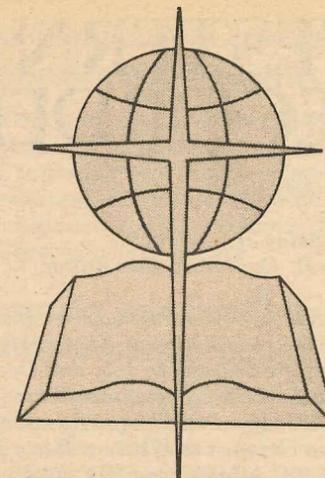


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Grady Nutt victim of fatal plane crash

Grady Nutt, the ordained Southern Baptist minister and Louisville humorist who entertained millions with his homespun humor on the TV show "Hee Haw," died Nov. 23 in a plane crash at Vinemont, Ala.

The crash also killed two pilots aboard the chartered plane.

A native Texan, he was a graduate of Southern Seminary and was on the seminary staff before going into entertainment full time in 1969. He regularly addressed Baptist student conventions and spoke on college campuses and, with his wife, Eleanor, addressed the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in 1980.

Nutt, 47, was a deacon at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, where a memorial service was held Nov. 29. Private burial services were held Nov. 26 in Somerville, Tenn.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two sons, Perry and Toby, both of Louisville.

Is resistance to SBC takeover dead? Sherman asks, enroute to Atlanta

by Dan Martin, Baptist Press

The future of a group organized to counter a "takeover" of the Southern Baptist Convention by inerrantists is not at all decided, Cecil Sherman says.

Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., and a leader of the group organized two years ago said the future course of the group—known variously as the "friends of missions," "denominational loyalists" or "moderate-conservatives"—was to be decided at a meeting of the 15-member steering committee Nov. 29 in Atlanta.

"Our group will decide at that time whether we will continue or not," he added, responding to comments Nov. 15 by Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., that the group was being disbanded. Chafin and Sherman helped form the group and are its most visible leaders.

"It is very difficult to keep from being discouraged on our side," Sherman said. "I understand exactly why Kenneth said what he said. We have been trying to save drowning people who don't want to be saved; trying to alert editors who don't want to be alerted."

Both Sherman and Chafin participated in a meeting Nov. 12 in Irving, Tex., of 40 denominational leaders to discuss the future and the state of the denomination. It was chaired by SBC president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.

The struggle is between a group of inerrantists who want to turn the denomination to a more conservative stance and those who wish to keep it in the middle of the road.

"There is a political party of inerrantists," Sherman said. "It is the party of (Adrian) Rogers, (Bailey) Smith and Draper. (Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., was SBC president in 1979 and Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., was president 1980 and 1981.)"

"Their party has been in control since Houston (1979). I don't know how long they will continue to be in power," he added.

Sherman said the inerrantists are in the "majority position at this time. I am not going to give you a bunch of weasel words to say they aren't. We have only one forum for Southern Baptists and that is the SBC (annual meeting). We only count once a year and for the last four years they have won . . . fair and square."

Support isn't steady

He said one of the discouraging things for the moderate-conservative camp is



Sherman



Chafin

that "what support we have in high places is often vacillating. It often seems the denominational leaders (heads of the 20 SBC sponsored agencies and state newspaper editors) overlook evidence. It seems they are so intent on harmony that it has become the end all."

When the steering committee—including Chafin—meets in Atlanta, Sherman said, "one of the things we will have to consider is whether we will step back and let the convention be managed by these people (the inerrantists)."

"We believe we have had some restraining effect," he said, adding that the "SBC is caught up in a lively debate and the verdict is not yet in."

Search committee report goes to executive board

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Nine-and-a-half months of activity by the search committee to recommend a new executive secretary for Kentucky Baptists is expected to culminate Dec. 2 with the presentation of a nominee to the executive board.

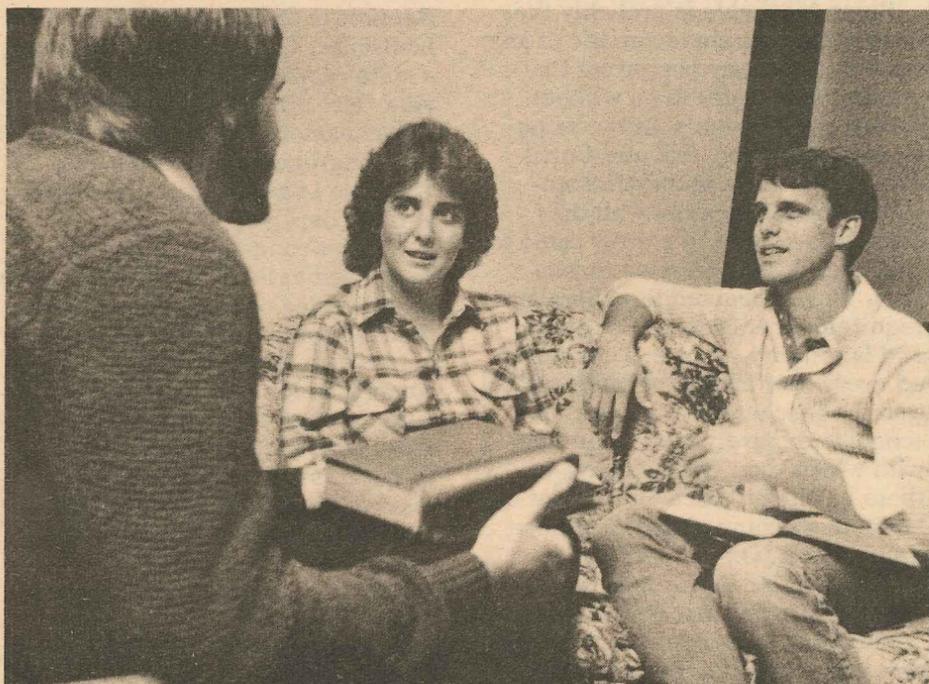
According to chairman Harold Wainscott of Covington, biographical material on the nominee was mailed members of the executive board last week as background information.

A profile for the position, adopted by the committee in its early months, and guidelines for selecting the candidate, will be shared with the executive board at 3 p.m. Thursday. The meeting will be in the Franklin Owen Chapel in the Baptist Building at Middletown.

Wainscott said the nominee and his wife would be present and that 15 members of the search committee, appointed by William D. Jagers, have also been invited.

Jagers, of Cynthiana, immediate past president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is—by virtue of that elected office—also immediate past chairman of the executive board. He was succeeded last month by Curtis Warf of Pikeville. Warf will preside at the Dec. 2-3 meeting on his first occasion as chairman of the executive board.

If the nominee to be presented is elected by the board, it is understood he will assume the reins as executive secretary-elect Feb. 1, taking full responsibilities May 1.



Belmont College students [l-r] Mark Hogg, Nashville, Phyllis Rankin, Nashville, and James Jamison, Trenton, Ky., will be among many Baptist students participating in "Student Day at Christmas" observances in their home churches during the holidays. "Students Reaching Out" is theme of the program which includes testimonies about witnessing on campus, with friends and through Baptist student missions efforts.

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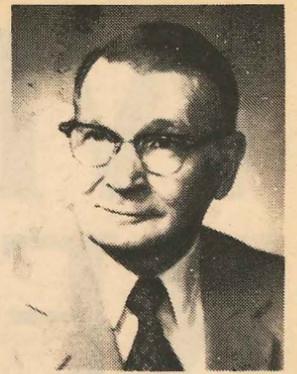
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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Growing older has its rewards

One of the rewards of growing older is seeing some fruits of labors in earlier life. I confess I am at that stage of life but it never really dawned on me until recently when I realized that three of the last four presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Convention were students in classes I taught at Georgetown College.

John Dunaway, Bill Jaggers and Curtis Warf were all at Georgetown College during my 1949-54 tenure at the college. It is an understatement to say I am proud to have been a part in their preparation for God's service.

What can be said about these men? What accounts for their rise to such leadership places? Was their success predictable?

The answer to these questions should encourage all of us who realize we are only ordinary and who are sometimes tempted to covet the talents of others. While these men as students certainly showed promise, they were not students who overwhelmed their teachers and their fellow students as more gifted than others. Their success came not from being born leaders but from how they developed and used the gifts that the Lord bestows upon most of us.

Two characteristics of these three men stand out in my memory. They were teachable and they were faithful to whatever opportunities the Lord gave them.

Being teachable is probably the most important characteristic of any student or for any person for that matter. This ought to go without saying but it doesn't. In the same classes with John, Bill and Curtis there were those ministerial students who already knew all they wanted to know and merely came to college to learn shortcuts to success. They disdained the liberal arts requirements of foreign language and laboratory science. They resisted every new insight or interpretation the teachers shared and left school with hardly more than that with which they arrived. Most of them have long since burned out or failed in so many places they have dropped out. On the contrary I watched with deep satisfaction as John, Bill and Curtis paid the academic price, opened their minds to new understanding of truth and grew in knowledge and wisdom.

These men also were completely committed to whatever opportunities were afforded them. As pastors

of small churches while still in college or seminary students they were as conscientious and as devoted to their limited opportunities as they are now to their greater opportunities. The Lord usually trusts those who are faithful in small opportunities with greater responsibilities.

Nothing is more reassuring than to observe how God works through Christian parents, churches, schools, teachers and other instruments of God to prepare his leaders. And nothing brings more real joy than to be a part of God's process.

Will malcontents strengthen West Virginia Baptists?

News reports from other annual state convention meetings are always interesting. The report from the 1982 meeting in West Virginia is especially interesting.

According to the report the West Virginia convention accepted three churches from other states into its fellowship. Two of these churches were from Virginia and one from Kentucky. The Kentucky church was accepted into full membership one day but the matter was reconsidered the next day and the church was accepted under watchcare for one year until more information can be gathered.

The Kentucky church seeking affiliation with West Virginia Baptists is Christ is King Church in Louisville. The pastor is Tom Riner, a state representative from Louisville. Mr. Riner supposedly pastors or has pastored at the same time two congregations in Louisville. They are Logos Baptist and Christ is King Baptist.

Neither congregation has ever sought affiliation nor participated in the activities of Long Run Association. Neither has either group made application through the credentials committee for state convention affiliation though for several years a small contribution was made through the state convention making the Logos church eligible to register messengers at the state convention.

Baptist churches are completely autonomous and can voluntarily identify themselves with any group they choose. Therefore we have no objection to Mr. Riner and his group seeking membership in the West Virginia convention. In fact, we pray Godspeed upon them if it

means their increased participation in sharing the gospel with the world.

One has to wonder, however, if Mr. Riner finds more compatibility with Southern Baptists in West Virginia than those in Kentucky. He is quoted as saying he decided on the West Virginia connection when he learned "that many West Virginia counties don't have a single Southern Baptist Church." Helping start Baptist churches in West Virginia doesn't require belonging to the West Virginia convention. Several Kentucky Baptist churches have started and are supporting new congregations in West Virginia.

The two Virginia churches are also free to seek any affiliation they choose. Pastors of both these churches are honest in saying they disagree with policies and programs of Virginia Southern Baptists and prefer affiliation with West Virginia Southern Baptists.

West Virginia Baptists are also free to accept any churches they choose but it's hard to see how the strength and the fellowship of West Virginia Baptists can be enhanced by malcontents from other states. Local churches which have welcomed soreheaded members of other churches generally discover they are asking for trouble. Troublemakers in one fellowship are usually troublemakers in another fellowship.

West Virginia Baptist leaders are committed to starting 100 new churches within five years. This is a noble commitment but for three of the eight congregations added to the convention this year to be malcontents from other states is a questionable way to start.

Taxes are being collected on church property

It becomes more and more apparent that steps must be taken to amend Section 170 of the Kentucky constitution. This section has to do with tax exemptions for property owned by religious organizations and used for religious purposes. The present wording puts many churches in violation of tax exemption provisions and makes them taxable.

Earlier this year churches in Ashland were threatened but officials later abandoned their efforts to tax churches considered to be in violation of the Kentucky constitution.

Section 170 of the Kentucky con-

stitution provides for tax exemption only for places actually used for worship and ground attached thereto not exceeding one-half acre in cities or town and not exceeding two acres in the country.

Most churches in the country qualify under this section but the majority of churches in cities and towns today occupy more than one-half acre and especially considering parking lots, playgrounds, etc.

It was pointed out in an earlier editorial that local taxing officials had not strictly applied the law and that no church in Kentucky had been required to pay taxes on property designated for religious use. This turns out not to be true. At least one Baptist church paid taxes in 1981 on real estate on which new worship facilities are to be built.

The church is First Baptist in London which purchased 20 acres on the edge of the city with plans to move from its present downtown location. In 1981 the church was sent and paid a tax bill of \$1054 and now has been billed for 1982 taxes on the property.

The county officials are apparently perfectly within their legal rights to impose this tax and the church is to be commended for paying the tax. In this case tax officials have more grounds than the one-half acre limitation. Section 170 also makes it clear tax exemption for churches is based upon use of property and specifically says when a church ceases to use its property for worship, the property automatically becomes taxable.

It would seem in the London case since the property has been purchased for construction of worship facilities later, it is taxable until it is actually used for worship. Moreover, the day the church moves to the new site, the old site and property would go on the tax rolls.

For the sake not only of churches and the principle of freedom of worship but also to help officials do their duty, Section 170 of the Kentucky constitution should be amended. This is a lengthy process and it's time to begin.

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Medical-dental fellowship supports missions work

"God's spirit is moving across the laity and members of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship are front runners in a worldwide evangelism," said James H. Smith, president of the Brotherhood Commission, as he addressed 400 people attending the fifth annual Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship in the Lexington meeting Nov. 11-14.

"I foresee the day Baptist attorneys and men in agriculture, construction, communications, transportation and government band together as you have done to proclaim the gospel of Christ. Our eyes are on you. You are modeling this for us," Smith said.

The Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship is an independent, spiritually-oriented professional organization working in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its purpose is to provide Christian professional fellowship among the membership and to strengthen individually and collectively their relationship and commitment through Jesus Christ.

The membership, open only to doctors and dentists, has mushroomed from 231 members to 935 since Henry Love, executive director, assumed his position 22 months ago. Love, 69, worked 45 years as a religious educator before assuming his present responsibilities.

In a major action of the annual meeting the doctors voted to form an umbrella organization, the Baptist Health Care Fellowship, which would include fellowships for nurses, hospital administrators, pharmacists and allied health professionals. Plans are in motion to incorporate the Baptist Nursing Fellowship by the next annual meeting in November 1983.

Bill O'Brien, vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, told the doctors

the FMB plans to hire a consultant for health care strategies and to establish an office of human resources with a department of medical services. The new office will work with the BMDF. "We take you seriously," O'Brien stressed. "You are why we formed this marriage."

Earlier this year the fellowship donated \$16,000 to pay the expenses of 21 career missionary doctors in Africa and the Middle East to fly to Nairobi and attend a continuing medical education seminar. Meanwhile, 21 BMDF doctors paid their own way to the mission hospitals to take their places.

In January 1983 the fellowship plans to provide missionaries' expenses for another continuing medical education seminar for missionary doctors in Malaysia.

Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship officers elected at the meeting include: Joseph M. Pipkin, DDS, Orlando, Fla., president; Franklin Fowler, MD, medical consultant; Foreign Mission Board, president elect; John McKiver Hodges, MD, Memphis, Tenn., finance chairman; G. Dewey Gunn, MD, Nashville, Tenn., membership chairman; Merrill Allen Winchester, MD, Whitely City, Ky., service chairman, and Wilbur C. Lewis, MD, Oklahoma City, Okla., program chairman.

Anyone interested in the BMDF or the proposed umbrella group can contact Love at 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., 38104.

Rally in support of Israel canceled at Dallas FBC

The death of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's wife cut short his U. S. visit and sponsors canceled a Nov. 16 Dallas rally in support of Israel at which Begin was to be primary speaker.

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, said the rally at First Baptist Church primarily was to give the prime minister a chance to tell Israel's side of the Middle East conflict, a side Patterson said goes untold in the secular press.

All 3000 rally tickets were gone a week before the event and First Baptist was preparing closed circuit television for overflow attendance by another 1500.

According to both Patterson and Regional Director of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League Mark Briskman, Israeli officials already are speculating Begin will seek a return trip to the U. S. He hopes to talk with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, a conversation originally scheduled for this trip.

Southern Seminary fall enrolment holds steady

Total enrolment at Southern Seminary held steady this fall compared to last year and the number of students studying for professional ministry degree has increased.

The number of students enrolled in all on and off campus seminary programs slipped slightly to 1950 this fall, reported Harold S. Songer, vice president for academic services.

Total enrolment for the fall of 1981 was 1974.

However, enrolment in the seminary's three masters-level degree programs, the primary professional training for ministers, increased from 1407 to 1433, or 1.84 percent.

Another area of growth came in Southern's Boyce Bible School, which trains for ministry men and women who do not have college degrees.

Boyce enrolment increased 14.80 percent.

Mid-Continent College announces new faculty

Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, has announced appointment of the following new faculty members: Nancy Futral, English; Guy Futral, in-service guidance; Willis Henson, Bible; and Beverly White, science.

Kentucky seminarian is scholarship recipient

A Kentucky student is among the first 12 prospective pastors selected to receive presidential preaching scholarships from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Theology student Scott Kevin Cox, Lexington, received the scholarship this fall from seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt.

The scholarship program was initiated by Honeycutt and approved by seminary trustees last February.

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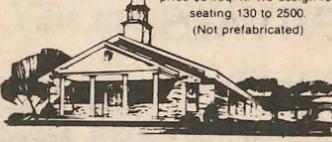
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PERSONNEL

Baker accepts Lexington Ave. pastorate
Robert G. Baker is the new pastor of Danville's Lexington Avenue congregation. A 1982 graduate of Southern Seminary, Baker moved to Danville from Midway Church where he became minister of youth in 1975 and assumed the pastorate in 1978.



While at Midway Baker completed the MDiv and PhD degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was part time instructor in the religion department of his undergraduate alma mater, Georgetown College. Recently he has become adjunct professor of Old Testament at Southern, in addition to his ministerial duties.

Baker was pastor at Greenup Fork Church in Owen County Association, 1972-75, and was chairman of the resolutions committee for that association in 1974.

A native of Scott County, he is married to the former Deborah Easley, also of Scott County. The couple has two children: Katherine Jane, 4, and Nancy Elizabeth, 2.

Goldsby noted for 30-year pastorate



The Goldsbys

Hugh and Eloise Goldsby celebrated their 30th anniversary with Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, Nov. 14.

The morning worship service was conducted by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary administrator Richard Broome. Prayer was led by Keene Taylor, chairman of the deacons.

After music presented by George Fields, Goldsby was eulogized by John Pauley, Tim Hawkins, Mrs. Dorothy Poole and Jason Parroco, all members of Lyndon. Johnny Miller, a representative of Lyndon's deaf ministry, spoke through interpreter Mrs. Pat Stacy about the contribution of that ministry.

Sunday afternoon a fellowship was held in the church basement. Many of Goldsby's family members were present: daughter and son-in-law Bill and Gail Reid and their son William Isaac; daughter and son-in-law John and Carol Ward; and son John Goldsby.

John Goldsby presented a jazz concert in the evening service.

Also in the evening service Mrs. Margaret Griner presented the Goldsby's a quilt made in blocks commemorating events the Goldsby's have shared with the church from the Friends Sunday school class. The church buildings were pictured on a pair of pillows and a wall hanging which were also given to the Goldsby's. They also received a \$3500 check to finance a trip to Israel.

Bryant Hicks, Southern Seminary M. Theron Rankin professor of foreign missions, led a communion service.

Goldsby has been affiliated with both

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He also was a colonel in the chaplaincy of the 100th Division Reserves 13 years.

Bedford calls Candill as pastor
Bedford Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Michael Candill, a student at Southern Seminary, as pastor.

Fairless is Goshen minister of music
John Fairless, a music student at Southern Seminary, has accepted the minister of music position at Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Sammy Williams and Lynda Weaver-Williams are copastors at the church.

Buckner calls Murphy, ordains Mangum
Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Frank Murphy, a student at Southern Seminary, as its youth director.

The church ordained Dennis Mangum as a deacon Oct. 17.

Doug Dortch is pastor of Buckner.

Stewarts called to Living Hope Church
Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green, has called Steve and Susan Stewart as staff members. He is the youth minister and she the assistant music director, leading the children and youth music.

Billy Compton is pastor.

Carpenter is Parlor Grove pastor
Robert Carpenter, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has accepted the call as pastor of Parlor Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Waynesburg.

Carpenter, a native of Lansing, Mich., is married to the former Sue Ann Pajunen. They have three chil-

dren: Rebekah, Robert Wayne and Heather.

Carpenter will graduate next spring and will continue his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Trayner resigns Pleasant Ridge church
Morris Trayner has resigned the pastorate of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owen Association, after holding it 19 years.

He has been moderator of Owen Association two terms, assistant moderator two terms and a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board.

Ernest Carpenter is Oaklawn pastor
Ernest Carpenter has accepted the pastorate of Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah. He began as pastor Oct. 10.

Carpenter, his wife Ernestine and their son Donald Scott, go there from Covington.

State has 2 Outstanding Young Men
Gregory Hunt, a PhD student at Southern Seminary, and Raymond Hayes, a recent Southern Seminary graduate and Western Recorder advertising representative, have recently been selected for inclusion in the 1982 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Morrison called to Yorktown pastorate
Robert Morrison began work as pastor of Yorktown Baptist Church, Louisville, Oct. 10.

Bond calls Gary Kirby as pastor
Gary Kirby has recently accepted the pastorate of Bond Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

James Vandy resigns from Hart church
James Vandy has resigned his position at Hart Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Jackson Memorial calls Brown as pastor
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has called Annville native Levoy Brown as pastor.

Clifton Dexter is West Fork pastor
West Fork Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has called Clifton Dexter as pastor.

Lighthouse calls Stom as pastor
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has called James Stom as pastor.

CONGREGATIONS

Treyton Oaks construction begun
Treyton Oak Towers, a 209 unit living care retirement community, conducted its ground breaking ceremony Sept. 27.

Treyton Oak Towers is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian community sponsored by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

It will consist of two 11-story and one 12-story high rise towers on a 2.13 acre site located in downtown Louisville. The site constitutes part of a one square block tract on which Walnut Street Baptist Church and related church facilities are located.

The model display apartment is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Wayne Dehoney is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

First Loyall joins Ky./Ohio link-up
First Baptist Church, Loyall, voted in business session Nov. 3 to participate in the Kentucky-Ohio partnership program, according to pastor C. Keith Rogers.

Its first action was to send a check for \$2000 to the Dover, Oh., Community Chapel to apply to the purchase and repair of the former Nazarene church building in which the Baptists now meet.

ASSOCIATIONS

Blood River sponsors home mission trip
Seven men left Sunday, Sept. 19 from Blood River Baptist Association for a one week home mission trip to Coalton, Oh. The group, which included carpenters, electricians and others, helped a church in Coalton renovate an old hotel which they have purchased for a church building.

The group was led by Jerry Norsworthy, a carpenter and pastor of Blood River Baptist Church. They are being sponsored by Blood River Baptist Association.

Blood River Association has voted to link up with Scioto Baptist Association of Ohio, which includes the church at Coalton.

Terry M. Sills is director of missions, Blood River Association.

The men are: Jerry Norsworthy, Clyde Littrell, Clarence Fowler, R. M. Norsworthy, Clarence Walker, and George Culp Jr.

REVIVALS

Ashby Lane has Oct. tent revival
Ashby Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, held a tent revival Oct. 3-9. According to Ashby Lane pastor, Wesley G. Clark, "There were approximately 80 decisions made during this revival, with 12 of these being professions of faith."

Eight make decisions at Little Flock
Little Flock Baptist Church, Long Run Association, had revival services Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

The church reports eight decisions stemming from the revival.

James P. Major is pastor of the church.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI



Hank Ellington [1], sales promotion specialist, Kentucky Parts Inc., Lexington, and Mike King, youth associate, Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, talk with Martha Jo Glazner, design editor in the youth section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department. State youth associates met with writers during the recent conference at Barren River State Resort in Lucas. Other Kentuckians who will be writing curriculum for the 1984-85 youth church training periodicals include David Garland, assistant professor of New Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Ron Williams, minister of youth and outreach, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. [Photo by Gail Rothwell]

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Missions is the heart of what we are doing as Southern Baptists in the world. This was impressed more strongly on me the weekend of Oct. 22 when I visited the Frontier Baptist Association in the Buffalo area of New York as the principal speaker in a Focus City Rally.

This is a complex land of farming, large vineyards, a major tourist attraction of Niagara Falls, a highly industrialized city with high unemployment and a cultural city with more than 100,000 college or university students. This great land with a population of 1,626,000 represents a great challenge to the 1700 Southern Baptists in 15 churches and missions. I found a people eager to accept a challenge to reach their world and willing to pay the price demanded to attempt to reach their world.

Southern Baptists in western New York demonstrated a commitment and fervor for missions that stirred my heart. I received three strong impressions. First, they have a great burden for this area. These were not southerners who have gone north but residents of New York. When I spoke of the Home Mission Board's efforts in the Focus City concentration, they were eager to reach their relatives, friends and neighbors. They are not large in number but, like those in the second chapter of Acts, they were burdened for their people. Their prayers were like those of Paul who prayed for his people.

A second impression was their willingness to sacrifice to reach their people. This was clear to me at the association meeting when the director of missions told of a church's need to raise \$11,000, which would enable them to have enough security to borrow the necessary money to buy land. He asked the messengers at the association to sign notes for this church to get their money. The next morning he took me to speak at the first church I was to speak in when a lady asked if she could give him her note. He told me that this lady, a widow from a background in which she would have only Social Security income or some form of retirement, gave him a note for \$5000. He asked her, "Can you afford to do this?" She replied, "I cannot afford not to do it." She would not benefit personally because this was not her church but she sacrificed that the work of God's missions might be done.

A third impression was these churches believe in and support the Cooperative Program. These are churches of little means but they give 10% of their income to the support of the Cooperative Program and 5% to local missions. They, with meager means, have a world view many larger churches have lost.

They have many needs. One is for some of our churches to take youth groups and lay people there for witnessing and revival efforts. They need financial assistance in building their buildings and buying property. They need our prayers as so few take hold of such a great task.

The New Testament speaks of people with hearts of flame for the world. I believe I saw this in western New York.

the elected and ordained ministers. Each member has a gift.

(3) The pastor as equipping minister. He is not an executive director of a religious corporation but one who relates to others so significantly that wholeness develops in both.

(4) The deprogramming of local churches and repersonalizing them with servanthood as the norm.

(5) The recovery of the concept of peoplehood for the church. A new convert has more than a ticket to heaven; he has a past and a future, a heritage and a destiny. While there has been some progress in the recovery of personhood there is little written or said in denominational circles concerning peoplehood.

(6) With this goes the recovery of the Christian world view. A PhD in history told me he had studied the world views of all the people of the earth but did not know that there was a Christian world view. In the world view lies the motivating power of the gospel.

(7) While other emotions are never absent, joy is to dominate the life of the church.

(8) The recovery of koinonia. This indescribable fellowship in Christ largely accounts for the rapid spread of Christianity in the first century.

(9) The concept of the church as body rather than institution. The members are knit into relationships that enable the church to be Christ's body and the Holy Spirit's temple.

(10) The concept of the church as being other than the local outlet for denominational programs. The church itself is an element in the gospel. The church cannot share good news unless it is good news.

(11) The preciousness of the person in the sight of God. This will release us from the need to label everyone as prospects, baptisms, tithers or what have you. Then we can see every person as having intrinsic worth, not simply utilitarian value.

Of course, there are more but the absence of these in any large measure opens us to the fruitless bypaths you mentioned in your editorial. Without these Bold Mission Thrust lacks boldness or thrust and can hardly be called mission.

Carmen L. Conner,
Albuquerque, N. M.

You owe Christ an apology

At the outset of this letter I will admit that very often I am disappointed and in disagreement with C. R. Daley's Observations. Usually I just mutter to myself a little bit 'til my pulse slows and my respirations become normal again, and then I forget all about it . . . each to his own opinion. However, in your Oct. 6 article concerning churches and their tax obligations, you have gone too far; you have digressed from opinion to name-calling. No matter how often I read your article, or from what perspective, you are calling churches that don't pay taxes "Freeloaders." Freeloaders "if they accept municipal services such as garbage collection, fire and police protection" without paying for it.

I do not know any individual, organization, or business that pays its dues to the community in which it resides more than a local New Testament church! How do you dare call the Lord's body a "freeloader" when its whole function is committed to the community?

How many tax dollars would it take to see one soul converted to Christ who then gives up drinking and driving; or how much does the government save when a new Christian begins to pay his taxes honestly? The churches provide "free of charge to the community" hospital volunteers, literacy workshops, nursing home ministries, free meals, food pantries, emergency cash, clothing rooms, various inner city youth and adult activities, the list goes on and on.

How many contacts do the pastors and memberships of those "freeloading" churches make in non-member homes concerning marital problems, unemployment, stress, bereavement, spouse and child abuse, drugs, run-aways, delinquency, etc.? How many hours are spent praying for that community and this nation; how many dollars given in a variety of ways into the community; how much time and money are spent freely in temperance campaigns that ultimately save those communities untold dollars and uncounted deaths and misery?

The total amount of spiritual and material blessing brought to a community by its churches is incalculable. Perhaps this is one of the reasons churches were not taxed from the very beginning.

One day the "freeloading" church will be removed from the face of the earth. The world will then see it did quite well without her tax dollars, but could not do without her other spiritual and material gifts.

Mr. Daley, you owe every Christian, every church and the Lord himself an apology and retraction. I expect attacks of this personal nature from secular society, but I do not expect it from those in Christ, nor from a Southern Baptist paper.

You have gone too far!

Kirk Pike, Defiance, Oh.

You state your position well but I still think you are wrong. Granted all the good works of church people in a community, since when did Christians expect their good works to be rewarded with free services amounting to financial benefits from local governments instead of being rewarded by Jesus Christ in whose name they are done? There's a better argument for the exemption of parsonages than the exchange of favors between church and local governments. —Editor

A printing concern

I am a missionary serving under appointment of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. I work with the Korean Baptist Convention's Church Development Board which is similar in function to the Baptist Sunday School Board. I have recently returned to the States for a one-year furlough. While I am here I am praying (along with my brethren in Korea) about a specific matter which I would like to share with you.

At present the Church Development Board must job-out any printing that needs to be done which often results in orders filled late and usually causes cost overruns because of the need to pay the 'middle-man' for printing costs. We are praying and looking for someone who would contribute a used two-color, offset printing press to be used by the Church Development Board to print Christian books, Sunday school literature and eventually be used to print a new Korean translation of the Bible which is being undertaken by the Church Development Board. Of course the Church Development Board would be responsible for the shipping costs, customs clearance permission and fees in Korea. Since the contribution could be designated to the Foreign Mission Board for work in Korea, the gift could be counted as a tax deduction.

As we make this prayer request of the Lord, perhaps it might be that he would see fit to answer this prayer through sharing this need with your readers.

I will be glad to answer any questions anyone might have, either by letter or by phone.

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BAPTIST FORUM

Let secretaries be church members

With reference to the articles on whether secretaries should be members of the church where they are employed (Oct. 20, 1982), I was quoted correctly by David Smith. However, since he wrote on the negative side of the question, the quotations from secretaries and pastors which I gave him may have seemed to some readers that I, too, believe a secretary should not be a member of the church which employs her. In fact, I agree wholeheartedly with Ralph Hardee that a secretary should have her membership in the church where she works and would like to reaffirm my position here.

Any pastor or church which does not permit the secretary to be a member of the ministry team for that church limits her usefulness to the pastor, the other staff and the church. Church secretaries are among the most dedicated group of individuals I have ever known. The few who prefer not to belong to the church where they work do so because they do not want to become involved in the life of the church, either for family reasons or because they do not have that degree of dedication which a true minister must have. There may be circumstances which would warrant a secretary's not being involved but this lack

of involvement also limits her usefulness to the church.

The pastor who says he does not want his secretary to be a member of that church because of unfortunate past experience when delicate information was not held in confidence is mistaken in what caused the breach of confidence — it was not the fact that the secretary was a member of the church, rather it was because a person who cannot keep confidences ought never to have been employed in the first place.

Let the secretary be a member of the team — both pastor and church will profit from her ministry.

Clara A. McCartt, Louisville

Implications of the gospel

I have just read your editorial "The Reformation Needed By Southern Baptists" reprinted in the Baptist New Mexican. You certainly said what needs to be said. However, you did not indicate what elements of the gospel or implications of the gospel we are omitting. May I list a few that have come to me:

(1) A recovery of the New Testament concept of church membership as organic, rather than institutional. We are members one of another.

(2) The ministry as being more than

Mr. Clayton could be mistaken

The guest editorial by Lynn Clayton correctly pointed out that the permitting of school prayer will not result in the curing of most of society's ills. However, it seems to me that such prayer will reduce the rate of decline in our country's appreciation of the role that God can play in each individual's life.

Even a broadly-worded prayer would teach the students that God exists, that he is able to hear our petitions and that he is able to react to the human condition: punishing evil, rewarding good and giving life after death. While these results of a 'general' prayer may not seem like much to those of us who have a more complete understanding of the role of prayer, they are still worth obtaining.

The recognition of the existence of God is crucial to instilling an appreciation for the purpose and source of life and is crucial for the development of moral behavior that looks beyond the whims of our fadish culture or the temptations of "looking out for number one."

Every president has publicly recognized the existence of an eternal God; every session of the U. S. Senate begins with prayer; our national anthem contains references to the existence of God in certain of its verses. Can allowing our school children to have the privilege of the same recognition be a departure from either our national heritage or the will of God? I think not.

Gary Crum, Washington, D. C.

Gratitude from the visually impaired

Everything comes to those who wait is an old proverb that I believe is true. For years I have wanted to read Western Recorder and now I can do so. One of my friends who is a retired brailist has been transcribing some of the articles for me. With much gratitude and thanks to you for enabling us to have this good magazine.

Daisy Reed, Louisville

In appreciation for Western Recorder

I'm writing this on behalf of my wife, Mary Whitworth, in appreciation for Western Recorder on cassette. Please thank the churches and the Anchorage organization who sponsor this recording.

My wife especially appreciates the International Sunday school lesson. She is now unable to read but has been a Sunday school teacher and worked in WMU for almost 50 years and read a great deal.

We had tried to get the Sunday school lesson tape for sometime — wrote the Sunday School Board but they did not record it. Also do you know of anyone who records the "Open Window"? She has used that for years.

Again we both thank you everyone.

Forrest M. Whitworth, Shepherdsville

KBC should stay out of political issues

Nov. 10, 1982 marks a black day in the history of Kentucky Baptists. On that date the Kentucky Baptist Convention unanimously passed a resolution calling on the governor to convene a special session of the legislature for the purpose of repealing the so called "Greed Bill," Senate Bill 103. This totally unwarranted action violates some of the most fundamental Baptist principles.

First, the "Greed Bill" is not a moral or religious issue. It is strictly a political issue. For a prestigious religious body such as the Kentucky Baptist Convention to take a strong stand on that issue can only be seen as meddling in politics. This violates the fundamental commitment of Southern Bap-

tists to the separation of church and state. There are enough people in this country who would like to see the churches taxed and regulated by the government without the churches blatantly acting as lobbying agencies and giving them an excuse.

Second, Southern Baptists, as all Christians, are deeply committed to the alleviation of human suffering but Baptists have always believed Christian ideals are best achieved through changing the individual. Seeking social or political solutions to such problems is the business of individual Christians not the business or organized religion. For the organized church to get involved in such action smacks of the "social gospel" which was such a popular heresy in the 1960's and which has recently been revived by Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority.

I can only hope that the Kentucky Baptist Convention will get hold of itself and avoid this type of error in the future.

Steven D. Falkenberg, Richmond

You made me think!

I read with great interest your editorials of the week of Sept. 29, 1982. It was a shock to learn what Gov. Brown had done the week before with Oklahoma's move to pari mutuel betting. The shock didn't come just because he is a fellow Southern Baptist but more because he is a fellow Christian.

More and more it seems we Christians are compromising on moral issues. What has happened to our belief in scriptures like John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither things that are in the world"? It is a problem I see both among the youth I work with and the adults I serve with.

We are to be examples of Jesus Christ which should cause us to live as clean and pure lives as possible so the world will desire what we have. I wonder if our witness has much, if any, credibility in the face of so much compromise.

I appreciate Dr. Daley's statements; they just made me think. Also, his next viewpoints on the Reader's Digest Condensed Bible issue were quite good. I just wonder if two of the verses "left out" were Rev. 22:18-19. I am a member of a Reader's Digest Book Club and as such was given the first opportunity to purchase a copy. I couldn't see buying it even to satisfy my curiosity.

Dr. Daley, I have not always agreed with your editorials, but on Sept. 29 you wrote two fine ones. I hope, as always, they get us, fellow Christians, to think a little.

Connie Sue Rucker, Mt. Washington

Have a spare carousel?

As a former missionary associate, I get six to 10 opportunities a year to speak in churches and/or schools and show slides of when we served in Bogota, Columbia, South America. I will be doing even more of this in the future and my carousel projector has "conked out." Just wondered if some church or individual has one not in use that they would care to donate for this ministry.

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Is Daley this insensitive?

We the Brotherhood of the Crofton Baptist Church would like to express our regret over the role that the editor of Western Recorder has taken in the present controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention. While he is entitled to his own views and beliefs, as editor

of the state Baptist paper his expressed view should be more in line with the views of the majority of his readers. If he cannot in good faith be neutral then he should stick to facts and refrain from writing the critical and unfair editorials that he so frequently writes.

We tire of constantly reading the names and labels he hangs on us, such as reactionaries, creedist, etc. We feel it is very unfair of Mr. Daley to use his position as editor to spread his very biased views. This is especially true since Mr. Daley alone decides what can be printed and what can not. We regret such statements as "We let those who would impose their personal views upon

all of us go so far before we put them down." We find it hard to believe that he would make such a statement as this since he imposes his own personal views upon all his readers weekly.

What makes this all the more regrettable is that many people across the state consider Western Recorder the "official" word of Kentucky Baptists.

We would also like to express our agreement with the deacons, pastor and staff of Northside Baptist Church of Mayfield in voicing their disapproval of Mr. James Dunn, executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

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- 2-3 Executive Board Meeting. Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building
- 5 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Student Day at Christmas

JANUARY

- 3-7 January Bible Study Week
- 9 Witness Commitment Day
- 10 Area Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Bethlehem Baptist Church
- 10 Area Religious Education Shoptalk. Paducah, First Baptist Church
- 10 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. Paducah, Princeton and

- Hopkinsville
- 11 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. Owensboro and Madisonville
- 11 Area Evangelism Conference. Lexington, Broadway Baptist Church
- 17 Area Evangelism Conference. Owensboro, Buena Vista Baptist Church
- 18 Area Evangelism Conference. Bowling Green, Living Hope Baptist Church
- 21-22 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreat. Cedarmore
- 23 Baptist Men's Day
- 24 Area Evangelism Conference. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church
- 25 Area Evangelism Conference. Hopkinsville, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church
- 28-29 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreats. Cedarmore and Kentucky Dam Village
- 31 Area Evangelism Conference. Somerset, First Baptist Church
- 31-2/4 Masterlife/Disciple Workshops. Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church

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KNOWING HOW TO THROW IT

I don't know how often it is permissible to use humor in a column like this, but I do get a great deal of encouragement from some mighty fine people to tell a frequent humorous story.

Uncle Jim was a little bit of a "growler." A wonderful man, mind you. He fell dead while leading prayer meeting for his pastor who was ill. Nevertheless, he had somewhat of a growl in his voice that sounded a little more that way than he actually was. Aunt "Nanny" was a "whiner." Now, a wonderful lady whom I loved very much, but she had just a little bit of a whine in her voice that sounded a little more that way than she actually was.

They lived in rural Washington County, Missouri near the town of Potosi. On one of his trips to town, Uncle Jim was instructed to buy Aunt Nanny a wash board.

The general store keeper brought out a glass wash board. That is, the scrubbing face was glass with a wood frame around it.

Uncle Jim said, "that ain't no good, it would break."

The store keeper replied, "break nothing, look here." With that he tossed the wash board in the air across the room. It bounced about the floor, remaining intact, so Uncle Jim bought it.

When he unwrapped it at home Aunt Nanny said, "why that thing ain't no good, it would break."

Uncle Jim confidently replied, "break nothing, look here." With that he tossed it across the kitchen. It fell on the floor and broke in a thousand pieces.

Far into the night according to Uncle Jim's later telling, Aunt Nanny would say again, "I thought you had better sense than to buy a glass wash board."

That reminds me of a family trip taken while my three sons were still at home. We hit a very bumpy sequence of road.

I said, "my goodness, that is a wash board road." (A common saying when I was a boy riding in Model T Fords.)

One of the boys asked, "what is a wash board Daddy?"

Life and Work Series FAITH AND REPENTANCE

James 4:1-4 Taking note of the fact that the quarreling and strife which existed among the brethren of the dispersion were notorious, James opened this fourth chapter of his epistle with a question which was designed to probe them to the depths. He referred to the general condition of hostility

within the ranks of believers as "wars," and to the bad outbreaks of their hostile feelings which followed their heated arguments as "fightings." He understood fully that such things have their source in lust or an unsatisfied desire for praise and preeminence.

In spite of their longing for recognition, honor and power these self-centered individuals did not get the things which they coveted.

God will not condone his children walking in worldly ways and living in worldly fellowships, for such is contrary to his will and proves they are at enmity with him. Unfaithfulness to Christ on the part of believers is equivalent to spiritual adultery. A person cannot be a friend of God and a lover of the world at the same time.

James 4:7-12 As we submit ourselves to the control of God, he will work out his purposes and plans in and through us and we shall have victory and satisfaction. Our intimate and constant fellowship with him will be revealed in our talking and walking. Nearness to God and daily communion with him will prove to be a very effective weapon against the wiles of Satan.

Speaking evil of others injures the speaker, the ones spoken to and the ones spoken about. It is far easier to play the part of critic of the law than it

is to be a doer of the law.

James 4:17 Perhaps this is the most striking verse in the Bible on the sin of omission. To know the right and not to do it is sinful. Knowledge brings responsibility. The moment we know what the will of God is, that very moment makes us responsible to do it. Failure to do God's will is a sin.

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Today we begin a three month study of the gospel according to Luke.

Luke 1:1-4 We are not informed as to when, where nor under whose ministry Luke received Christ as his savior. Luke became a very careful biographer and moved in high circles as was indicated by his addressing his gospel to the "most excellent Theophilus," a friend of God.

Luke 5:29-32 Of Levi, the publican upon whom both Jews and Gentiles looked as a contemptible renegade, Christ made a clean, God-honoring man. So great was Levi's joy and so real was his sense of appreciation and obligation he sought occasion to make Christ known to his friends.

Christ accepted Levi's invitation and was present at the feast which was given in his honor. He did not look

down on Levi or his guests. He ate with the publicans and the sinners, not because he approved their manner of living but because he wanted to change it.

After Christ Jesus had become a masterful and effective teacher and a famous healer of diseases the members of his family decided to visit him but they had difficulty getting to him on account of the crowds. When he was informed his mother and brothers wanted to see him he told the informer his family circle had been enlarged beyond the Nazareth household and now included all those who "hear the word of God and do it."

Luke 9:18-22 Inasmuch as various ones had concluded Jesus was a prophet who had a message from God for the people, when he was alone with his disciples he asked them the pointed question, "Whom say the people that I am?" He was told some thought he was John the Baptist, others he was Elijah and still others he was one of the earlier prophets. In reply to his query, "Whom say ye that I am?", Peter answered, "The Christ of God." After forbidding them to let anyone know he had accepted the title of Messiah he quickly reminded them the Messiah must endure suffering and death. However his listeners were encouraged with his assurance God would raise him from the dead.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Dec. 5, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Ben Fisher suggests some primary responsibilities for Christian colleges:

1. To testify personally of our Christian experience.
2. To identify and present to our students great Christian doctrines.
3. To face divisive issues squarely and try to reconcile those who have taken extreme positions.
4. To reevaluate the liberal arts and redeem humanism in order to produce a curriculum climate in which religious truths can be readily introduced and discussed.
5. To search out the Christian teacher who will implement these efforts to give our students the hope and stabil-

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ity they need to live life abundantly.

Fisher is right when he says the last is the most important of the list. The essence of Christian education is in the hands of the faculty. Chapels and Bible classes are important. There is significance in religious activities, mission

and revival teams, vespers, Bible study groups and many similar opportunities. These enrich the college experience significantly but they do not constitute the essence of Christian education.

This is found in the interaction of the Christian professor with his students

and his area of academic study. The Christian professor is both a catalyst for learning and a filter through which that learning takes place. We rise or fall with our faculty.

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CAST YOUR BREAD

In the Old Testament, Ecclesiastes is one of the books of wisdom literature. On the pages of that inspired word can be found a number of brief, sharp truths. Because they are so true and dependable, we often recognize that same truth in a personal experience or some happening around us.

The 11th chapter opens with these words, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." This is a beautiful metaphor for doing good deeds and a way of saying that when we help one in need, that kindness will be returned.

Many years ago a boy and his sister in need of help came to live at Glen Dale Children's Home. After a time they moved on and there was no contact with them for a number of years. Then, in the fall of 1981, that boy, now a mature man, showed up at Glen Dale and told director Buckley Carlin he would like to furnish the turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner.

A few weeks ago this thankful man appeared again at the Glen Dale Home

and said that he would like the privilege of furnishing the turkeys and also the cranberries for Thanksgiving dinner this year. In about two weeks, without knowing what her brother had done, the man's sister showed up at Glen Dale to present a nice check to be used on the Thanksgiving dinner.

Bread which had been cast upon the waters of their lives more than 30 years ago has returned to Glen Dale in a very beautiful way.

With their Thanksgiving offering for our Baptist Homes for Children, thousands of people cast bread upon the waters. We will take that bread you cast and put bread on the table for many dependent children. And while we care for their physical needs, we also will present them the Bread of Life.

Because of Christian helpers at Owensboro, a teenage boy arrived on Glen Dale campus. Kentucky Baptists cast their bread upon the waters of his life. He returned to be director of Glen Dale. Buckley Carlin is now casting his bread upon the waters as he ministers to children with needs like he once had.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President
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SEND ME!



The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions always reminds me of the dedication and sacrifice of Lottie Moon. This dear servant of our Lord, along with a host of others across the years, exemplifies what the spirit of missions is all about.

Louis McCall, Director of in-service guidance at Clear Creek, also typifies the missionary spirit. He was reared in Inman, S. C. and served in the U. S. Navy at the close of World War II. McCall attended Howard Payne College in Texas and graduated from Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tenn. in 1950. He received his BD and ThM from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and later earned the EdD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

McCall served as a foreign missionary to Thailand and Guam for 20 years of his life. He heard the voice of

the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" His response was, "Here am I. Send me!" He and his dear wife, Julia, lived among the Thai people. They studied diligently to master the language. They reared three children in that foreign land. They have felt the pressure and experienced the stress of living in a strange culture in a foreign land. What a wonderful testimony their life has been to the all sufficient grace of God.

McCall found it necessary to resign his appointment from the Foreign Mission Board several years ago. Did he cease to be a missionary when his foreign service ended? His answer is a resounding NO. "I believe every Christian is a missionary for the Lord where he is," states McCall.

He serves as a missionary for Jesus at Clear Creek. In addition to serving as in-service guidance director and as professor of Christian ethics, McCall is active in supply preaching and teaching in various Baptist churches. His hobbies are reading, golf and tennis and his life verse is Romans 8:28. We are glad he said to the Lord, "Send me!"

THURSDAY NIGHT ACTION

Thursday night action—yes, every day and evening is full of action at OBI. Let's relive one recent Thursday afternoon and evening.

Our boys' and girls' swimming and diving teams traveled to Danville High School for their first meet. Our boys won 57-56 and our girls lost 50-53. Senior John Denney, Louisville, in his second year with us, won the diving. Freshman Dena Gates won the breast stroke and broke Oneida's school record in the process. Dena is from California and came to us in the sixth grade. Junior Gina Carmony, Detroit, in her second year, won the 100 yard and the 50 yard freestyle. Gina's mother, the former Jean Adkins, graduated from Oneida in 1956 and Gina is the granddaughter of a mountain preacher, Tommie Adkins, now retired at Monticello.

While the swimmers were doing so well, our boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams had traveled equally far to play in the Three Rivers Conference tournament being held at the 102 year old Hazel Green Academy, the Disciples of Christ boarding school in Kentucky. Our boys beat the Buckhorn School, originally a boarding school founded by the Presbyterians in 1902. The score was 114-92 in Oneida's favor

but our girls lost by one point in an exciting game, score 47-48.

(On Saturday evening, Oneida won the championship for the second year defeating Red Bird, the Methodist boarding school of Kentucky founded in 1925. Ours was again an impressive win, 104-77. Two of our sophomore girls were chosen on the all-tournament team, Hope Moffitt of Texas and Terry Burns of nearby Bullskin Creek. This is Terry's second year with us but Hope's first. Terry's brother, Tony, a junior at OBI, was also on the all-tournament team scoring 45 points on two different nights. Two seniors from Hamilton, both with us two years, were also chosen, Wayne Brown and Jamie Moore. Oneida boys varsity record thus far is 5-0 having also defeated Lee County, Jackson County and Jackson City.)

Meanwhile, that same Thursday evening back on the Oneida campus, our wrestling team was having its first meet, suffering a loss to Middlesboro 24-48. With only two wrestlers returning from last year, our boys, nevertheless, gave a good account of themselves. Captain of the team, senior Pat Arnett of Ohio, pinned his man. Pat has been with us four years. His mother, a North Carolina girl, and father, a Clay County boy, met at Oneida while students 25 years ago. Our heavyweight is

senior C. W. Upchurch, with us three years from Covington. He also pinned his man as did 145 pound Bedford Johnson from Lee County, in his first year with us.

Also on the wrestling team is Orlando Gamero of Guatemala, a junior in his second year here. Orlando was chosen on the all-state team in the soccer championship play at Lexington this year.

While these athletic contests were taking place two other winter sports teams were having their usual daily practice in preparation for the opening of their seasons. These were our fencing teams, four times state champs, and our table tennis team, twice runner-up in state tournament play.

More than 300 students not involved in these competitions had their nightly study hall lasting for one hour in the dorms followed by the usual hour of "free time" in the gym or the swimming pool.

The computer lab, open 14 hours daily from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., was filled to capacity. That place is a veritable beehive of activity each night. Quieter is the library open from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. The library is usually well filled with students reading, studying or preparing written assignments.

Jo Ann Seymour, my assistant, taught her weekly Thursday college

class in zoology. This is one of several courses taught each semester on our campus under the auspices of Cumberland College. All who teach in the program must have their doctorate degree.

Just before 10:30 p.m. bedcheck, nightly devotions were conducted. Boys go to the Oneida Baptist Church and our girls go to their stone prayer chapel.

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State convention reports

ALABAMA

George E. Bagley, Alabama Baptist State Convention executive secretary for the past 19 years and an employe of the convention for 37 years, told messengers to the convention's annual meeting in Mobile he will retire at the end of 1983.

Earlier in the day Alabama Baptists approved a record Cooperative Program budget goal of \$17,325,000 for 1983 of which \$6,917,150 (46 percent after deductions for general denominational causes) will go to Southern Baptist Convention causes. This represents an increase of one-half of one percent over 1981.

Prior to his announcement, in a state of the convention address, Bagley continued to stress the evangelism theme of the convention pointing to a "new spirit of concern among us to reach the lost for Christ." Bagley praised the giving record of Alabama Baptists as being "tremendous indeed in the face of the present economic situation in the state." Alabama has a 14 percent unemployment rate, second only to Michigan in the United States.

Messengers approved 15 resolutions with only two creating discussion. One resolution called on the SBC Executive Committee to "exercise its ad interim responsibility and to use its collective wisdom and spiritual insight to find ways which will reemphasize the harmony and preserve the unity of the SBC."

The most debated resolution dealt with tuition tax credits. The original resolution registered opposition to the measure and urged President Reagan to reconsider his support of the legislation. An attempt to amend the document to praise the President's stance and to urge passage of the measure was overwhelmingly defeated. The original resolution was adopted after deleting a paragraph which charged tuition tax credits would "most benefit those who could afford to finance their children's attendance at private schools, including elite schools."

A resolution on prayer reaffirmed Alabama Baptist historic commitment to the First Amendment as sufficient to guarantee the principle of separation of church and state and called upon those in political, religious and judicial positions to deal fairly, honestly and with good judgment in seeking to protect First Amendment rights, including the right to practice voluntary prayer.

Harold Cushing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., was reelected to a second term as president.

GEORGIA

The most harmonious annual meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention in many years saw adoption of a record 1983 Cooperative Program budget of \$19.1 million.

Georgia Baptist Convention messengers also elected Nelson L. Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, president.

The \$19.1 million budget will be divided equally between Georgia and SBC causes, each receiving 45 percent (the same as last year) after deduction of about 10 percent in shared administrative and promotion costs. James N.

Griffith, executive director-treasurer of Georgia Baptist executive committee, said if the budget is fully funded more than \$4 million will go the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Not a word of debate came when the budget was adopted. The entire executive committee report took only 30 minutes to complete.

Neither did a word of debate ensue when Georgia Baptists were asked to approve a motion asking SBC Executive Committee to call a special session to seek solutions to doctrinal controversies in Southern Baptist life. Similar motions have been presented in other states.

Jack U. Harwell, editor of Christian Index, was given several gifts by the convention in honor of his 25th anniversary with the state newsjournal.

MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to take no action on two controversial matters brought by messengers in the form of resolutions.

In the last session of their three day annual convention Nov. 8-10, meeting at Jackson's First Baptist Church, messengers refused to oppose Reader's Digest condensed version of the Bible. They also declined to name a fact-finding commission to investigate charges "policies and practices at Mississippi College are contrary to the standards of Mississippi Baptists."

The resolutions committee did present favorably a resolution which messengers passed without dissent condemning illegal trafficking of drugs.

The condensed Bible opposition brought by Michael O'Brien, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, failed with only scattered support. John Barnes, chairman of the resolutions committee and retired pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, said "anything that gets the word of God out we're in favor of it."

The resolution concerning the fact-finding commission was brought by Charles Wilbanks, a Corinth attorney and a former teacher at the Mississippi College school of law. In an earlier business session Wilbanks accused the Baptist-owned school of serving liquor at student/faculty functions and pointed to hiring of persons for faculty positions on the school of law "who have very, very sharp conflicts with the Baptist faith."

Barnes said the charges had been considered by the trustees of Mississippi College and the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. Since the two groups had concluded the concerns "lack sufficient merit" for further investigation the resolutions committee suggested no action be taken. Messengers agreed by a show of hands with only a dozen dissenting.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Baptists have created a Minister's Emergency Relief Fund for Southern Baptist preachers in the state who have been relieved of their pastorates.

The plan, which was approved at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Memphis, will

provide \$100 a week for a maximum of 13 weeks and will continue a minister's retirement program and hospitalization for three months. Tennessee officials think the TBC is the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to establish such a program.

While the emergency relief plan was handled routinely by messengers, the practice of churches designating contributions sent through the Tennessee Baptist Convention for non-Southern Baptist institutions attracted considerable attention.

James Stroud, pastor of Third Creek Baptist Church in Knoxville, singled out Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis and Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., when he moved "we instruct our executive secretary-treasurer to return to the sender all mission gifts designated to either Luther Rice Seminary or to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and respectfully request that the senders give their money directly to the schools."

Stroud explained he made the motion because "there are people in the convention who believe that neither Luther Rice nor Mid-America seminaries are objects of the convention for which funds should be received. We do not elect their directors."

The situation erupted in the pre-convention executive board meeting and the executive board approved the motion "that the current president of the executive board appoint a committee of five persons to study the Tennessee Baptist Convention's method of receiving, reporting and disbursing all designated gifts from the churches or any other sources and that this committee report any recommendations resulting from its study by the September 1983 meeting of the executive board."

In another major business matter messengers adopted an \$18 million budget for the coming year. Of that, \$16.8 million is designated for the Cooperative Program with 36 percent (\$6,048,000) going to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention and 64 percent (\$10,752,000) for work in Tennessee. The SBC share is an increase of .25 percent from last year. The remaining \$1.2 million is the challenge budget with the Southern Baptist Convention receiving 36 percent (\$432,000) and the Tennessee Baptist Convention receiving 64 percent (\$768,000).

Fred A. Steelman, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, was elected president.

SOUTH CAROLINA

A move to make the abortion policy of Baptist hospitals in South Carolina more restrictive was rejected by the South Carolina Baptist Convention but messengers did recommend all Baptist institutions by very careful to check the religious preferences of prospective employes.

South Carolina Baptists completed a five-year drive to double the budget by 1983 by adopting a budget of \$17 million (the 1978 figure was \$8.5 million). Of that amount 38.31 percent (a reduction from the 38.71 percent in the 1982 budget) will go to worldwide mission and educational ministries through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

A successful resolution called on Baptist institutions to give preference to qualified Southern Baptists and other evangelical Christians (in that order) when hiring and to require a statement of religious commitment and a statement of commitment to the institution's purpose.

The resolution was apparently in response to recent publicity about a professor at a South Carolina Baptist university.

A tenured member of the music faculty at Furman is a Christian Scientist and on three occasions has used facilities at Furman to host Christian Science meetings.

Messengers elected recently retired state convention executive B. F. Hawkins, Greenville, president. Hawkins retired last year as director of Cooperative Program promotion and stewardship development for the convention after a decade at that post. He is a former pastor and director of missions.

INDIANA

Though Baptists in Indiana faced several provocative issues, the 24th State Convention of Baptists in Indiana Nov. 9-11 in Terre Haute proved to be an arena for conciliatory action.

The 270 messengers passed a Cooperative Program budget of \$1,271,246 with 31.5 percent to be forwarded to national and worldwide Southern Baptist Convention mission and educational causes, the same percentage as last year.

Carver Tinsley, pastor of States Street Baptist Church, Hammond, for over 25 years, was elected president. Rodell Stovall, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Terre Haute, was elected first vice president and Bill Smith, pastor of Creasy Lane, Lafayette, was chosen second vice president.

FLORIDA

Florida Baptists continued to be the boldest givers to Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention effort to present the message of Jesus Christ to the entire world by the year 2000.

The more than 1700 messengers went to Tampa for the 121st annual meeting of the Florida Baptist State Convention and raised the percentage of budget collections to be sent to the national, worldwide mission and educational programs of the SBC to 48 percent—highest of the 34 state conventions.

In 1980 Florida Baptists adopted a five-year plan to move to a 50-50 division of the basic budget between the national SBC and Florida mission and educational programs. The one percent increase this year keeps the convention on schedule to reach the goal.

In 1981 the convention voted to change the financial year from October-September to January-December. Therefore, two budgets had to be adopted this time—a basic budget of \$3,427,336.50 for October-December 1982 and a record-basic budget of \$14,556,660 for 1983 (January-December). The 48 percent share for the national SBC will apply to both basic budgets.

TEXAS

Texas Baptists, in their annual convention, dealt with issues such as drunken driving, abortion, school prayer and homosexuality but put aside theological and political controversies of recent years.

The meeting was sombered when James Landes, who is retiring this year after nine years as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, collapsed at a reception in his honor. After shaking "about 2000 hands," 70-year-old Landes fell to the floor and was rushed to a hospital. Tests results were negative but Landes spent two days in the hospital recovering from "exhaustion."

The 3500 messengers and visitors from many of the state's 4000 Southern Baptist churches announced clear intentions to commit themselves to reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus in this century. They underscored their mission concerns by adopting a \$50 million budget for the convention's Cooperative Program of world missions support. More than a third of the budget (35.9 percent) will go to help support the work of 6000 missionaries in the United States and foreign countries, said D. L. Lowrie, convention president. The remainder will help support 23 Texas Baptist institutions and other state missions work.

Last year Texas sent 35.7 percent of its budget to worldwide SBC mission causes.

Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, was reelected by acclamation to a second one-year term as president.

MICHIGAN

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan celebrated its 25th anniversary at Bethany Baptist Church, Lansing, Nov. 9-11.

The convention has grown from 53 congregations to more than 300 including missions. The 802 messengers were joined by hosts of out-of-state visitors including former executive director Fred Hubbs.

The messengers adopted a budget of \$2,180,000, the convention's first budget over \$2 million. Member churches of the BSCM will contribute \$960,000 of that budget with 26 percent of that amount being sent to national level agencies to underwrite mission and educational work worldwide. This is the 12th year in a row Michigan Baptists have increased their SBC amount by one-half percent.

Two employees, Robert Wilson, executive director, and Joe Watson, director of church development division, were honored for 25 years of service. Elected president was Joe Hall, pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, Farmington Hills. Ray Babb was elected first vice president. Carl Petty was chosen second vice president.

COLORADO

Colorado Baptists upped their convention's contributions to the Cooperative Program by one percent, postponed constitutional changes for another year and met the new editor of Rocky

Mountain Baptist at their annual meeting.

Messengers to the Colorado Baptist General Convention approved a budget of \$2,351,493 for the coming year with \$1,332,493 coming from the congregations in Colorado and the remainder from national Southern Baptist Convention agencies, primarily the Home Mission Board. Twenty-eight percent of the collections will be sent to national and worldwide SBC mission causes through the national level agencies.

Don Turner, 33, pastor of First Baptist Church, Midkiff, Tex., will assume the editorship of Rocky Mountain Baptist some time in December.

Benny J. King, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, North Glenn, was elected president of the CBGC; Don Murray, pastor of Ken Caryl Baptist Church, Littleton, was elected first vice president, and Steve Spencer, minister of music at Arapaho Road Baptist Church, Littleton, was elected second vice president.

Eight new churches were accepted into the convention, raising the total number of congregations in the convention to 212.

MARYLAND

The Baptist Convention of Maryland's 50-50 Cooperative Program division plan, adopted last year, was abandoned by messengers to the annual BCM meeting.

Instead of moving toward an even division of Cooperative Program funds between the state convention and the national Southern Baptist Convention by 1987, messengers approved a plan to tie increases in contributions to the state convention income and the inflation rate.

The 50-50 committee recommended that for every one percent increase in convention receipts above the annual rate of inflation, one-half of one percent be forwarded to the worldwide mission and educational work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1983 budget will be \$2,148,000 with 39.5 percent for SBC work and 60.5 percent for Maryland work. The 1982 budget included a 39-61 split of money sent in by member churches to the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Four men were nominated for president. A run-off ballot elected Walter D. Agnor, director of missions, Susquehanna Baptist Association.

A resolution on prayer in public schools declared opposition to the proposed constitutional prayer amendment and stated "we shall work continually for religious liberty which for some is freedom 'for' religious expression and for others is freedom 'from' religious expression."

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Baptist messengers validated the 1982 convention theme of "Bold Going" by approving recommendations to enter into partnership missions with the Nevada Baptist Convention and the Zimbabwe Baptist Convention.

Messengers also approved a \$15,850,000 budget for 1983 that includes a \$350,000 challenge goal and 34 percent designated for Southern

Baptist Conventionwide causes, the same percent as last year. The budget represents a 10 percent increase.

Perry F. Webb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, was returned to a second term as president. Ray Frye, an Alexandria businessman, was elected first vice president from serving as second vice president this year. Marilyn Dickinson of Baton Rouge was elected second vice president.

Among 14 resolutions approved without comment were statements on creationism, volunteer prayer and gambling.

The creationism resolution urged Louisiana Baptists to educate their children into belief of divine creation, reject attempts by any school to teach any theory of creation as fact and take action when the opportunity arises to oppose the teaching of any religious dogma, favored or opposed by Louisiana Baptists, in public classrooms.

The volunteer prayer resolutions state "we implore the courts and Congress to stay within the confines of the previous U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declares only government sponsored and prescribed scripture reading and prayer is unconstitutional and did not declare unconstitutional truly voluntary expressions of individual faith."

MINN. - WIS.

Minnesota-Wisconsin Southern Baptists, during the 13th annual session at Northwest Baptist Church, Milwaukee, launched a "Double-in-a-Decade" emphasis and looked toward organization as a regional convention to begin operation Jan. 1, 1984.

Focus of the meeting was the "Double-in-a-Decade" emphasis, the Minnesota-Wisconsin expression of Bold Mission Thrust. By strengthening present congregations and starting 120 new chapels they hope to double the overall SBC impact in the region by the end of 1992.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Baptists, meeting in Del City, elected a new president, increased by one percent the amount of undesignated funds going to Southern Baptist Convention causes and referred a motion to establish an agency on Christian moral concern for study.

Meeting in First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, messengers elected William H. (Bill) Cook, 51, pastor of First Church, Bartlesville, to be president. He was nominated by host pastor Bailey Smith, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Cook succeeds Altus pastor Keith Wiginton who chose not to allow his nomination for another term.

Messengers approved a record \$15.25 million budget including a challenge section of \$1,674,050. The SBC Cooperative Program is scheduled to receive 46 percent of all undesignated income including the challenge section. The largest appropriation, in excess of \$2 million, will go to Oklahoma Baptist University.

An effort to establish a department of Christian moral concerns was referred by the messengers to the convention's board of directors with instructions to

report to the 1983 convention. The move was prompted by the recent vote on pari mutuel racetrack gambling which was won by gambling interests and the threat of numerous county option votes on the issue.

VIRGINIA

Christine Gregory, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union and first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1980-81, has been elected president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Not only is she the first woman to be chosen to head the BGAV but she was unopposed in balloting. Virginia is the third SBC convention to elect a woman as president (Washington D. C. and Nevada were the others).

In other key action the messengers called for the Executive Committee of the SBC to convene a special meeting of the committee for the purpose of "finding and implementing solutions" to the "polarization and open factionalism" currently taking place in the convention.

The resolution commended SBC president James T. Draper Jr. "and others" for their efforts to solve "this potentially self-destructive" problem which is "obscuring the Baptist witness" for Christ. The messengers noted one group within the convention had "openly announced" its intention to control the boards and agencies of the convention and was in the process of gaining such control.

Calling for "heroic measures by persons in positions of leadership" in the convention, the BGAV requested the special meeting of the Executive Committee submit recommendations to the annual SBC meeting in Pittsburgh in June 1983, to correct "flaws in the system" that allow takeover attempts and to "encourage participation of all viewpoints in the deliberations and actions of the convention."

The convention adopted a \$12,025,000 budget for 1983 and designated 37 percent of that amount to be sent to worldwide mission causes at the national SBC level. This was a one percent reduction from 1982 when Virginia sent 38 percent to world causes.

ARIZONA

Messengers to the 54th annual meeting of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention quickly handled convention business and turned their attention to the meeting's theme "God's Challenge; Reaching Arizona for Christ."

The only ballot vote taken was during the election of the convention president Clark Johnson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Flagstaff.

The 456 messengers adopted a record \$3.4 million budget marking a 12.5 percent increase over 1982. The budget figure is based on total unduplicated funds expected to pass through the convention office in 1983, including designated offerings and some designated for Grand Canyon College and Arizona Baptist Children's Services. In keeping with the five-year plan adopted by the ASBC executive board 25.75 percent of the budget will go to SBC causes, a .25 percent increase over 1982.

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