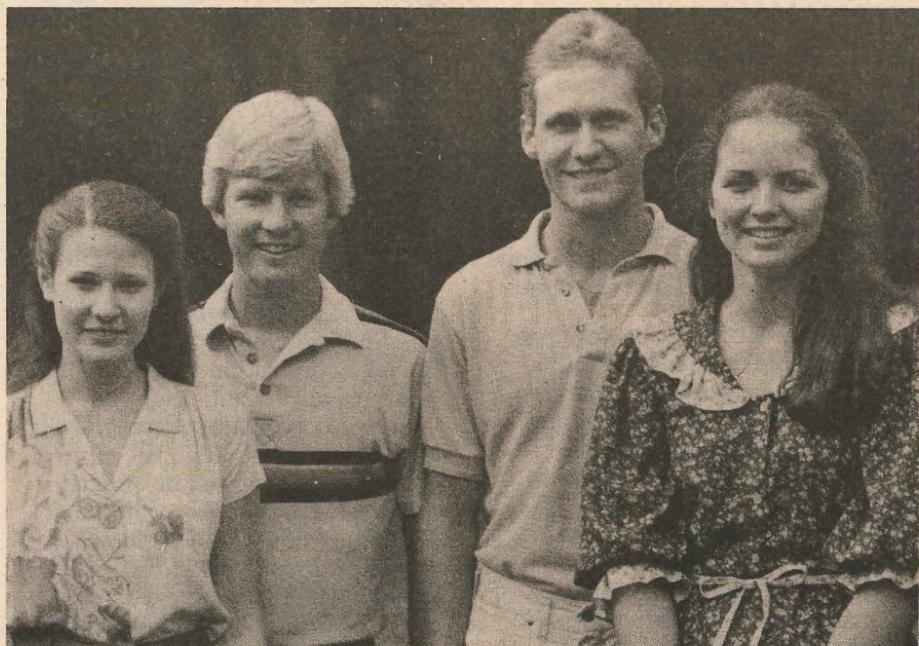
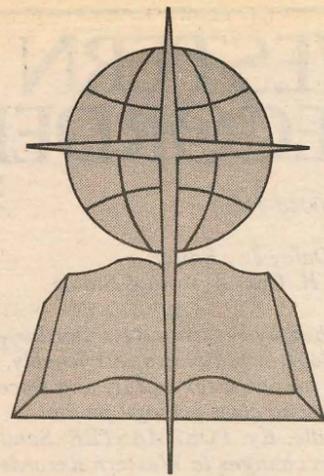


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They will serve in the homeland

These four young Kentuckians were appointed by the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., for two-year assignments as US-2ers. The US-2 program includes college graduates filling mission capacities in the U. S. Lesa Adams [1] and husband Brent, next to her, both Georgetown College graduates, are in special mission ministries in Killington, Vt. Lesa is from Erlanger and Brent is from Georgetown. Jim Arnold of Williamsburg, a Cumberland College graduate, is in church extension in Sacramento, Cal. Anita Haydon of Louisville, also a Cumberland graduate, serves with special mission ministries in Chico, Cal. The four are among 41 young adults recently commissioned by the Home board.

How to be effective in BMT: attend a workshop this week

Bold Mission Thrust church growth workshops, announced in the Sept. 8 Western Recorder, continue this week on the following schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 23—Liberty Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow
Thursday, Sept. 23—Mercer Associa-

tion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Baptist Church, Harrodsburg

Friday, Sept. 24—Russell Creek Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Summersville (Ky.) Baptist Church

Monday, Sept. 27—Casey County Association, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Liberty

Monday, Sept. 27—West Kentucky-Fulton Association, meeting at 7:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Clinton

Monday, Sept. 27—Rockcastle Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon

Tuesday, Sept. 28—Bell Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Middlesboro

Tuesday, Sept. 28—Greenup Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Worthington

Other associational clinics, not already held, are scheduled beyond Sept. 28.

The motivational and inspirational meetings for church leadership use biblically based methods in Bold Mission Thrust, according to C. Vernon Cole, staff coordinator for Bold Mission Thrust 1982-85.

"These strategic sessions will help any church get started in doing bold missions," he concluded.

Almost every professional employee of the Baptist Building in Middletown has been recruited to staff these Bold Mission Thrust church growth workshops, "underscoring the importance of this training," said Cole.

Beacon Hill, Somerset, will host Brotherhood convention Oct. 7-9

Southern Baptist leaders from Louisville and Atlanta will converge on Somerset for the 24th Kentucky Brotherhood Convention Oct. 7-9.

Beacon Hill Baptist Church will host the annual event which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and ends at noon Saturday. Again this year the Saturday morning session is programed especially for Royal Ambassadors, according to Rob Carr, associate in the Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Principal speakers for this year's convention include W. Bryant Hicks, professor of Christian missions and world religions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and John F. Havlik, director, evangelism education and writing, Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Hicks will be the keynote speaker of the Brotherhood Convention, delivering an address the first evening on "Bold Missions and Our Churches."

Havlik is scheduled for two messages. Friday morning he will speak on "What Is Ahead for Men on Mission" and that evening he will conclude the men's meeting with "As We Confront the World Today."

Hicks will also address the Royal Ambassadors Saturday morning on the subject "You Can Be a Missionary."

The men's sessions are at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday nights and 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Friday. The boys will convene at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Music director for the Brotherhood Convention is Marvin Reynolds of Somerset. Other musicians scheduled on the agenda include a Pulaski Baptist Association quartet; David Norfleet, pianist, Somerset; and Steve Shephard, soloist, Somerset.

Other program personalities of the convention include:

Larry Yoder, associate, curriculum and training, Baptist Men's Division, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; Roy E. Boatwright, director of missions, Franklin Baptist Association, Frankfort; Harold Greenfield, director of missions, Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association, Princeton; and Rob Carr.

A tribute in memory of Calvin Fields, late director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, will be included Friday evening.

Two special events of the weekend are a catfish supper hosted by Beacon

Hill Baptist Church Brotherhood, Friday at 4:45 p.m., and a golf tournament Thursday at 8:30 a.m. The tournament will be held at Eagles' Nest Golf Course at Somerset.

Douglas Strader is host pastor for the convention this year. Matt Sugg, of Morganfield, is president of the convention.

Other officers include C. A. Easterling, Somerset, first vice president; Mike Adler, Central City, second vice president; and J. T. Raisor, Louisville, recording secretary.

700 professionals may go to Lexington for Nov. 11-14 meet

Fellowship, Bible study, testimonies and challenges by a half dozen nationally known Southern Baptist leaders will highlight the annual meeting of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship Nov. 11-14 at Lexington's Hyatt Regency Convention Center. This meeting begins the same day the Kentucky Baptist Convention concludes in Lexington.

Henry Love, executive director of the 800-member Southern Baptist professional group, said more than 700 physicians, dentists, medical and dental students and other health care professionals are expected to attend.

Principal speakers include Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Harold Bennett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee; Wendell Belew, director of mission ministries for the Home Mission Board; James Smith, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union; and John Mills, West Africa director for the Foreign Mission Board.

Fifteen Southern Baptist medical missionaries will describe their medical experiences on foreign mission fields and lead seminar discussion groups, Love said.

Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, will lead four Bible study sessions.

William O'Brien, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, will direct music.

The meeting opens with an emphasis on fellowship led by Smith and George Fields, a Louisville entertainer.

The health care group will learn about 150 Southern Baptist medical missionaries now serving throughout the world and the FMB's immediate need for 35 more, Love said.

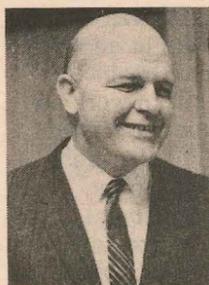
Registration fees are \$95 per couple for physicians, dentists and spouses and \$30 per couple for students and other health care professionals.

Merrill Allen Winchester of Whitley City is the organization's service chairman.

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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

A great day for a great church

Pastor Charles Hedrick and the Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church put on an anniversary and homecoming celebration Aug. 29 which will be hard to equal no matter how long the church may be around to celebrate anniversaries. If anything was left out or forgotten, it wasn't apparent.

More than a hundred people served on various planning committees and all did their jobs magnificently. Upon arriving, members, former members, friends and visitors were cordially welcomed at every church entrance and unusual hospitality continued throughout the day.

The morning congregation overflowed the beautiful sanctuary to hear pastor Hedrick deliver the anniversary sermon. At noon under a large tent on a parking lot hundreds were served from an unending supply of home cooked delicacies. It is hard to believe Baptists will be happier in heaven than around a picnic table at church homecoming time.

The Mt. Vernon church is 95 years old. Pastor Hedrick recommended the gala celebration this year instead of waiting until the 100th anniversary because the congregation needed a revival in fellowship and a project around which to rally.

This church has exerted an influence all out of proportion to its size and material resources. It has become well known for two significant contributions. One is its local mission outreach, the other is the unusual number of preachers called out of its ranks.

Though Baptist work has been around a long time in this area, Rockcastle County on the edge of the Appalachians has been a needy mission field. Under pastors Wendell Belew and Raymond Lawrence in the 1950's the church opened and staffed up to a dozen missions in remote sections of Rockcastle County. Most of these were under the direction not of professional workers but deacons and other able Mt. Vernon laymen. Some of these missions are now churches. The success of this mission program came to the attention of Southern Baptist mission leaders and was partly instrumental in taking Belew to a leadership position with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Many other outstanding pastors

have served this congregation. Among those back for the 95th anniversary celebration were Lee Hopkins, Bill Hall, Jack Bruce and Raymond Roaden.

The spiritual atmosphere in the Mt. Vernon fellowship has been conducive for men to hear and respond to the call to the ministry. They literally have gone out to the ends of the earth. Among them are Clinton Helton, Albert Griffin, Nathan Porter, Jerry Hopkins, Bob Fields, Harvey Pensol, Larry Harmon and Bruce Treon.

Mt. Vernon Baptists are proud of their heritage but they are not content to revel in past glory of the enthusiastic spirit on Aug. 29 indicated.

Pastor Hedrick is justly proud of his flock and they obviously appreciate his leadership. Together they could see even more glorious days ahead than those of past years.

Unemployment is a challenge to New Testament churches

The continuing unemployment of millions of Americans should be of concern to Baptists because to Christians unemployment is a human and moral issue as well as an economic one. Every willing human being is entitled to gainful employment because he or she has a right to a just share of this world's goods.

Unemployment is an evil which grows out of man's mismanagement of God's creation. The Lord has provided adequate materials for all man's needs and only selfishness and greed lead to some of us having more than we need and others not having the essentials nor an opportunity to work for them.

Too often we wash our hands of our responsibility in this area by saying some are too lazy to work and anyone willing to work could find something to do. This has some truth but it is unfair to say that about millions at this time who want to work but have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. They would gladly work at another job if there were one to have.

Only those who want to work but cannot find work know the feeling of helplessness and hopelessness that results. It produces great emotional strain on a husband and father not to be able to provide basic needs and services for his wife and children. Unemployment

puts a great strain on marriage and family life.

Being those who major on spiritual matters, Baptists have too much ignored other human needs. We have mostly remained silent on economic injustice while denouncing sin. This we ought to have done but not left undone the other.

What can churches, pastors and church people do in way of ministry to the unemployed? In the first place pastors can address the problem from the pulpit. The Bible speaks to all human needs and to all evils that degrade people. This includes unemployment and the right of every person to gainful employment. We need a theology of work and economic justice as well as a theology of sin and salvation.

We can also reach out in understanding and support to those without employment. Some churches have started group meetings for the unemployed where they can share their frustrations and affirm one another. In cases of extreme need churches should provide food,

clothing and shelter in the name of Jesus Christ.

Churches can even serve as employment agencies bringing together those needing services and those who can provide those services. Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., invites potential employees to list jobs with the church office which in turn tells unemployed church members how to make application for these jobs.

Above all we can assure unemployed church members they have the same stake in the church as those with highest income and making the largest contributions. The sin of sins would be for a pastor or anyone else to give the impression that his greatest concern about unemployment is its effect upon the income of the church instead of the effect upon the persons suffering unemployment.

The present rate of unemployment is deplorable but it does afford the church an opportunity to be the church described in the New Testament.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Hull proposes changes in resolutions

by Jack U. Harwell, Editor
The Christian Index, Georgia

William E. Hull is one of the finest leaders Southern Baptists have produced. The pastor of Shreveport First church drew national acclaim for his convention sermon when the SBC met in New Orleans in June. Writing in his weekly column of his church newsletter, Hull has been sharing with his congregation some profound observations about our denomination.

Late in July, Hull wrote a long piece about the process of resolutions being presented and adopted at annual SBC sessions. His statements deserve widespread exposure, particularly in light of the fact that the SBC in New Orleans asked its Executive Committee to make a thorough study of the resolutions committee process.

Here is Hull's final paragraph with the heart of his proposals about resolutions: "How can we improve the process by which we form our collective resolves? That will take a lot of thinking and planning. Some possibilities:

"(A) Have the resolutions committee work all year, as does the committee on boards, and not just for a frantic 48 hours at convention time. (B) Based on

a good experience in developing our 1963 Baptist Faith and Message 'resolve,' let the resolutions committee be composed, ex officio, of the presidents of our several state conventions.

"(C) Require all resolutions to be submitted well in advance, preferably a year ahead, to allow adequate time for study and referral to knowledgeable experts. (D) Limit resolutions to distinct Baptist convictions and use informal polling techniques to determine Baptist opinion on hosts of other issues.

"(E) Educate our SBC constituency through the resolution process by circulating proposed recommendations well in advance, with a suitable scriptural and historical introduction. (F) Work toward a goal of consensus by requiring a two-thirds majority to adopt a resolution."

Hull's epistle to his church members traced the history of our SBC resolutions process. He told of chaos of recent annual meetings when dozens of resolutions were offered and debated and adopted in frenetic sessions dominated by single-issue groups of varied persuasions. "The time is fast approaching when someone needs to blow a whistle on the bankruptcy of this whole procedure," Hull wrote. We couldn't agree more.

The Christian Index editor has urged Hull to share his recommendations with SBC leaders in Nashville. We hope the SBC Executive Committee will prayerfully consider his proposals as they study our resolutions procedures. If you share our concern, let Hull know in Shreveport.

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Scott County exceeds goal

The Georgetown College decade of progress campaign for Scott County has exceeded its \$400,000 goal, announced cochairmen W. T. Warring and Carrick James.

The local response to Georgetown College's \$6.5 million overall goal was exceeded. All three divisions, Initial, Advance and General went over the top. The total given and pledged stands at \$425,000.

Campbellsville adds staff

Campbellsville College, in a continuing series of administration changes, has added three more to its staff.

W. Jeff Clark of Illinois has joined the faculty as assistant professor of accounting and business.

Clark has taught on an adjunct basis, at Triton College, Northern Illinois University, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and Employee Development Institute, all in Illinois.

He has been on several church staffs including Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, where he was associate pastor.

Clark holds BA and MA degrees from Scarritt College in Nashville and has done graduate study at three universities in Illinois.

J. W. (Jay) Orr has been named Campbellsville's director of development.

Orr attended Baylor University, the University of Oklahoma and has a BA from Oklahoma Baptist University.

He has held several pastorates in Oklahoma and Illinois and was director of admissions at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.

Silvia L. Morris, student life director at Campbellsville since 1978, has been promoted to student life vice president.

Miss Morris replaces Dan Flanagan who will be the religious life and counseling officer.

Miss Morris received the BA from Campbellsville in 1973 and the MRE from Southern Seminary in 1978.

She is from Hodgenville and has worked as a social worker for the Kentucky Department for Human Resources. She has been a social worker with the Home Mission Board, with

Christian Social Ministries at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and with Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Kentuckians get MDivs



Frees



Mitchell

Two Kentuckians, William E. Mitchell Jr. and Mark Allen Frees, were among the more than 220 persons participating in annual graduation exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May 22.

Both completed degree requirements for the MDiv during the summer session.

Mitchell, a native of Mt. Sterling, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hood.

Mayfield native Frees is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Frees.

Pastors to Georgetown

Georgetown College was luncheon host to the 21-member steering committee of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Fellowship Aug. 26 in which plans for the 1982-83 program ideas were introduced and discussed.

Pastor's Fellowship chairman Jim Highland, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Shelbyville, presented seven new committeemen meeting with the group for the first time.

The new members include: Ira McMillen Jr., Greenview Baptist Church, Florence; John Kruschwitz, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas; Curtis Warf, First Baptist Church, Pikeville; Jerome Brown, Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington; Charles Hedrick, First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon; Gary Coltharp, First Baptist Church, Madisonville; and Ray Cooper, director of missions, Tates Creek Association.

The Baptist Pastor's Fellowship, in its third year, has sponsored programs drawing on the current concerns of church ministries. Resource persons from Baptist leadership posts have dealt with such issues as "burn out," managing financial resources, preaching and the pastor as a person.

Horner fund exceeds goal

As a result of gifts and pledges the scholarship fund at Campbellsville College honoring Paul Horner has reached \$51,497.

The fund was established as a project of the Alumni Association to honor Horner who was director of promotion and student recruitment for several years, as well as chairman of the Bible and religious education department from 1966 until his retirement in 1976.

Money received by the college for the fund is invested in savings accounts to earn interest.

The scholarship is awarded to upper division students dedicated to Christian vocations. This year nine recipients were selected. Students receiving the Paul Horner Scholarship are: Robert Owen Freshour, Seymour, Ind.; David G. Shephard, Louisville; Geneva Chris-

tine Johnson, Evansville, Ind.; Charles William (Skip) Fermoye, Campbellsville; Laura Lea Davis, Depauw, Ind.; Brent Thomas Gupton, Campbellsville; Alice Louise Biskey, Applegate, Mich.; Phyllis A. Shoenleben, Bradford, Oh.; and Roger (Nick) Szymansky, Louisville.

Choir posts fall schedule

The Georgetown College a cappella choir, under the direction of Tony Whitfield, has announced its 1982 fall concert schedule.

The first major concert will be at the annual meeting of Elkhorn Baptist Association, Monday evening, Oct. 18 at East Hickman Baptist Church.

The last and biggest musical event of the fall semester is the choir's Christmas concert in Georgetown's John L. Hill Chapel. The concert will be Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

The choir will make its annual appearance at the Kentucky Baptist Convention Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. The concert will be performed at 6:45 and 7:40 p.m.

Georgetown will feature the choir at two special Saturday afternoon student recruitment events Oct. 23, V.I.P. Day and Dec. 4, Tiger Day.

The 44-voice choir will make two special appearances during the college's Tuesday convocations Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

VP visits Baptist school

Vice President George Bush will visit Southwest Baptist University Sept. 28 for the dedication of the Gene Taylor National Free Enterprise Center. The ceremony will include remarks by Vice President Bush and congressman Gene Taylor.

Taylor, a United States congressman, has been instrumental in the development of the center and was named honorary cochairman along with President Ronald Reagan. Bush is coming to the Bolivar, Mo., campus to recognize Taylor for his support and Southwest Baptist University for its emphasis of community leadership and free enterprise education.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Campbellsville student makes 'medically impossible' recovery

Lynn Kearney's being alive today has been called a miracle, and it's no wonder considering all he's been through recently.

Kearney, a 22-year-old baseball player at Campbellsville College, almost drowned this summer. His faith in God has helped him through an ordeal his doctors considered having impossible odds.

"I feel a strong commitment to God and that he has something wonderful planned for my life. That's the reason I am alive today," Kearney said.

Kearney's story began July 29. As president of the Campbellsville Little League program, he accompanied the city's All-Stars to the Frankfort (Ky.) Invitational Tournament. Earlier that morning the youngsters fell to the way-side being eliminated from tournament play. An evening of recreation was planned for the battling bunch.

Included in the evening's activities was a trip to the swimming pool at the motel where they were staying. The next 12 days were to decide Kearney's future.

The youngsters were having fun at the pool like most do. They were laughing, playing and pushing each other in the water. Even Kearney, who could not swim, was in on the act. He was grabbing the youngsters as fast as they

could get to him and on their requests was throwing them into the pool.

Curfew time came and the All-Stars made their way to their rooms. On the way someone decided to get in one last push and Kearney went into the pool. No one was aware he could not swim.

Kearney was floating face down in the pool and was too far away for the Little Leaguers to reach him. Without panicking, the All-Stars found the apparatus used to clean the pool and hooked Kearney around the waist.

They pulled him to the side of the pool and dragged him out of the water. Life saving techniques were administered and an ambulance was called. Within a matter of minutes Kearney was on his way to King's Daughters Memorial Hospital in Frankfort.

By the time he got to the hospital Kearney's skin had turned black from lack of oxygen. It was estimated he had gone as long as five minutes without breathing. He was quickly placed on a respirator which forced his lungs to breathe.

Kearney was on the respirator for four days, unconscious. During those four days his heart stopped twice and each time the doctors were able to bring him back. Little by little, Kearney started to gain consciousness. He then spent the next seven days in intensive

care.

The doctors were worried about how much brain damage Kearney might have. They were looking for 100 percent damage. The prediction then dropped to 80 percent, then lower. Finally, they concluded there was absolutely no sign of brain damage. According to Kearney the doctors told him he did not have any apparent tissue damage. The doctors termed this "medically impossible."

August 29, exactly one month after the accident, Kearney stood before the congregation of Lowell Avenue Baptist Church in Campbellsville, his hometown church, and gave his testimony and account of what happened.

The Little Leaguers were also honored that night for saving his life. Various organizations of Campbellsville gave them awards and Kearney himself gave the players a plaque. Gov. John Y. Brown sent a certificate through Campbellsville police chief Willie Daniels.

Lowell Avenue Baptist Church seats around 550 but more than 600 people attended the service.

Kearney has been a member of coach Danny Davis' baseball team the past two seasons. He is a physical education major at the college, minoring in health.

Davis has high praise for Kearney.

BAPTIST FORUM

A personnel request

I am writing in regards to our search in Ohio County Baptist Association for a director of missions. As chairman of the search committee I would like to request your help in this matter.

If you have resumes of men or names whom you would recommend for this position please send them to us. We want to find God's man for this position and we realize we must be open to all channels.

We would like for you to let Kentucky Baptists know of our need through Western Recorder if possible. Certainly there might be readers who would want to make recommendations.

Also, we ask for the prayers of all our Kentucky Baptist people in this important task.

We thank you for any help you can give to us in this.

Harold E. Nall, Pastor
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Rte. 4, Utica, KY 42376

Is the joke on all of us?

The guest editorial in Western Recorder Aug. 25 alluded despairingly to the fact that in consecutive SBC conclaves the messengers approved resolutions supporting diametrically opposing views with regard to the so-called school prayer amendment.

This one-year flip flop on such an important matter, probably due as much to the differing constituencies occasioned by the geographical locations of the sessions as anything else (Los Angeles and New Orleans), not only makes the SBC a laughing stock, but also points up the obvious necessity, to wit, that in neither the assembly of the SBC, state convention nor district association should there ever be passed resolutions purporting to establish the positions of Southern Baptists on politi-

cal or social issues. Nor should any agency of the convention, such as the Christian Life Commission, presume to make pronouncements in the name of the people.

The most obvious reason, of course, is simply that there absolutely is no Southern Baptist consensus regarding essentially secular issues. Indeed, there is not even a Southern Baptist consensus on most spiritual matters.

Also in the WR of Aug. 25 can be found a perfect reason why legislated resolutions and agency dogma should be outlawed, namely, the fact that a Mayfield church administrator wrote to the Forum threatening the "further consideration to the handling of our financial contributions to the SBC" The reason: the fact that the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—supported by the SBC, though not an SBC agency—pronounced, in the name of Baptists, a view contrary to that of the church administration, as well as the SBC. Official resolutions and agency pronouncements are good for one thing only—DIVISIVENESS, an unaffordable luxury.

James L. Clark, Danville

Endorses Bennett resolution

Sept. 2, Simpson Baptist Association adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, recent Southern Baptist conventions have given rise to divisions among us regarding presidential appointments and committee nominations, and

Whereas, we believe that the Convention can best discharge its responsibility of electing persons to serve the Convention when it is well informed and is given adequate time for prayerful consideration of such persons,

Be it therefore resolved, that this assembly of the Simpson Baptist Association of Kentucky calls upon president Jimmy Draper and all succeeding presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman Charles Stanley and all succeeding chairmen of the committee on boards to publish through Baptist Press all their appointments and nominations for convention offices at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the convention, and

Be it further resolved, that this assembly of the Simpson Baptist Association of Kentucky expresses its unqualified support for the following change to Bylaw 21 of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention (as introduced by Russell Bennett at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, 1982):

A committee on committees shall be composed of two (2) members from each qualified state. Each state convention shall nominate two (2) candidates to be elected by the convention during its first day of meeting annually. Persons so nominated shall be notified in writing at least one month before the convention and shall be named in the first issue of the convention bulletin. The president may fill vacancies occurring in nomination or by resignation. This committee shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions of the convention not otherwise provided for. All special convention committees shall transfer, upon their discharge, all official files to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

David W. Crocker, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Franklin

Arms or plowshares?

I am writing in response to a letter in

the Aug. 25 Baptist Forum. The letter was submitted by J. L. Clark of Danville as a rebuttal of an editorial where nuclear war was declared the most critical issue of our time. I agree with Mr. Clark on two things: 1) that the spreading of the gospel and not nuclear war is our greatest issue and 2) a nuclear freeze is useless.

In the letter Mr. Clark supported the arms race using the excuse that only in strength can we protect and conserve peace, giving as an example Jesus' use of force in the temple to dispel the sellers of goods. He also stated that he wanted the U. S. to be the strongest nation on earth and that our nation is the "last, best hope of Christian witness and unless God decrees otherwise, must survive."

Mr. Clark is mistaken in his concept of Jesus Christ and where we as Christians should stand on this and other issues of this nature. Jesus used force one time—to dispel those who were desecrating God's house. This act does not give us a carte blanche ticket to destroy the human race.

In reading the four gospels three things always stick out to me: 1) Jesus's love for all people and his respect for the human condition; 2) All that he did and said in his relationships to the world was that of peace; and 3) The only people he ever got mad at was the religious establishment of his day. In reading the gospels and watching Jesus's life portrayed, I realize that we, as Christians, are called to be men of peace.

It is not through the propagation of nuclear weapons that we uphold and find peace. It is in the laying down of our arms and the forging of our weapons into plowshares that we find the peace of the cross which Christ bore for our sins.

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PERSONNEL

Turner called as minister of education Bellevue Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Thomas J. Turner as minister of education/youth.

Turner is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

He and his wife, the former Kristina Kitchen, have two children, Thomas Brent and Erin Elizabeth.

Louisville native Downing to Sanford
David M. Downing, a Louisville native, became professor of Christian recreation at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 1. He had been minister of Christian recreation at Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church nearly 10 years.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with special training in guidance and counseling, he was visiting professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978.

Mrs. Downing is the former Joyce Spears of Louisville. They have two children.

Vansant resigns Georgia church staff
Robert Vansant, who went to Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta, in 1969 from St. Matthews Church, Louisville, as minister of music, resigned after 13 years to work in a secular sales position.

A graduate of Mercer University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was a voice instructor and assistant director of the choir while at Southern.

He and Mrs. Vansant, the former Anne Allison, are natives of East Point, Ga. They have three children, all in college.

Beumann is Lowell Avenue pastor
Howard F. Beumann has resigned from Richland Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

A native of Pennsylvania, Beumann graduated from Morehead State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife have two children, Bryan and Brent.

Lynch is new pastor of Walnut Grove
William E. Lynch assumed the pastorate of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Logan County, Aug. 1.

He and his wife, Arlene, came to Walnut Grove from Nelson Creek Baptist Church, Central City. He was formerly pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Auburn.

First Greenville calls new staffer
W. B. McGibney accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Greenville, as associate in music. He had been minister of music and youth at Crawford Avenue Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

He is from Kentucky and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and Georgetown College.

Nall resigns as pastor of Concord
Harold Nall has resigned from Concord Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, to accept the pastorate of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Utica.

Martin assumes Central pastorate
Drew Martin began his ministry as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Paris, Aug. 8.

Martin, a native of Mousie in Knott County, is a graduate of United Electronics Institute, Louisville; Clear Creek Bible School, Pineville; and Cumberland College, Williamsburg. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Trinity Theological Seminary, Evansville, Ind.

Before coming to Central he was pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church for 14 years and Jeff Baptist Church for five years, both in Perry County.

Martin is a member of the Hazard-Perry County Ministerial Association, a board member and chaplain at Hazard

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

Appalachian Regional Hospital, board member of Family Health Services in Hazard, chairman of the church-college board at Cumberland College and chairman of the Kentucky alumni of Clear Creek Baptist School.

His wife is the former Patty Sexton of Lackey in Floyd County. They have four children, Mrs. Brenda Cook, Tracy, Michael and Melinda.

Abbott serves Wing Avenue as interim
Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, has named Wilburn J. Abbott interim pastor.

Abbott retired last year as pastor of Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro.

CONGREGATIONS

Red House dedicates sanctuary addition
Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, dedicated its new sanctuary addition Aug. 8. E. N. Perry, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Richmond, preached the dedication sermon.

The addition included an expansion of the sanctuary to twice its former size, five new Sunday school rooms, new stained glass windows and a steeple.

Terry Lester is pastor.

First, Mt. Vernon observes anniversary
First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, celebrated its 95th anniversary Aug. 29.

Afternoon services featured C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor, as guest speaker.

Charles Hedrick is pastor.

Elkhorn City completes new building
Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association, has completed its new educational building.

Mitchells thank congregation

Ed Mitchell, pastor of Howards Mill Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, and his wife, Vickie, held an open house Aug. 3 at the parsonage in appreciation for the work members did in the two weeks of renovation prior to the Mitchells' arrival.

Lewisport releases outreach balloons
Children of First Baptist Church, Lewisport, released about 200 helium balloons from the Lewisport school grounds Aug. 29. The balloons carried scripture verses and an invitation from pastor Randall Stallings for the finders to attend Sunday school.

The outreach was planned by Sunday school director Kelly Vanover in hopes of enrolling over 100 people in Sunday school before the end of this year.

Mt. Olivet celebrates anniversary
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Bracken Association, observed the 75th anniversary of its sanctuary Aug. 29.

Afternoon speakers were Ken Forman, Bracken Association missionary; Kevin Thomas, Kentucky Baptist Student Union present and Mt. Olivet member; and pastor Lynn Bertram. Music was provided by Bill McCord, A. V. McCloud and Minerva Riggs.

Lake City observes homecoming
Lake City Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, celebrated its homecoming Sept. 12. Former pastor Joe Pat Winchester delivered the sermon.

Afternoon singing was provided by the Travis family, Kuttawa, Ky.

Gordon Holland is pastor.

Centertown observes 75th anniversary
Centertown Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, celebrated its 75th anniversary Aug. 29.

Tom Woodson is pastor.

Immanuel has groundbreaking service
Immanuel Baptist Church, Pike Association, held groundbreaking services for its new building Sept. 5.

Rineyville has open house for new wing
Kentucky Baptist Convention president Bill Jagers recently spoke at Rineyville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, as part of a special program.

Jagers, pastor of Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church, was elected to head the convention last November at the statewide convention in Elizabethtown.

Following Jagers' address during the morning worship hour, an open house was conducted for the church's new education and recreation wing.

Goshen celebrates building program
Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, celebrated a "Together We Build" program victory Aug. 22.

The church has subscribed over \$100,000 to be paid over the next 36 months. This amount, linked with pledges from DeHaven, Crestwood and Ballardsville churches and several Louisville churches, will make possible Goshen's proceeding with the building of the first structure.

Crestwood reaches fund raising mark
Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has passed the \$200,000 mark in cash raised toward its proposed enlargement program.

Florence reverses decline in attendance
Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church has recently witnessed a reversal in its attendance decline. Average Sunday school attendance increased 20 percent this year with a 20 percent increase in total receipts. Vacation Bible school had almost a 50 percent increase.

Florence also helped start one of 10 new churches in New Hampshire this summer.

Panola observes 170th anniversary
Panola Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, celebrated its 170th anniversary Sept. 19. Sherl Thomas and Mike Hoover preached the morning and afternoon sermons.

Saturday, Sept. 18, the "Sonshines," Kettering, Oh., sang.

Panola was formerly known as Drowning Creek Baptist Church.

Silent Run dedicates facilities
Silent Run Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, held a cornerstone laying and dedication service for its church facilities.

Placed in the cornerstone were a copy of the charter membership and the present membership roll.

Wayne Lamb, Dawson Springs, is pastor.

Oakland celebrates 75th anniversary
Oakland (Ky.) Baptist Church observed its 75th anniversary Sept. 26. James Carpenter, Atlanta, Ga., was the speaker.

Pastor is Timothy Johnson.

Paducah First constructs new building
Currently under construction at First Baptist Church, Paducah, is the Lola Carson Memorial Chapel and Fellow-

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The Lola Carson building, now under construction at First Baptist Church, Paducah, will house a memorial chapel and fellowship lobby.

ship Lobby. This addition to the church is in memory of Lola Carson, who was a member of the church for many years.

The new facilities are scheduled for completion this fall.

J. Robert White is pastor.

MISSIONS

Edgewood brotherhood reaches out The Baptist Men's Brotherhood of Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville, sent 14 men on a three-day missionary-revival trip to Hamden Baptist Chapel, Hamden, Oh.

The chapel, founded in May of this year, is an old two-story house with the living room area used as the sanctuary and the kitchen and upstairs rooms as Sunday school rooms.

The chapel is the only Southern Baptist institution in Hamden and one of the very few in this entire area of south-eastern Ohio. Hamden pastor James Butcher commented that at least 800 of the town's 1000 residents do not attend church anywhere.

The men from Edgewood visited every home in the town inviting people to become acquainted with the chapel.

These men were: Leon Thomas, Wilbern Merrick, Harry Cordier, Ray Peck, Gordon Cobb, Dean Deeter, Marvin Inman, Dail Haney, Larry Peck, Jerry Becker, David Oatts, Jim Wilson, Dick Farrell and Ken Raybourne.

Gayle Toole is pastor of Edgewood.

Red House sends team to northeast Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, recently sent a mission team to Suncook, N. H. for a week. The volunteer mission team worked with church planter Paul Glenn in renovating a barn for a place of worship for New Hope Baptist Church, a newly formed mission.

Members of the team were: Carl and Sylvia Powell, Leslie Powell, Nelson and Mary Lou Cox, Lowell and Diane Mullikin, Charlie Moore, Garnett and Billie Rae Parke, Jackie and Debbie Ward, David and Barb Miles, Terry and Jan Lester.

Terry Lester is pastor of Red House.

Lindholms announce birth of daughter Alvin and Edna Lindholm became the parents of a girl, Rachel, July 25. Their address is Box 8080, Ibb, Yemen.

He is a native of San Luis Obispo, Cal., and she is the former Edna Hughey of Cadiz, Ky.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

Ohio River team leads mission effort Thirty-two people, forming an Ohio River Association mission team, traveled to Hamilton, Oh. to lead revivals and backyard Bible clubs.

ORDINATIONS

Henderson ordains Faulkner as deacon Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, ordained Hal Faulkner as deacon Aug. 29.

Roy W. Fields Jr. is pastor.

Beechmont ordains Domnick to ministry Kim Domnick, pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church, Frankfort, was ordained at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Aug. 18.

Eugene I. Enlow, pastor of Beechmont, presided over the interrogation. Roy Boatwright, director of missions for Franklin County Association, was interrogator.

Stanley Johnson, pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Meade County, preached the ordination sermon.

Forsythe ordained by Poplar Grove Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association, ordained its pastor, Timothy Forsythe, to the ministry Sept. 5.

Paul Gray ordained to ministry Calvary Baptist Church, Bracken Association, ordained Paul Gray to the ministry Sept. 5.

Mt. Olive ordains Danny Withers Danny Withers was ordained to the ministry by Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Russell County Association, Sept. 12.

REVIVALS

Monroe's Oak Grove holds July revival Oak Grove Baptist Church, Monroe Association, reports one profession of faith and one addition by baptism resulting from its July 18-27 revival.

Jerry Anderson was evangelist. Clyde England Jr. is pastor.

Parmleys Grove holds revival meetings Parmleys Grove Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, held revival Aug. 2-8.

Robert Lanham was evangelist and Campbell Kenrick is pastor.

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Oak Grove reports revival results Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, reports 10 decisions by profession of faith and 10 by letter during its recent revival.

Noble Cobb was evangelist and Glen Ramsey is pastor.

DEATHS

Home missionary, pastor Matheny dies James Braddy Matheny, 73, of Martin, Tenn., died there Aug. 4 from a heart attack.

He attended Bowling Green Business University and graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1948.

He was home missionary for Muhlenberg County Baptist Association and organized Roland Memorial Baptist Church near Greenville. He was also pastor in Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorlas Ruth Watkins; son, Hugh Martin Matheny, Sand Springs, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. Emily Louise Daniel, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Mrs. Joan McGraw, Atlanta, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Green and Mrs. Wilma Moore, Madisonville, Mrs. Gala Smith, Bowling Green, and Mrs. Thel-

ma Clark, Owensboro; and brother, Wesley Martin Jr., Madisonville.

Mother of Maurine McTyre dies Mrs. Mattie Robles, mother of Mrs. John H. McTyre, died July 28 in Tampa, Fla. Mrs. McTyre may be reached at 3534 Nanz Ave., Louisville 40207. The former Maurine Robles, she was born in Chicago, Ill. and grew up in Tampa. She and her husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

Missionary Young's father dies William H. Young, father of Hugh H. Young, missionary to Japan, died Aug. 7 in Orlando, Fla. Young may be addressed at 14-15, 1-chome, Momochi, Sawara-ku, Fukuouoka 814, Japan. He was born in Cartersville, Ga. and lived in Orlando, Fla. His wife, the former Norma Lusas of Kentucky was born in Meade County and lived in Louisville.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Lloyd Mayer dies at age of 81 Lloyd M. Mayer, 81, died July 25 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. He was a retired Baptist minister having served churches in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was a member of Elm Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

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They're teaching Johnny to read

by Mary Kinney Branson,
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The Johnny Who Can't Read inevitably grows up to be the Mr. Smith who can't read. If Mr. Smith cannot read, he finds very few jobs available to him. Where can such a person turn for help?

Within the Ohio County Baptist Association, nonreaders can ask a group of dedicated tutors for help with their reading skills. Ellen Tichenor, director

of the literacy ministry association, says the program has had 10 students since its beginning in the summer of 1980.

"The ministry is jointly sponsored by Ohio County Baptist Association and the Home Mission Board, explains Miss Tichenor. "Ohio County covers the few expenses we incur. The Home Mission Board gives certificates to those who complete the reading courses and provides tutor training.

"In 1980 my pastor, Glenn Armstrong, asked me if I would go for a 10-day training seminar at Samford University in Birmingham. The seminar was sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Its purpose was to prepare volunteers to go home and train others in

their areas to teach adults to read.

"In November 1980 I trained six people in our county," continues Miss Tichenor. "In April 1981 I trained about a dozen people in the Paducah area. I'm planning another training session in our county this fall.

"After our training, we were anxious to begin tutoring. Lack of students was our first obstacle.

"We printed flyers to place in offices in the county. There was a newspaper article about the ministry. But, obviously, those who needed our help couldn't read the publicity. Our most effective publicity turned out to be radio spot announcements and word of mouth.

"Most of our students are referred by family members and friends. A few have contacted us themselves. So far, all of our students have been men. Their ages have varied from 20 to over 50 years. Most are men who dropped out of school after elementary school, or even at age 16, but who still cannot read.

"Many men begin the reading program because they are unable to find jobs," explains Miss Tichenor. "Unfortunately, as soon as they can read well enough to find employment, they quit coming to the tutoring sessions.

"So far, none of the students in our county have completed the entire course. However, I am presently work-

KBC ACTIVITIES

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23-25 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 23rd to 1 p.m. on 25th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges
25 WMU Area Meeting. Greenville, First Baptist Church
25 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
26-Oct. 3 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday School publications

OCTOBER

4-5 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Board of Child Care or Christian Life Relations Department, KBC
7-8 Brotherhood Convention. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church
8-9 State Pioneer Congress. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church
10 World Hunger Day
15-16 BYW Retreat. Cedarmore

18-22 Missions Emphasis Week
22-23 Associational Officers' Briefing. Cedarmore
29-30 Baptist Women Retreat. Cedarmore
30 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek
31 Church Growth/Sunday High Attendance Day in Sunday school

NOVEMBER

5-7 International Student Conference. Lake Cumberland State Park
7-13 Royal Ambassador Week
8-11 Kentucky Baptist Convention Meetings. Lexington, Immanuel Baptist Church
14 American Bible Society Day
14-17 Foreign Missions Study
21 Child Care Day
25 Thanksgiving Day
28-12/5 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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GOD'S MAN

Since I don't have written documents for reference, I shall leave names out of this story. However, I have known it from my youth, witnessed to by my Father and at least two other renowned Baptist Ministers of my acquaintance. I count it accurate except for whatever imperfection of memory there may be on my part. The story illustrates that God can use any situation in which the people are willing to adjust a bit and accept His apparent will.

A prominent church in a large mid-western city invited a Minister of outstanding record in a southeastern city to be their Pastor. (I'm a little in doubt here as to whether they just outright called him on his record or whether their invitation was first to meet with a large committee for conference and to look over the facilities of the church in question.)

When the invited Minister arrived for a welcome dinner meeting, the two or three people who had previously seen the Minister with whom the church presumably had communicated went into a

state of shock. They realized that it was the wrong man. The church office in conveying the call (or invitation) to the prospective Minister in the distant city had consulted the alphabetical listing of Ministers in that state and sent the invitation to another Minister of comparable reputation in the same city who had the same last name.

The people who detected the error caucused quickly in a back room and prayerfully decided to pledge themselves to perfect secrecy and to go on through with the plans as if no error had occurred. They believed perhaps God had intended this unexpected change that had brought them a different but equally fine future Pastor.

The man served as Pastor of the church for seven very successful years. The secret was kept until he was called back to the same city from whence he had come.

The Minister who was passed over moved on after a reasonable time to a larger place of service in yet another state. The whole history in retrospect appears to have been in God's hands all along and best for all concerned.

Life and Work Series ETHICAL LIVING

Hebrews 12:14-17 God's numerous and earnest calls for ethical living on the part of his children constitute proof of his intense interest in their lives being pure, holy, obedient and useful. God admonished those who are right with him to pursue peace with Christians and non-Christians in order to

have a wholesome influence and effective testimony for Christ.

Esau was self-centered. He allowed his physical appetites to overrule the higher instincts of his nature. To him what mattered most was what he wanted. He lacked discernment and discipline. Esau failed to discern between the passing and the permanent, the present and the future, and the paltry and the costly. He did not have any awareness of the spiritual or any appreciation of the unseen. He patterned his life on the whim of the moment instead of the will of God. He became very dissatisfied with the trade he had made when he realized the value of his birthright. Esau was remorseful but the consequences of his action could not be undone.

Hebrews 13:1-4, 7, 17 Shocked by the breakdown of Christian fellowship and convinced this prevailing condition would lead to a breach of fellowship with Christ, the writer of Hebrews challenged his Christian readers to continue their cultivation of brotherly love.

Their love, however, must not be limited to Christians, but it must also find expression in hospitality to strangers. Persecution caused many Christians to travel; so by entertaining them as they journeyed others could render them a great favor and at the same time express their love for Christ. Christian

hospitality extended to strangers is enjoined upon all followers of Christ.

The writer commanded his Christian readers to keep on remembering their past and their present leaders in the church, who have set a splendid example for them to follow and have been faithful in teaching the scriptures to them. Each will be called upon to give an account unto God for the service he has rendered or failed to render for him.

International Series GOD PRESERVES HIS PEOPLE

Genesis 50:15-26 Even though his brothers had sinned grievously against him by selling him into slavery, Joseph did not hold it against them. Instead, he forgave them for their mistreatment of him. In Joseph's forgiveness and reconciliation with his brothers may be seen his acknowledgement of God's purpose, his acceptance of God's place for him and his complete trust in God's providence. Instead of holding the get-even spirit, Joseph left the judgment of their sin to God and forgave them. He was grateful God had overruled their evil purpose and deed and had changed the course of his life so remarkably.

Aged Jacob called his sons to his bedside, bestowed his blessing upon them, made certain predictions concerning their future and instructed them to take his corpse back to Canaan and bury it in the cave of Machpelah, where his ancestors had been interred. After the death and embalming of Jacob there were 70 days of official mourning in Egypt before they took his body back to Canaan. Then his sons went to Canaan for an additional period of seven day's mourning prior to the burial.

The brothers sent a messenger to Joseph to make known to him their feeling. Their failure to believe Joseph and to trust him wounded him so deeply and grieved him so much that he wept profusely. Instead of harboring within himself a spirit of resentment toward them, Joseph emphasized the fact that while they did what they did against him for his personal injury, God had meant it for good. Joseph saw in their deed not the meanness of men but the providence of God.

Joseph saw that God had been in every part of his life and truly believed he would always be the master of every situation. As an expression of the tenderness and solicitude of his heart, Joseph talked personally with his brethren and renewed his promise to protect them and their posterity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

SEPT. 26, 1982



H. C. Chiles

ing with a student who is nearing completion."

There are five levels in the complete reading program. The Home Mission Board gives a certificate to the student each time he completes a level. At the end of the entire program the student should be reading on a sixth grade level, which is quite functional.

What happens at a typical tutoring session? Miss Tichenor elaborates:

"We meet once a week for one hour. We learn words and sounds. Then we read stories, using our new knowledge. Often the stories are about other people who have learned to read. After the stories, we complete check-up exercises. We end the session with a

writing assignment and I give a homework assignment."

Reading instruction for adults requires a one-on-one situation.

"I am presently tutoring three students," says Miss Tichenor. "I tutor two of these men at the same time, but I definitely feel that private tutoring is more effective. Certainly no more than two should be tutored at a time."

Miss Tichenor says that the opportunities to witness have been subtle.

"We are instructed to give the person time to get used to the program before actively witnessing. We wait until he expresses an interest," states Miss Tichenor. "However, the people are aware the program is sponsored by

Baptists, and much of our tutoring is carried out in local churches. The students often ask about the churches where they meet. None of the men presently being tutored attend church, so with time, this ministry could become an excellent outreach opportunity."

Is illiteracy a problem common only in Ohio County?

"There are probably nonreaders in every county in Kentucky," stresses Miss Tichenor. The Kentucky Baptist Convention recently formed a literacy council which met last year in conjunction with the state convention. The first annual statewide meeting was held last March at Ridcliff. The next meeting will

be at Beaver Dam Mar. 19, 1983.

"I will be glad to lead workshops for interested persons," offers Miss Tichenor. "People interested in tutoring should be at least 18 years old and have a high school education. They will need 14 to 16 hours of training to use the reading materials."

Miss Tichenor is a kindergarten teacher. She plays the piano and is involved with three choirs at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. She receives no salary for her work with the literacy ministry, but her reasons for becoming involved are evident in her expression as she says: "There's a personal satisfaction in knowing I'm helping someone better himself."

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director
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Authorities tell us September is a good time to fertilize lawn grass. By feeding the grass now it will develop a stronger and deeper root system. With a good, strong root system the grass is more resistant to disease and will withstand long, dry seasons in the summer.

For the past two months I have been looking at the root system of Kentucky Baptists. Based on what I have been seeing I can testify Baptists in Kentucky have a strong and deep root system.

From late July until late October each year the 80 district associations in our state hold their annual meetings. Attending these meetings gives one an opportunity to fellowship with and observe Baptist life at the grassroots.

Baptist Homes for Children plans to have a representative attend each association. I enjoy this responsibility very much. It puts me in touch with Baptists where they live and where they conduct their business. In these annual meetings, messengers from the churches in the immediate area come together. They sing and pray, worship and preach, hear reports on all facets of

Baptist work, vote on matters pertaining to their responsibility in kingdom work and promote missions worldwide.

To attend these meetings, one must be impressed with the deep sincerity and convictions of Baptist at the grassroots. They believe the Bible and want its message proclaimed. They are committed to the idea of voluntary cooperation in doing God's work. And they are dedicated to missions, Christian education and benevolence.

Getting to the grassroots in these associational meetings not only makes me proud to be a Baptist, but it makes me proud to be a part of our ministry to children through Baptist Homes for Children. The leaders in each association are so gracious to recognize us and give an opportunity for a report on our work. Messengers are always most attentive and eager to hear what we do to minister to children.

From the grassroots of Baptists I know our work is in their hearts. Baptist support for Homes for Children is stronger than ever. I thank God for Grassroots Baptists—I am proud to be one of them!

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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



SAYING THANK YOU

When Jesus healed 10 lepers on an occasion, only one of them turned back and gave thanks. Jesus' question was a searching one, "Were there not 10 cleansed? Where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17).

This reminds me of the importance of saying "thank you" to those who afford us gracious provisions along our pilgrim way.

I am especially thankful for all who have helped the work at Clear Creek through the years. Dr. Kelly, Dr. Aldridge, Dr. Mahon, Dr. Hastings, Dr. Denham, Professors Lynch, Ader, Lester and a multitude of others have made the school a great center for training preachers and pastors.

Mrs. Gladys Kelly, Miss Anna Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore and many other staff members have run the operation of the school efficiently and frugally. I am thankful for all who have served at Clear Creek in the past.

I am also thankful for those who presently continue the tradition of being used of God to touch the lives of our

students. Professors Fitts and Peterson have each taught 20 years at Clear Creek. Claude Fox has almost completed 20 years of service. In coming months I will be sharing about those who are used of God to minister here.

I am also so very thankful for those who support our school. So many of you give of yourselves and your possessions to insure the continuance of this great school. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I recently received a letter that stated, "It has recently come to our attention that your school has not acknowledged gifts to a scholarship fund. This is very disturbing to our donors."

You can imagine how disturbing this news was to me! I moved heaven and earth to discover the problem. You can easily guess who the culprit was . . . there on our new president's desk was the "bottleneck." To paraphrase a comic-strip character, "We found the enemy and he is us!"

So, from all of us at Clear Creek, "Thank you, thank you, thank you for your love, prayers and support."

GOD'S TIMING

I worked and lived among the Moslems of Iran for more than six years. All of my work was in the area of the Turkoman nomads in the northeastern part of the country near the Russian border. I often heard and used the word "enshah-allah" meaning "if God wills." How wonderful to have a sense of being in God's will. I had it then. I have it today.

How exciting to be both observer and participant in the unfolding purpose of God for one's own life and those about. As I live each day of my earthly pilgrimage, headed toward a land "fairer by far," I become ever more conscious of God's wonderful timing. Looking back on events of my life I understand things I couldn't understand at the time. I can see God's working, His timing.

I've always been impatient. Former Oneida president Chester Sparks noted this as he introduced me for my valedictory address at graduation in 1958. He said "It is a good thing Barkley wasn't around when God made the world and all that is in it. He'd have said, 'Now, God, can't we do this in three days instead of six!'" Sometimes we can run ahead of God. Far more often we are far behind in doing what he wants done.

God's timing.

Early in July pastor Edwin Kirkpatrick and many of his flock at Ten Mile Baptist Church, Glencoe, arrived for a week of volunteer work, their fourth year to do this. Again it was marvelous to see all they got done for us. One of the women brought her sewing machine and announced she had come to sew. When she said this I was at a total loss. I didn't have anything for her to sew. I said nothing while the group busied themselves getting moved into the dorm.

Within 20 minutes Mrs. Gilbert Samples, whose husband taught here so many years, arrived with a truckload of nice furniture and other items donated by a Laurel County friend. In the truck were large bolts of beautiful cloth. One of my staff seeing that remarked, "We could use some bedspreeds and some new curtains in the guest house." The seamstress was hard at work within the hour, and was joined the following morning by two more ladies from Ten Mile and they did a beautiful job.

God's timing. He had known our need and supplied both the material and the workers before I was conscious of the need!

Our trustees met recently. I was able to report to them on \$120,000 worth of projects that hadn't even been thought of five months before, but the projects

were accomplished and paid for. Among these was the purchase of six 70x14 foot mobile homes for additional staff housing, the computer program, the furnishing of our large guest house and only original building with the school's own furniture for the first time in 71 years and also new drapes for all the windows in three of our dorms. This had gotten to be a very serious need.

Then I reported on another major project of \$28,000, the bill soon to come due for which we had not a dime and nothing in sight. We are enclosing 176 presently open closets in two of our boys dorms built in 1968. We are building drawers in the bottom of each closet and this will allow us to remove at least one chest in each room making more space. Also a door with a lock is being put on each individual closet. This will be a tremendous help as there is always a thief in every crowd and to have something stolen can be very depressing to the victim, especially a new arrival still in the "homesick" stage. We stepped out on faith with this project because we had the opportunity of getting it done for considerably less than normally would be the cost. We did it as part of a package deal with the closets of our newest dorm just completed. But unfortunately we had no money to pay the bill.

Late in the afternoon, the trustees

having left, I finally had time to open the morning's mail. In it was a single check for \$26,000! God had already supplied our need even as I was expressing concern. We still need \$2000 on that project but God is moving someone to take care of it I am sure.

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Reagan, New Right disagree on position

President Reagan does not agree with the view of leaders of the religious right that the United States is a "chosen" nation in the sense that Israel was chosen as God's special people in Old Testament times.

That assessment of the President's view came from Edwin Meese III, counselor to the President, in a Sept. 14 working luncheon with 15 editors and writers from the religious press.

Asked to explain what Reagan meant in a Sept. 9 Kansas State University speech when he declared that America was "set apart" by God, Meese said the President was referring to his "sense of historical purpose" for the U. S., not to "theological perceptions per se."

When a reporter pointed out that leaders of the religious right, including Moral Majority founder and president Jerry Falwell, use such language to designate the U. S. as a successor people to Israel under a new covenant with God, Meese said Reagan does not share that view.

Committee searching for 1985 state convention host

The committee on arrangements is accepting invitations from churches interested in hosting the 1985 Kentucky Baptist Convention, according to James B. Lewis, pastor of Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, and chairman of the committee.

Prospective host churches should contact Lewis at the church. The address is 9705 Westport Rd., Louisville, KY 40222.

Appointments, gifts up, FMB reports

Appointment of Southern Baptists for service overseas continued at a record pace as the Foreign Mission Board approved 21 new missionaries in September, bringing the year's total to 299.

Expectations of large numbers of appointments in October and December mean 1982 appointments should exceed the record of 355 set in 1981.

At the close of its Sept. 14 business session the board received word a survey team had arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, to work with missionaries in determining relief needs there. Immediate release of \$25,000 in general relief funds will pay for repairs at Beirut Baptist School, which housed refugees and a small medical clinic during the summer's fighting. The money will also replace some furnishings and provide supplies.

FMB president R. Keith Parks told the board relief allocations for the first eight months of this year increased 113.9 percent over the same period last year. A total of \$1,038,826 released in July and August brought total allocations to \$4,301,896, more than double the \$2,010,606 released during the first eight months of 1981.

Southern Baptists gave \$2,744,207 through Aug. 31, a 26 percent increase over gifts during the comparable period last year. Largest amounts released in the past two months went to Bangladesh and Brazil, with small allocations spread across the world.

Sanders has surgery; doctors expect progress

Harold G. Sanders, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, entered Baptist Hospital East Sept. 12 for aneurysm surgery. The surgery was Sept. 14.

Following surgery the doctor reported he saw no traces of cancer.

Sept. 20 Mrs. Sanders said he was making "very good progress" and the "doctors seem very pleased."

She added he can see visitors and will leave the hospital Sept. 24 or 25.

Alumni from UK BSU meet Nov. 6 in Lexington

Alumni of the University of Kentucky Baptist Student Union will meet Nov. 6 at the BSU center. Open house will begin at 10 a.m., followed by brunch at 10:30 a.m.

Jim Bergman, vice president for student affairs, Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, will be the guest speaker. Bergman has been involved in student work since he was U. K.'s BSU president in the 1950s.

For reservations contact the BSU center.

ABC-TV spotlights Ruschlikon seminary

International Baptist Seminary of Ruschlikon will be featured in a three-segment series to be telecast in North America beginning Oct. 3.

The series, produced by the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC) in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, features the seminary in its role of providing theological education for Baptist ministers from Eastern Europe.

Southern Baptists, through the Foreign Mission Board, assist in the support of the seminary, which this year enrolled 73 students from 20 nations, an all time high.

The first segment, titled "Ruschlikon: Training Christians for Marxist Society," is scheduled for feed to network affiliates at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 as part of the ABC Directions series.

The first segment features incoming seminary president Clyde E. Fant Jr., first-year student Zygmunt Karel, from Poland, and RTVC president Jimmy R. Allen. Host of the program is Hal Walker, an ABC news correspondent based in Bonn, West Germany.

The second two parts of the series have been filmed but not yet scheduled for airing. Tentative dates are to show the second part in November and the final segment in early 1983.

The second segment presents students from Poland, Spain, the Federal Republic of Germany and Denmark, while the concluding segment features an interview with Gunter Wagner, professor of New Testament at the seminary.

Baptist Hospital expands for ambulatory care center

A ground breaking ceremony for a 62,000 square foot expansion of Baptist Hospital East, Louisville, was held Sept. 21 at the helipad.

The project involves expansion of ancillary departments and relocation of those with high outpatient utilization to the Ambulatory Care Center area near the emergency room. The emergency room will not be expanded. However, a new ambulance entrance will be constructed to allow emergency patients to be brought directly into the emergency room and a waiting room for families of emergency room patients will be added.

Baptist Hospital East is pioneering a new concept in health care with the Ambulatory Care Center—an area designed for easy access of outpatient services in an acute care facility. Some of the departments which will be affected are: physical therapy, respiratory therapy, nuclear medicine, cardiovascular department, central processing and distribution, surgery and education.

Baptist Hospital East has experienced a steadily increasing demand for outpatient surgery. The addition of the Ambulatory Care Center will consolidate the outpatient services currently offered throughout the hospital, reduce the time required for elective surgery, provide added convenience for both patient and doctor and potential cost savings to patients.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield has stated that by eliminating room and board charges the cost of ambulatory surgery could run 30 to 50 percent less than inpatient surgery.

The future plans for Baptist Hospital East include the addition of 98 beds to the hospital which would bring the total beds to 351. The Certificate of Need has been approved by the Kentucky Certificate of Need and Licensure Boards. However, the bed expansion is pending due to litigation.

WMU selects new site; will break ground Sept. 23

Woman's Missionary Union will dedicate a new site and break ground for its future headquarters building at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 23.

The new national offices for the Southern Baptist auxiliary will stand on a mountain approximately 12 miles south of its current location in downtown Birmingham, Ala. The 25-acre site is in one of the newest and fastest growing business and residential areas in the state.

WMU officials say site development will begin immediately with construction of a road to be known as Mission-

ary Ridge. Land and site development costs will exceed \$1 million.

The first phase of building construction will consist of at least 100,000 square feet. A two- or three-story circular limestone office and meeting center will overlook the highway. Two wings of an operations center will adjoin to the rear. The building will be expandable to accommodate future growth.

WMU hopes to occupy the new facility in 1984 with 130 employees. The building will house programing, publishing, consulting, conferences and distribution. An earth station for satellite receive and transmitting will be part of the project.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the 1.1-million-member organization, said the new WMU site was selected because of its convenience, its beauty and its relationship to Birmingham.

WMU has been at its present location 31 years and has been talking with prospective buyers for its 41,000 square foot downtown landmark.

Ministers' Wives founder Sue Wesberry succumbs

Mrs. Sue Latimer Wesberry, first president and a primary organizer of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, died Sept. 7 after a long illness.

She was the wife of James P. Wesberry, pastor emeritus of Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., now executive director of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States.

Mrs. Wesberry, a member of the board of directors for the Baptist Home Mission Board, was active in all phases of denominational life. For many years she was an elementary school librarian.

Her husband is a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

Survivors include her husband; one son, James Wesberry Jr., of Washington, D. C.; a sister, Mrs. Louie Latimer Owens of Greenville, S. C., author of the column "Minnie Belle" in Baptist Program magazine; one niece and six grandchildren.

BSSB search panel asks presidential nominations

Response has been good to requests for nominees for a president of the Sunday School Board, according to the chairman of the search committee, who urged all interested Southern Baptists to submit recommendations before the Oct. 1 deadline.

John J. Bryan of Bluefield, W. Va. emphasized "any Southern Baptist is encouraged to make a nomination." He said the seven-member committee would like to receive nominations from a wide cross section of the denomination.

Bryan, a layman and medical doctor, said recommendations should be made in writing and include a complete biographical sketch of the nominee and a concise statement of the reason for the nomination.

Recommendations should be mailed to Bryan at Box 1728, Bluefield, WV 24701.

New HMB leader stresses family role

by Jim Newton

Family is priority for Bob Hamblin.

Concern for family relationships has shaped and molded some of the views of evangelism of Hamblin, elected last month vice president of the SBC Home Mission Board and director of the SBC's nationwide programs of evangelism.

Hamblin is deeply committed to what he calls "relational evangelism" in which Christians share the gospel with members of their immediate families as well as friends and coworkers who are part of the larger "family" with whom they regularly relate.

His concern stems from his first experiences as a Christian when his sister was instrumental in leading him to Christ.

Hamblin was 12 when he went to a Presbyterian revival and felt he ought to become a Christian. He talked to his older sister, Elsie, who read the Bible to him, told him "how to be saved," and urged him to join Merten Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis Tenn., where she was a member. By the time he was 16, Bob was teaching a Sunday school class of 12-year-old boys at Hollywood Baptist Church, Memphis, and working with the same kids in Boy Scouts. That year he personally led each of the boys to believe in Jesus Christ.

"That experience really turned me on spiritually and gave me a deep, burning commitment to personal witnessing," Hamblin recalled.

At 17 he felt God calling him into the ministry and after preaching his first sermon in 1946 at Hollywood Baptist Church his mother and father came down the aisle. His Methodist mother wanted to become a Baptist; his father said, "Son, I've tried all my life to be good enough to go to heaven, but I realize now just 'being good' is not enough."

During his 22 years as pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., each of Bob and Ruth's three daughters, Bobbye, Karis and Carole, accepted Christ under their father's preaching. Carole, 19, a student at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., says she's never heard another preacher's sermons as good as her father's.

Hamblin led another sister, Ethel, to believe in Christ just before she died in 1973. When Ethel was hospitalized in Hamilton, Oh., the Hamblins' hometown, Elsie wrote to her every day

about her faith and Ethel asked Hamblin to come see her. Hamblin flew immediately to Ohio, visited her in the hospital, read the Bible, and Ethel "asked the Lord to come into her life." Two days later Ethel died.

As a result of such experiences, Hamblin is convinced effective evangelism must be based on personal relationships. "Evangelism is best done person to person, not pulpit to person. I want to show people that Jesus is Lord by what I am, what I do, and what I say," he explained.

Many people have the idea evangelism is "buttonholing people, even strangers you've never met, and going through a set of steps to lead them to believe in Jesus as savior but to hit people with the gospel without first establishing a personal relationship is usually unsuccessful," he said.

During his 34 years as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi Hamblin has sought to put that principle into practice, demonstrating God's love by ministering to needs.

While pastor in Tupelo, Hamblin got a midnight call from the chaplain at the University of Mississippi informing him the brother of a church member had committed suicide. Hamblin spent all night with the family after breaking the news and visited them frequently afterwards. Two months later, the youth's mother, father and brother accepted Christ.

"We've got to demonstrate that we love people, that we care enough to meet their personal needs, and in doing that, let the love of Christ come through us," he says.

Hamblin says all too often non-Christians don't see love, only bickering and fighting, among Baptists. He is deeply concerned about the effect of denominational squabbles on nonbelievers. Although he describes himself as "conservative" theologically, Hamblin eschews labels and code words (such as liberal, conservative, moderate or inerrant) which are used by some in current Baptist bickering over the Bible and are often misinterpreted.

Instead he says he has three priorities in his ministry: personal witnessing and telling others about Jesus; preaching the gospel and the Bible as God's word; and teaching other Christians how to share the gospel effectively.

He thinks Southern Baptists have the best program available to teach Chris-



SBC Home Mission Board vice president Bob Hamblin enjoys a soft drink with his wife Ruth and youngest daughter Carole at a drug store in Tupelo, Miss., where Hamblin was pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church for 22 years. The family is a paramount priority in Hamblin's life and has molded many of his evangelism views.

tians to share their faith and praises the new Continuous Witness Training (CWT) plan of the HMB as "the finest program ever developed" to teach Christians effective evangelism.

Hamblin feels evangelism materials developed by parachurch (nondenominational) groups are good, but Southern Baptist materials are "much better."

Not only has Hamblin taught church members evangelism methods, he has also led the church to establish mission efforts and social ministries to meet human needs.

Harrisburg church, which designates 20 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program, involved its members in mission trips to build churches and minister to human needs in Montana, West Virginia, Belize, Honduras and Dominica, both before and after hurricane David devastated that Caribbean island in 1979.

The church is also involved in a meals on wheels program, ministries to senior adults, a Spanish Bible study, day care, and financial assistance for a black church. Although the church has an open door policy there are no black members. "We discovered black churches minister to black people more effectively than white churches in Tupelo, so we tried to help a black church do that," Hamblin said.

Hamblin believes the SBC has gone beyond the 1960s conflict between social ministries and evangelism. "I feel social ministry and evangelism are inseparable," Hamblin said. "I've never believed social ministry is evan-

gelism, but social ministry can and should be evangelistic. Neither do I believe we should do social ministries to evangelize. We should do social ministries because we love people and want to meet their needs."

Hamblin is deeply concerned that there must be a great spiritual awakening in America and believes Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC's plan to proclaim the gospel to every person by the year 2000, may be the impetus for such an awakening spreading to other Christian groups. "I don't think any great awakening in the later part of the 20th century could be just a denominational movement. It must be a Christian movement," he says.

Hamblin said his two years' intense study of evangelism and church growth as a professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary convinced him Southern Baptists need to broaden their perspective and be less provincial. Southern Baptists are basically a rural people and "we need to learn from others how to reach the cities."

Teaching evangelism "from a practical, not an academic viewpoint," enabled Hamblin "to organize in my mind and in my theological perception what I had experienced for a lifetime."

While excited about his new role, he is both awed and challenged by the responsibility. "We face today the greatest opportunity ever known to evangelize," he points out. "It's exciting to be part of that challenge."

Recent compensation study lists salaries, benefits

by Jim Lowry

Although retirement and insurance benefits seem somewhat neglected, according to BSSB Church Administration Department estimates, pastors in churches with fewer than 300 members report general satisfaction with salary and benefits in a new compensation study.

The Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board conducted the survey for the board's Church Administration Department to determine compensation information for pastors in churches which comprise 62 percent of the 36,079 Southern Baptist churches.

Overall, pastors in these churches reported satisfaction with their total compensation when compared to other pastors of Southern Baptist churches or in relation to job expectations. In com-

parison to other educated professionals the majority reported they consider their salaries lower than they should be.

In churches with 200 or fewer members, only slightly more than one-half of the full time pastors have any kind of retirement plan provided by the church. Part time pastors in the two smaller categories of the study have retirement provided only one-fourth of the time. It should be noted that nearly all of the part time pastors are bivocational and likely have retirement from their other income source. Almost 67 percent of the churches in the 200-299 category provide retirement for full time pastors.

Less than one-half of Southern Baptist pastors in churches with 300 or fewer members have hospitalization, medical, disability or accident insurance provided, the survey revealed. In the smallest category, only one-third of the full time pastors have hospitaliza-

tion provided, with much lower totals for other kinds of insurance.

The study also revealed that fewer than one-fourth of all pastors in churches with 300 or fewer members have any life insurance provided by the church.

Another point of interest from the study is that two weeks is the average time allowed for a pastor to preach revivals away from his community.

The education levels of pastors in these churches is quite high, with 70 percent of all full time pastors in the study having one or more years of college. The highest percentage of pastors having one or more years of college education was part time pastors in churches with fewer than 100 members, where 73.2 percent reported some college training.

Approximately 44 percent of the wives of pastors included in the study worked outside the home, the survey revealed. The overwhelming majority

reported the reason for working was to augment family income.

Also figured in the compensation study were average salaries and total compensation figures for pastors in each of the categories. In the 0-99 group, full time pastors' salaries average \$7701, while the average salary for part time pastors was \$3356. Total compensation, which includes all the benefits, averaged \$13,523 and \$4575 for full and part time, respectively.

The average salary for pastors in churches with a membership of 100-199 was \$9190 and \$4786 for full and part time, respectively. The total compensation figure for full time pastors in this category was \$15,373 and for part time, \$7444.

In the top category, with membership 200-299, the average salary for full time pastors was \$11,080 and \$5686 for part time pastors. Total compensation was \$18,866 and \$8076, respectively.

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