenue Beach where police found the bodies at 2:40 a.m.

Ragland leaves Beirut; plans to return home

Southern Baptist missionary Jim Ragland left west Beirut, Lebanon, July 7 with plans to return to the United States July 11. He was staying with nine fellow missionaries in Mansouriyeh, outside Beirut.

Ragland, who has provided shelter to refugees and operated a clinic for the ill and wounded in Beirut Baptist School almost since Israeli warplanes first attacked the city June 4, plans to attend his son John's wedding July 24. He was the last Southern Baptist missionary to leave the embattled city.

He will be reunited with his wife, Leola, who flew back to the United States two weeks after the conflict began.

The night before Ragland left west

Beirut was a bad night for shelling, he said in a telephone interview. None hit the school, which now houses about 40 refugee families, but some fell within a few blocks.

Student groups and others continue to provide food packets for refugees staying in school and other public buildings. Though few fresh fruits and vegetables are available on the streets, "there does seem to be ample stocks of canned goods (in west Beirut)," he said.

Ragland left west Beirut July 3 to attend the monthly meeting of the Lebanon Mission in Mansouriyeh. He stayed temporarily on the east side when Israeli soldiers closed off border crossings to the west sector.

He was allowed back July 5 only because he convinced the border guard he was a clergyman. Reentry was virtually a miracle, he said.

State WMU director weds in home ceremony

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union director Kathryn Jasper married William Akridge, a retired chemist from Dupont, at his home in Louisville July 10.

Performing the ceremony was T. L. McSwain, pastor of Louisville's Hurstbourne Baptist Church, where the Akridges are members.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Robert Jasper of Somerset. His wife, Lillian Jasper, received guests. Jane Jasper, Memphis, Tenn., was the matron of honor.

Two of Akridge's sons were the best men. The groom's daughter-in-law, Ann Akridge, sang.

"Topics" concern cancer; credit hours available

The morning session is slanted toward nurses, social workers, chaplains, ministers and others who work with cancer patients and their Highlands Baptist Hospital, Louisville, will have its fifth annual "Topics in Medical Oncology" Nov. 16. This year's program will concern "Evolution in Cancer Care: A Multidisciplinary Approach."

The fee, which includes lunch, is \$25. families. The evening session, which is free, will consist of presentations by physicians and be directed toward physicians.

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Reagan signs extension of Voting Rights Act

President Reagan has signed into law a bill extending the Voting Rights Act of 1965 well into the 21st century.

Extension of the law, widely regarded as the most successful civil rights legislation produced by Congress, drew overwhelming bipartisan support despite reservations expressed by the administration and some lawmakers.

The new measure extends for 25 years the enforcement section of the act which requires nine states and portions of 13 others to obtain Justice Department approval before making election law changes. The section was to expire Aug. 6. Beginning in 1984 jurisdictions covered under the section can be relieved of the pre-clearance requirements by proving they had a clean voting rights record for the previous 10 years.

The new bill also clarifies that violations of the act may be proven by demonstrating election law or procedure "results" in voting discrimination. This change to a permanent section of the 1965 law circumvents a 1980 Supreme Court ruling requiring proof of intent to discriminate.

Judson Lambert resigns Owen successor panel

Judson Lambert of Bardwell, representing west Kentucky on the search committee for a new executive secretary, has resigned from that committee to accept a pastorate in Tiptonville, Tenn.

Jerrell G. White, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Murray, and president of West Kentucky Baptist Pastors Association, has been appointed to replace him.

Harold Wainscott, chairman of the search committee, maintains it is appropriate to put a new member on the committee at this time.

Reagan vows to fight for tuition tax credit bill

President Reagan has vowed to fight for his tuition tax credit bill and denied his support for the troubled measure is politically motivated.

Asked during a June 30 news conference if his call for tuition tax credits was issued for political reasons, Reagan replied that in eight years as governor of California and 17 months as President, "I don't practice political ploys to get votes. I do what I think is right."

Although he did not elaborate on his game plan to pressure Congress for the measure, he insisted anew the proposal

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"is simply a recognition of the unfairness" of a system that taxes citizens for the support of public schools even when they send their children to private institutions.

Reagan assailed critics who charged the plan would hurt public schools. "How?" he demanded. "We're not taking anything away from the public school system. What would hurt the public school system is if all of the independent schools closed and those thousands and thousands of youngsters were dumped on the public school system."

The President also denied that tuition tax credits would benefit upper income families, insisting a "overwhelming majority" of families whose children attend nonpublic schools earn less than \$25,000 a year.

At its recent meeting in New Orleans the Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly expressed opposition to the plan, calling on Reagan to reconsider his support of tuition tax credit bills now languishing in Congress.

BSSB president Cothen relaxes following surgery

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, underwent successful urological surgery June 29 at Baptist Hospital, Nashville.

The surgery was not related to the March 1980 stomach surgery for cancer when 75 percent of his stomach was removed. There was no evidence of malignancy found during this surgery and there were no complications, doctors said.

Cothen, 61, expects to be hospitalized for approximately a week and to return to work three weeks later.

Parks tells Foreign board SBC issues affect missions

President R. Keith Parks told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in July he feels compelled to

speak out against polarizing issues within the convention that "are not our first priority."

Quoting from articles he has written for missionaries and for the board's magazine, The Commission, Parks said his statements are being made "out of a deep and growing concern about us as a people, a people called Southern Baptists."

"Missions is the spiritual magnet that has held iron-willed Southern Baptists together," he emphasized. Yet, he added, "I came away from this convention (in New Orleans) with a feeling there had been an unconscious shifting of our focus."

Parks said he believes that both he and elected members of the board, as well as its staff, have an obligation to speak out against "anything that would hinder the foreign missions expression" of the denomination.

He read a column he has written for the September issue of The Commission entitled "Caesar and Missions." The column points to Baptists' historic commitment to the separation of church and state, based on Jesus' distinction between "that which is Caesar's" and "that which is God's."

"We have struggled throughout our history to prevent government from encroaching on our freedom," he said. "Yet the majority voting at a session in New Orleans voluntarily endorsed what could lead to government encroachment. This trend has serious implications for foreign missions."

Although Parks did not refer to it specifically, observers interpreted his remarks as being addressed to a convention resolution, adopted by a 3-1 margin, which endorsed a constitutional amendment supporting prayer in the public schools. It was the first such convention stand since the U. S. Supreme Court struck down compulsory religious exercises in public schools 20 years ago.

An attempt also was made to pass a resolution in support of Israel but this resolution was tabled after Parks said it would adversely affect the board's work in other parts of the Middle East.



Miss Shaw



Mrs. Quintin



Mrs. Raby



Mrs. Wyatt

Four will contribute to Western Recorder

Four persons have been added to Western Recorder's inventory of contributors, James H. Cox, associate editor, announced this week.

One was named as a student intern and staff writer, while the others will be added to the existing network of statewide staff correspondents, or stringers.

Susan Maxine Shaw, 21, of Rome, Ga., will be the paper's 24th student intern and staff writer.

A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing the MRE degree, Miss Shaw is a native of Rome and a 1981 graduate of Berry College, Mt. Berry, Ga., where she majored in English and minored in journalism.

She has been editor of her college's literary magazine and received numerous scholastic and academic honors. She was also editor of her church's youth newsletter.

Miss Shaw feels called into the ministry of religious communications. She will begin her service at Western Recorder Aug. 25, and will assist with writing, editing, photography, layout and proofreading the publication.

Cox said the three persons added to Western Recorder's stringer network would greatly strengthen the paper's ability to obtain news and feature articles in strategic local areas. There are already 10 functioning members of the network, living in Madisonville, Paducah, Philpot, Maysville, Stanford, Williamsburg, Campbellsville, Cold Spring, Lexington and Louisville.

New members of the team live in Glendale, Russellville and Pineville.

Mrs. Deborah H. Quintin, 29, a native of Owensboro, lives in Glendale and will report primarily from the Elizabethtown and surrounding area.

A former Western Recorder staff writer, she is married to Adrian Quintin, a family worker at Glen Dale Bap-

tist Children's Home. She is a 1975 graduate of Western Kentucky University and a 1977 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the MRE degree. For three years she was communications specialist for Missouri Baptist Children's Homes, Bridgeton.

The Quintins have a son, Todd, age 2.

Mrs. Loly H. Raby, 28, of Russellville, will give particular emphasis to Baptists in the Bowling Green-Russellville-Hopkinsville areas.

A native of Russellville, she grew up in Lewisburg. Only recently, as the mother of three children, she received the BA degree in journalism and speech education at Western Kentucky University.

She is married to Rodney Raby, a state fire marshal. She has been employed as a legal secretary, photography sales representative and in advertising and accounting positions with ad agencies and local industries.

Mrs. Raby eventually hopes to teach advertising, marketing, journalism and speech courses on the college level.

Mrs. Beth T. Wyatt, 39, a staff member at Clear Creek Baptist School, will report from the Pineville and east Kentucky area.

A native of London, she is married to Robert Wyatt, also a Clear Creek staffer. They have two sons, Robby, of London, and Tommy, of Pineville.

Mrs. Wyatt received a diploma from Clear Creek School in 1975. She joined the staff of the school in 1973, eventually becoming secretary to the president, 1977-81. Since that time she has been director of public relations.

The appointment of the three state correspondents is effective immediately, Cox said.

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Boyce School opens two Kentucky branches

Boyce Bible School has announced the opening of two branches of its Louisville campus to serve Baptists in northern and northeastern Kentucky.

Classes for the northern Kentucky branch will be at the Northern Kentucky Association camp, Bullittsburg, and the Tri-Cities branch will be in First Baptist Church, Ashland, said David Q. Byrd, director of the school.

George Jones, executive director of Northern Kentucky Association, will direct the northern Kentucky branch. He was to teach a preview of the 1983 January Bible Study on 1 Peter during

the branch's first session, July 2, 3, 16 and 17. For further information write Jones at 120 Main, Newport, KY 41071 or call him at (606) 291-2026.

John Sykes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ashland, will direct the classes in that church. First classes there also will focus on 1 Peter and will be held July 23, 24, 30 and 31. Sykes can be contacted at First Baptist Church, Box 787, Ashland, KY 41101 or (606) 324-3109.

Boyce Bible School offers a diploma program for adults to prepare them for ministries in churches. Courses are tailored for students who have not been in positions to complete college or seminary degree programs.

Writer's conference offers help for Christian writers

The Blue Ridge Christian Writers Conference is accepting applications for its seventh annual session, Aug. 8-12, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.

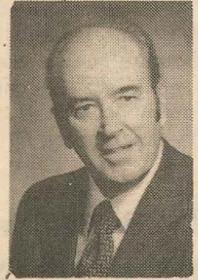
Three days of lectures, panel discussions, workshops covering a variety of topics, and private consultation with editors, publishers and authors will be available.

Conference leaders and speakers include: Tom A. Noton, publisher and editor of *The Christian Writer*; Kenneth Barney, adult editor of the Church School Literature Department of the

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CHURCH DEALINGS WITH PASTORS

How long should a minister stay in one place? Who should decide whether and when he is to leave? Baptists claim that the Holy Spirit leads us to call our pastors and leads them to accept. Here then should lie much of the answer as to who should decide whether he is to stay or leave at a given time.

Churches with Episcopal form of government assign their ministers to churches. Thus a human being has a handle on the situation if relationships deteriorate.

Baptists have congregational government, with local church autonomy and pastoral freedom. Congregation and pastor negotiate mutually, without any outside voice or authority.

However, the above affords no human arbiter when pastor and congregation differ and impasse is reached. Since the congregation outnumbers the pastor he is usually destroyed if a bad situation reaches the battle stage.

In theory the Baptist system has the Holy Spirit in charge and two prayerful parties seeking His will. However, I am

persuaded that it is real hard for the Holy Spirit to get a hearing among some of us in some circumstances.

I believe in the ideal of the Baptist system, but it is very easy to see how the Episcopal system comes into being. A good many congregations would like to have a bishop who could move their preachers. Likewise ministers sometimes need a bishop, or someone, to help them when the congregations dismiss them. This usually occurs among Baptists when the pastor nears 60 years of age—a Baptist syndrome?

Again I am running out of space but certainly both pastor and people are responsible to behave like Christians and treat each other in a Christian manner.

What would Jesus do about the situation? That is always the question. The whole thing becomes a complete farce if Christians, posturing before the world as the people of God, treat each other in un-Christian manner. The Holy Spirit leads pastor and people together. He deserves to be in charge in any consideration of possible separation.

JULY

24 WMU Area Meeting. Cynthiana Baptist Church

30 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society and Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission. Louisville, Deer Park Baptist Church

31 WMU Area Meeting. Oneida Baptist Institute

JULY

Ridgecrest

17-23 Sunday School

24-30 Sunday School

31-8/6 Sunday School

Glorieta

24-30 Bible/Preaching

31-8/6 Church Training Leadership/Youth

AUGUST

2 Interfaith Witness Conference. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Church

3 Interfaith Witness Conference. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church

5 Interfaith Witness Conference. Walton, First Baptist Church

5-7 Early Childhood Education Workshop. Cedarmore

8 Language Missions Day

9-11 Pastor/Wives Retreat. Cedarmore

13-14 Sunday School Weekend. Cedarmore

15-18 Kentucky BSU Retreat. Cedarmore

16-20 Sunday School Children's Whistle Stop Conferences. Paducah, Immanuel Baptist Church; Bowling Green, First Baptist Church; Paintsville, First Baptist Church; Lexington, Calvary Baptist Church

21 Sunday School Conference, Jonathan Creek

21 WMU Area Meeting. Mayfield, First Baptist Church

21-22 WMU Leadership Conference. Cedarmore

22-29 Church Music Week

26-29 WMU Leadership Conferences. Cedarmore

Life and Work Series JESUS—OUR MEDIATOR

Hebrews 6:19-20 Here the hope of a Christian is likened to the anchor of a ship. It has reference to the hope that the Christian has in the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. Hope is a combination of desire, expectation, patience and joy. The Christian hope rests on the sure foundation of the unchanging word

of God. At present the Christian possesses salvation, but he looks forward with joyous anticipation of the consummation of that salvation when Christ comes to take us with him and to make us like himself. Meanwhile this hope is an anchor in every difficulty and trial which sweeps around the soul.

Hebrews 9:24 On our behalf Christ Jesus made a sacrifice that was far superior to any that was ever made and one that will never need to be made again. His voluntary and sacrificial death on the cross made available to all who would believe on him salvation from the penalty of sin, the pollution of sin, the power of sin and eventually from the presence of sin.

Hebrews 10:11-14 Under the old covenant the priests were not able to complete their work and sit down but day after day they kept on ministering and kept on offering sacrifices. Their repeated sacrifices were ineffective because they could not take away sins regardless of how frequently they were offered. On the other hand Christ made his sacrifice once only and it was effective forever and it was never repeated. After Christ made the supreme sacrifice on the cross, nothing else needed to be done to open a direct access to God.

Hebrews 10:19-25 Through Christ every Christian has the priceless privi-

lege of direct access to God. Just as certainly as his privilege is that of access to God so his duty is that of approach to him. As Christians we should draw near to God to confess our sins, to request his forgiveness, to worship him, to praise and thank him for the numerous blessings which he has bestowed upon us and to commit ourselves to him for use in his service.

International Series THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

Acts 16:19-34 After Paul cast out the evil spirit from the slave girl, whose vicious owners had been exploiting her for financial gain, a mob was organized and dragged Paul and Silas before the magistrates. The mob falsely accused them of teaching unlawful customs, causing disturbances and sowing discord. With their backs bleeding from severe and merciless beatings they were placed in the custody of the jailer who thrust the men of God into the foul and loathsome inner dungeon and fastened their feet in the stocks as if they were dangerous desperados.

Instead of bemoaning their lot or spending those hours of physical torture in bitter imprecations on their enemies, the missionaries remembered God and lifted their voices to him in

thanksgiving, prayer and song. Doubtless the other prisoners had frequently heard groans, profanity and threats echoing in the gloomy corridors of that unsanitary prison, but never before had they heard prisoners praying and singing God's praises. In response to their prayers and praises God's power suddenly came down as an earthquake opening the jail doors.

Aroused from his sleep and frantic with fear, the jailer dashed out, saw the doors of the prison open and concluded all of the prisoners had escaped. Terror and despair gripped him because a jailer forfeited his life in the event that his prisoners escaped. Thinking only a disgraceful execution awaited him, he suddenly decided suicide was the easiest way out of his predicament.

As the jailer was about to thrust his sword into his vitals, Paul cried in a clear voice: "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." The tenderness and love expressed in that cry touched the jailer deeply, causing him to rush in and cast himself down before them and ask "What must I do to be saved?"

Paul and Silas simply stated what he must do. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," they said. Paul and Silas proceeded to preach to him and to all in his house the gospel of Christ. The jailer responded by accepting Christ as savior and by comforting Paul and Silas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

JULY 25, 1982



H. C. Chiles

General Council of the Assemblies of God; Marel Brown, author of nine books and numerous articles; Mitchell Carnell, director of the Charleston (S. C.) Speech and Hearing Center; Kathleen Souer, a book editor at Tyndale House; Steve Bond, chief editor of general religious books, Broadman Press; Dorothy Lipham Steen, medical illustrator and freelance writer; and James H. Cox of Middletown, Ky., author of "Confessions of a Moonlight Writer."

WMU needs bell for Martha Ware chapel

The Kentucky Woman's Missionary

Union is searching for a church bell for the Martha Ware chapel at Cedar Crest.

WMU hopes to find a donor but will buy the bell for a modest price.

Construction on the chapel begins the second week in August.

New president visits Sunday School Board

Newly elected SBC president Jimmy Draper told Sunday School Board president Grady C. Cothen he was grateful to stand beside him and tell him he loved and appreciated him.

"He's my friend," Draper said of Cothen in brief remarks to the monthly

meeting of the board's executive committee.

The visit to the Sunday School Board was Draper's first official visit to an agency of the convention.

Historical Society to meet at Deer Park July 23

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society will meet at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, July 23 for a tour of historical sites, dinner and meeting.

A tour bus will leave the church at 1:30 p.m. The tour may last four hours according to Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Dinner will be served at Deer Park at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the annual meeting.

Lottie Moon goal passed; state gives \$1.7 million

The \$50 million national goal for the 1981 Lottie Moon foreign mission offering has been exceeded by \$784,173, according to a report from the Southern Baptist Mission Board.

Kentucky's part in the offering amounted to \$1,726,223 which is a 16.6 percent increase over the 1980 offering of Kentucky Baptists. Only five states exceeded Kentucky in the percentage increase.

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FOUNDER

The first 18 years of my life were lived on a farm. Our family not only raised a crop but operated a small dairy. After school and during the summers I worked with the men at whatever tasks needed doing.

One of the many chores was to keep the fences mended lest the cows got out. A roguish type cow could get through a fence unless it was kept in good repair. Two dangers were real if a cow got out of her field: crops would be damaged and she might founder. If a cow gets into a field of lush soybeans she will eat and eat until she is sick. The expression was, "That cow will founder on those beans."

Such use of the word "founder" as a verb was my first memory of its meaning. Later I learned the same word used as a noun has another quite different meaning. As a verb the word is rather unexciting but as a noun it has a very positive, exciting meaning. As a noun, the word "founder" means one who establishes or originates an organization or institution.

The founders of the Louisville Baptist

Orphans Home, now Spring Meadows Children's Home, were Baptists with vision. The founding of that home 113 years ago was the beginning of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. We can see this ministry through our prayers and gifts. We even can be Founders Club Members. Each person who gives \$113 (one dollar for each year of our work) is enrolled as a member of the Founders Club for that year.

The other day I received a letter from a lady with \$113 enclosed. She said, "I am praying with you that 499 other people will send in a Founders Club gift." I just believe such is possible. There are more than 500 Baptists across Kentucky who have been so blessed by God that they could send us a Founders Club membership of \$113 now. If 500 memberships came in, amounting to \$56,000, that amount of money would operate our total program 11 days. Such giving would help us greatly now.

I am a Founders Club member. Would you join with me? God bless you as you pray for and support this ministry to children.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977



STAFFERS BELIEVE IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

Joel and Paulteta Dick arrived with their two children, Mike and Becky, on our campus Aug. 15, 1974. At the time, Mike was 14 and would begin his freshman year at Bell County High School the next week. Becky was 11 and would enter Harmony Elementary School as a sixth grader.

The Dicks had come to us from Monticello and this was their first time to be away from their families.

Joel and Paulteta finished the three year course of study in May 1977 and remained for the initial beginning of the four year degree program. Joel graduated for the second time in May 1978 with a double major in theology and religious education.

Both Joel and Paulteta had worked in our Public Relations and Radio Departments and upon their graduation were asked to remain with us and assume

positions in these departments. Joel serves as recording engineer in the Radio Department and Paulteta is secretary in the Public Relations Department.

Joel Dick and son Mike will reach another milestone this year as they graduate from college. Joel graduated this spring from Cumberland College with a major in religion and a minor in history. Mike will graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in August with a bachelor of music education degree. Becky is completing her freshman year at Eastern Kentucky University and Paulteta is working on an associate church music degree here at Clear Creek.

Pray for our Clear Creek families as they endeavor to follow our Lord's leading and be sure to come for a visit soon. The welcome mat is out!

SQUEAKING WHEELS

In answer to the question "what did you least like about Oneida this past year," signed student comments included the following: "being 18 and not able to kiss . . . cold weather fire alarms . . . no scary movies, nor horror books in the library . . . girls not allowed to smoke, not allowed to date town guys, not allowed to go off campus (without chaperone) . . . study hall at night . . . noise . . . working . . . (more specifically) working in the kitchen . . . (very specific) please, whatever you do, don't put me on pots and pans . . . waiting in line for the phone . . . chores . . . Mr. Day's 2x6 hitting me on the rear . . . the teaching agenda—hurray for summer vacation . . . getting campused for dumb reasons like leaving dorm room unlocked, being late to school, dirty clothes . . . dating regulations . . . the squeaking of the mop bucket wheels at bedtime is driving me crazy!!!"

What did you most like?

"girls and art . . . sports program . . . devotions . . . faculty-student relationship . . . movies . . . free time . . . chapel . . . drama and debate . . . the friendliness . . . my school grades and my friends . . . Christian love . . . teachers . . . puppet shows . . . the junior play . . . the senior trip . . . choir

. . . picnics . . . basketball . . . hiking to the Lions Cave . . . church . . ."

One of our girls was very succinct as to what she liked best about Oneida. His name is "Bill." The dislike of several was "working in the bathroom."

"The food" is a rather standard dislike the world over in any group setting and Oneida is no exception.

One of our young men from central Kentucky informed us "the year was hard, being in love." Another one thought "this school would be a lot better if we could have TV in our rooms."

One fellow often on the carpet allows "there is no justice, if they think you done something, you done it." Another says "God bless you all and I am getting out of here!"

A Nicholasville boy was irritated by "lights on low at the movies" and a citizen of sunny California simply does not like "winter" in Kentucky. An Ohio boy believes "you should put in a smoking area during school hours, let anybody 16 or older kiss and get rid of most of the stupid rules."

Interesting were comments from students expelled from the school for several months up to a year and finally allowed to return. "I've enjoyed this year most of all. Oneida has done a lot for me I thank you for letting me

return. I love Oneida and wouldn't want a diploma from any other school."

Another writes: "The school will help anyone who wants to be helped." A South Carolina boy rejoices at "finding Christ." A northern Kentucky boy notes that "you can learn responsibility here." "Revival" was the greatest thing for an Alabama boy and "getting back in fellowship" meant much to a Michigan boy once expelled.

Some students wrote extended comments on the back of the questionnaire. A graduating senior, orphaned quite young, answered "where going" with the comment "wherever the wind blows me" and went on to say "even though a lot of people think I am bad I have a lot of good. This school has helped me a lot. If I would not have come here and got straightened out, who knows where I would be. Thank you."

Another young man wrote: "I can never really thank Oneida for what it has done for me, for my growth as a person. If it were not for Oneida, I wouldn't be a Christian in all likelihood. I came in 1978 as an immature, small minded boy that couldn't live with others. Oneida helped me on the way to becoming a man. There is so much in my heart. I cannot say it all. But I can say I love you all."

"Growing closer to the Lord" meant much to an Illinois girl" as did "learn-

ing more about Jesus" for a Frankfort girl and a New Albany girl likes the education and Christian fellowship."

A graduating senior wrote: "Back home I was nothing but a pot head, a drunk and a school dropout. Now I have some morals. I love this school and all the faculty and staff. I will try to make monthly contributions as often as I can because I owe Oneida my life."

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