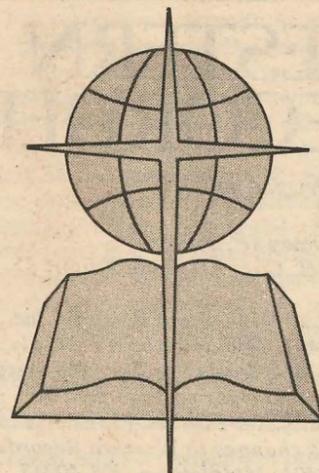


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For Pittsburgh, Pa.

Draper keeps word, names SBC committee early

by Dan Martin, News Director
Baptist Press

James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced the committee on committees to serve at the 1983 annual meeting of the SBC in Pittsburgh, Pa. in June.

The committee on committees, made up of two representatives from each state convention which qualifies for representation on boards and agencies, has the primary task of recommending a committee on boards at the annual meeting. The committee on boards in turn nominates persons as trustees of the 20 boards and agencies.

In making his announcement, Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., followed up on a pledge he made following his election at the 1982 annual meeting to announce his appointments prior to the convention, to give Southern Baptists time to study and react to them.

He said the appointments "are known conservatives. They are not extremists, not liberals. They are recognized as conservative, supportive of the Cooperative Program and missions causes."

John Sullivan, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., and SBC first vice president, said he supports the appointments.

Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and SBC second vice president, said he "does not know all of the people who were nominated, but they were all recommended by state leadership. I feel very good about it."

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ARIZONA—Leroy Summers, minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, and David Butler, registrar, University of Arizona, and member of Sabino Road Baptist Church, Tucson.

ARKANSAS—Gerald Taylor, pastor, Life Line Baptist Church, Little Rock, and Cecil Weller, retired executive with the Boy Scouts of America and member of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Smith.

CALIFORNIA—Bill Hann, pastor, Mid-Cities Baptist Church, Westminster, and Bob Byrd, a dentist and member of Bristol Street Baptist Church, Santa Ana.

COLORADO—Lewis Adkison, pastor, Circle Drive Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, and Dale Mountain, member of Trinity Baptist Church, Loveland.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Mrs. Worth Grant, a former missionary to Japan and member of Temple Baptist Church, Washington, and Steve Hyde, pastor, First Baptist Church, Silver Springs, Md.

FLORIDA—Jim Wilson, an evangelist and member of First Baptist Church, Orlando, and Jerry Passmore, pastor, Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola.

GEORGIA—Robert C. Marsh, pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and John McCoy, former medical missionary to Nigeria and member of Northside Baptist Church, Tifton.

ILLINOIS—Everett Anthony, director of missions, Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, and Rex Hodge, a construction contractor and member of Logan Street Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon.

INDIANA—James Ehrlich, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, and Wallace Denton, professor of family life ministries, Purdue University, and member of Calvary Baptist Church, West Lafayette.

KANSAS/NEBRASKA—David Cone, pastor, Country Acres Baptist Church, Wichita, and George Delahoussaye, member of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Neb.

KENTUCKY—David Nelson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Phyllis Ann Green, member of Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield.

LOUISIANA—Perry Sanders, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, and Raymond Boswell, member of Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport.

MARYLAND—Hugh Townsend, pastor, First Baptist Church, Berlin, and Terrance Hart, a Westinghouse Corp. executive and member of Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie.

MICHIGAN—Milton Wood, pastor, Gorham Baptist Church, Jackson, and Judy Gill, member of First Baptist Church, Swartz Creek.

MISSISSIPPI—Harry Vickery, member of First Baptist Church, Greenville, and John Brock, pastor, Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson.

MISSOURI—Mark Brister, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and Ted Garrison, a physician and member of First Baptist Church, Camdenton.

NEW MEXICO—John Preston, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Farmington, and Fred Maldonado Jr., member of Templo Bautista, Las Vegas.

NORTH CAROLINA—Sam Currin, federal prosecutor and member of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, and Glen

Wilcox, owner of a travel agency and member of First Baptist Church, Asheville.

NORTHWEST [Washington/Oregon]—Darrell Evenson, director of missions, Inland Baptist Association, Portland, Ore., and Doug Franklin, member of Trenton Avenue Baptist Church, Bremerton, Wash.

OHIO—Glenn Davidson, pastor, Pisgah Heights Baptist Church, Westchester, and Jim Dobbs, member of Dublin Baptist Church, Columbus.

OKLAHOMA—Jim White, pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and Joe Coleman, member of First Baptist Church, Tulsa.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Horace B. Sims Jr.,

pastor of Abney Memorial Baptist Church, Greenwood, and Harry Dent, member of First Baptist Church, Columbia.

TENNESSEE—Fred Steelman, pastor, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Wendell McClindon, member of First Baptist Church, Donelson.

TEXAS—Ralph Smith, pastor, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, and Mrs. Frank Stewart, member of First Baptist Church, El Paso.

VIRGINIA—L. W. Bray, an Air Force major general and member of Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, and George Kissinger, director of missions, Peninsula Baptist Association, Newport News.

Will SBC giving plan be altered while BMT goals are projected?

by Craig Bird, Feature Editor
Baptist Press

Southern Baptists are being challenged to give \$20 billion a year through local congregations by the year 2000.

The SBC Executive Committee will receive a report in February from the 25-member Cooperative Program study committee it appointed last year to make recommendations to the SBC annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa. in June.

Also to be considered will be a significant change in the Cooperative Program.

The 15-step "Planned Growth in Giving" anticipates each Baptist individual, family, church and regional convention to respond with a percentage increase in giving through the Cooperative Program each year from 1985 through 2000.

The heart of the plan is week-long training of 700 church and denominational leaders to lead state sponsored Planned Growth in Giving conferences. The state conferences will be three-day sessions with a pastor and a layman from each of the convention's 36,000 churches invited.

The change in the Cooperative Program, the SBC voluntary contribution plan which underwrites national and worldwide mission and educational efforts, will be the first major change since the plan was created in 1925.

Presently all gifts to the Cooperative Program are divided among all SBC agencies according to a budget approved by messengers to the annual SBC meeting. The study committee is suggesting churches be allowed to "exclude certain causes" and still have their gifts considered as Cooperative Program contributions.

"No one is comfortable with undue exclusions but if we're going to ask for theological diversity in unity within the convention then we should provide for flexibility in funding," said Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Bap-

tist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and chairman of the writing team.

Cooperative Program giving has become a focal point in the struggle within the SBC between inerrantists and moderates. Inerrantists have protested being forced to support seminaries and agencies they disagree with while moderates have maintained tampering with the Cooperative Program would wreck the mission support program.

Several regional conventions, notably the Baptist General Association of Virginia, have adopted similar "negative designation" plans which have been successful.

If the change is adopted it will be watched closely since even small percentage changes will produce large dollar changes with the Cooperative Program—especially if Planned Growth in Giving is adopted and successful.

The biggest impact of Planned Growth in Giving would be at the local church level. The committee is recommending that each of the 36,000 churches increase giving through the SBC Cooperative Program each year so in 2000 they are budgeting at least 7.5 percent more to the Cooperative Program than they gave in 1985. Approximately half the member churches presently give less than four percent.

The 34 regional conventions, which receive the individual church contributions and then distribute the money between its own programs and the national unified giving plan, will be asked to move toward a 50-50 split. Three conventions (Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma) now send 45-48 percent of their income to the national level and are planning to be at the 50-50 level by 1985. Most other conventions send between 20-35 percent.

The committee also is recommending the states pay for two-thirds of the cost of the training and promotion and the SBC operating budget provide the other third.

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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

The religion of Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln whose birthday we celebrate in February is my all time favorite president. His humble birth in a log cabin in the frontier land of Kentucky, his lifelong link with the common people, his meteoric rise to fame, his agonizing years as President, his courageous emancipation proclamation and his untimely assassination all made him an inspiring hero for me from boyhood days on.

In spite of my lifelong admiration for Lincoln and the abundance of written material on all aspects of his life, I have not done enough reading and research to know him very well. Somewhere along the line, however, I got a disappointing impression he had little place for formal religion and the church.

Because of my disappointment at this point I was elated to read recently an article in *Pulpit Helps* written by Lincoln scholar Ronald D. Rietvelt, professor of history at California State University. Prof. Rietvelt dealt with the spiritual side of Lincoln. From his own words and from impressions of those closest to Lincoln as reported by the professor, it is clear Lincoln was not only a man who recognized God but he leaned strongly upon the Lord for divine guidance and help.

Upon leaving Springfield, Ill. Feb. 11, 1861 for Washington, Lincoln had some farewell words for his friends and neighbors. He ended his brief speech with these words, "Here my children were born, and one is buried. I leave now, not knowing when, or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

Upon saying good-by to his pastor friend a few days earlier, Lincoln had made this request: "I wish to be remembered in the prayers of yourself and our church members."

Lincoln prayed that the war might be averted but when it came he took the view that God "permits it for some wise purpose of His

own, mysterious and unknown to us; and though with our limited understanding we may not be able to comprehend it, yet we cannot but believe that He who made the world still governs it."

In 1862 while the war was still going against the North Lincoln suffered probably the greatest personal sorrow of his life. His little son, Willie, died. The President had watched beside Willie's bed through the night and after the boy died Lincoln pulled the cover from the child's face and whispered, "My poor boy; He was too good for this earth. God has called him home, I know that he is much better off in heaven, but then we loved him so. It is hard, hard to have him die."

When Willie's Christian nurse tried to reassure Mr. Lincoln that many Christians were praying for him, he replied with tear filled eyes, "I am glad to hear that. I want them to pray for me. I need to have that. I want them to pray for me. I need their prayers."

Then the President said to the nurse, "I will try to go to God with my sorrows. . . . I wish I had that childlike faith you speak of, and I trust He will give it to me. I had a good Christian mother, and her prayers have followed me thus far through life."

Being worried about the effect of the death of Willie upon the mental and physical health of her husband, Mrs. Lincoln invited Francis Vinton, minister of Trinity Church, New York, to visit Mr. Lincoln. In trying to console the President Dr. Vinton said, "Your son is alive in Paradise. Do you remember that passage in the Gospels: 'God is not the God of the dead but the living, for all live unto him'?"

The President embraced Dr. Vinton, laid his head upon his shoulders and sobbed, "Alive! Alive!"

As the war continued to go against the Union forces and casualty lists grew longer, President Lincoln confided in a friend, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction I had nowhere else to go."

Praying seemed to become a way of life with President Lincoln. One of his secretaries reported, "Mr. Lincoln was a praying man. I know that to be a fact, and I have heard him request people to pray for him. . . . I have heard him say he prayed."

His pastor in Washington, Dr. Phineas Gurley, said of Lincoln, "In the latter days of his chastened and weary life, after the death of his son

Willie and his visit to Gettysburg, he said, with tears in his eyes, that he had lost confidence in everything but God and that he now believed his heart was changed and that he loved the Saviour."

Lincoln told one of his friends, Noah Brooks, that he had hope of blessed immortality through Jesus Christ and that the change in his life had occurred after coming to Washington.

The longer he lived the more Lincoln was convinced he was a God chosen instrument for such a day as his own. Shortly before his assassination he affirmed, "I am responsible . . . to the American people, to the Christian world and, on my final account, to God."

President Lincoln's formal religion and church life might not have met our ideals but his words above leave no doubt he was a spiritual man and looked to God for wisdom and help.

Lincoln's honest struggles with a personal faith sound more authentic than glib claims of religious convictions mouthed by Presidents but written by their speech writers.

A timely book by Leo Eddleman

Dr. Leo Eddleman, who is now teaching at Clear Creek School in Pineville, has a new book off the press. It is entitled, "Hail Mary" with the subtitled, "A Defense of the Public Schools."

The title of the book suggests it is anti-Catholic but its main thrust is a plea for saving and improving public schools in America. The book does deal at length with the Catholic views on education and their strenuous efforts to divert public funds into church schools.

Dr. Eddleman is anxious to help stem the tide in America toward massive federal aid to religious schools. Under intense pressure President Reagan has called for legislative approval of tuition tax credits to parents sending their children to private schools. Congressmen and senators are also under heavy pressure to approve such legislation. Eddleman says such an expenditure is unthinkable in light of the present huge federal deficit.

What is so disturbing is that the raid on public funds for religious education is no longer only a Roman Catholic effort. The rise of so many church sponsored elementary and high schools among Baptists have made fundamentalist

Baptists and Roman Catholics bed fellows. If anyone had predicted a few years ago that Jerry Falwell and Roman Catholics would join efforts to seek public funds for church schools, he would have been considered crazy.

Dr. Eddleman's concern is well founded. Readers who want his book can have it by ordering it for \$4.00 from Exposition Press Inc., 325 Rabro Dr., Smithtown, NY 11787-0817.

Don't believe prophets of doom

One unfortunate result of the "inerrancy" movement is the arrogance of those fighting for it. All who do not completely subscribe to their position are branded heretics.

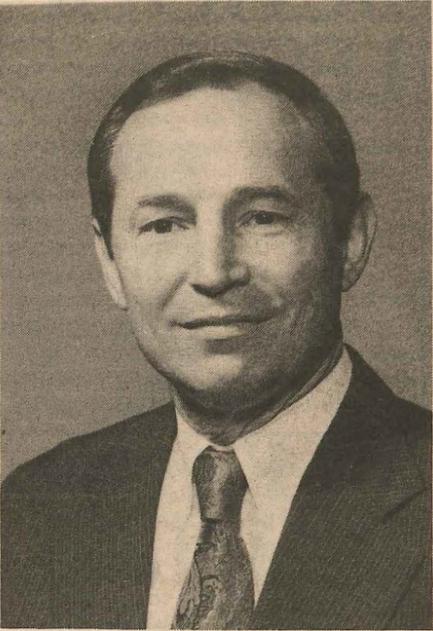
Another ill effect resulting from the activities of the inerrancy group is the suspicion aroused in the minds of many Southern Baptists towards Southern Baptist agency leadership, especially the seminaries and the Sunday School Board. Too many tend to believe the worst they hear and this is unfair.

Actually the doctrinal correctness and integrity among Southern Baptist seminary teachers and curriculum writers are amazing considering the thousands involved and the freedom which characterizes Baptists. Among so many there is bound to be an occasional deviation from Baptist distinctive beliefs but this is rare and the administration and trustees of Baptist agencies have built-in corrective procedures to handle these rare cases.

Any fair evaluation of Southern Baptist seminaries will substantiate this. Thousands of seminary graduates are preaching and teaching the true gospel all over America and in 95 foreign countries. And rarely does any doctrinal question arise about Southern Baptist curriculum materials. This is nothing less than miraculous considering the thousands of churches served and all the shades of doctrinal stance represented.

Those who prophesy doom for Southern Baptists because of liberalism simply don't have the evidence. In the absence of evidence they resort to predicting what will happen sometime in the future. Vigilance is always in order but to blame the decline of other denominations in America on the single issue of biblical inerrancy and predict the same for Southern Baptists is naive and unfair.

Bill Marshall moves to Middletown as transition begins



Marshall

On his first official work day as an employee of Kentucky Baptists last week, William W. Marshall spoke to Baptist Building staff members in Middletown.

Speaking extemporaneously in a chapel service, Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer elect, shared his experiences in "disengaging from one place to another.

"There's a degree of joy and sadness about it, but it's also kinda fun," he allowed.

"I hope I don't give the impression I know a great deal about your operation," he continued, "for frankly, your shop is different.

"I hope you will perceive me as a person-oriented manager. The early months will be a time of getting acquainted with the work and with you, of getting to know the ship and how it operates."

Summing up his remarks to the staff, Marshall declared, "I'll not be quick to make statements on what we are going to do. I'm going to be listening to you for a good while. I'm looking forward to whatever time the Lord has for us to live and work together."

Marshall, formerly vice president of the Office of Human Resources, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will succeed the retiring Franklin Owen as KBC executive secretary-treasurer May 1. He is in his office Mondays-Thursdays in Middletown during this transitional period.

Claude Humfleet dies Jan. 31

Claude Humfleet, Barbourville, died Monday, Jan. 31 in Louisville.

Survivors include a son-in-law, Robert C. Jones. Jones is director of the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Funeral services were scheduled Feb. 3 at Hopper Funeral Home, Barbourville.

Central Hospital chaplain Ed McGregor, 44, passes

Ed McGregor, 44, chaplain at Central Baptist Hospital, died Feb. 1 at Central Baptist Hospital, where he had been hospitalized for six weeks.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, McGregor did his chaplaincy internship at

Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville.

McGregor was past president of the Kentucky Chaplains' Association and a deacon and Sunday school director at Central Baptist Church, Lexington.

The funeral was held Feb. 4 at Central Church.

McGregor is survived by his wife Mary, son John and daughter Jill.

Elbert Owen, father of KBC exec, dies

Elbert Owen died Saturday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 a.m. in Kansas City, Mo. He was the father of Frank Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Jester dies in Memphis; served Nigerian seminary

William L. Jester, former registrar and professor at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, died Jan. 29 in Memphis, Tenn. He was 85.

Jester and his wife, the former Daisy Hicks, were appointed to Nigeria in 1946 after serving 18 years as missionaries in East Africa for another mission organization.

In Ogbomoso, Jester became registrar and professor of Old Testament in 1947 when the seminary was affiliated with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Besides his wife, who lives in Memphis, Jester leaves a son, David L. Jester, president of Wayland (Texas) Baptist College, and a daughter, Betty Karel of Memphis.

Pro-Israel resolution to be reintroduced at SBC

A resolution supporting the state of Israel, tabled by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans last June, will be reintroduced at this year's SBC in Pittsburgh, the chairman of the 1982 resolutions committee says.

Norris W. Sydnor Jr., a Maryland pastor, told an audience of several hundred at a "National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel" he will introduce the volatile statement again. He predicted it will be adopted.

Sydnor also presented a plaque engraved with the resolution's wording to the Israeli consul-general in the U.S., and added: "We Southern Baptists are committed and we give our continual support and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem frequently." He strongly implied the presentation was made "on behalf of 14 million Southern Baptists."

In New Orleans last June, the statement was brought to the floor by a resolutions committee dominated by political and theological "conservatives," but was twice turned down by messengers.

The resolution, which expressed "strong" support of Israel and urged that the U.S. government "publicly and privately assure Israel and her enemies of such support," drew spirited debate and was referred back to the resolutions committee for revision.

When it came back to the floor for a second time, the resolution's author, James DeLoach, Houston, and R. Keith Parks, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, made a dramatic joint appearance on the convention platform in which Parks said such a resolution could endanger the lives of SBC missionaries and representatives.

The resolutions committee ignored the pleas of Parks and DeLoach and presented their resolution for adoption. Messengers, however, heeded and voted to table the pro-Israel resolution.

Even though rejected in New Orleans, ideas contained in the resolution have caused the Foreign Mission Board ongoing problems during the intervening months in parts of the Arab world, where Southern Baptists maintain the large majority of their missionary contingent in the Middle East.

Magnify the local church, Draper tells broadcasters

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper told the nation's religious broadcasters they must complement rather than compete with the local church if they are to fulfill their mission.

Draper, keynote speaker to the 40th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, told an estimated audience of 2800, "the missing link in much of religious broadcasting is the primacy of the strategy of Christ through the local church."

For radio and television preachers to tell their listeners and viewers they can discharge their obligation to tithe their money by sending in a check is neither "godly" nor "biblical."

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., said that while he personally contributes offerings above the tithe to religious broadcasters and asks his people to do the same, "we must never put those two (local church and broadcasters) in competition. . . . Folks, there's plenty to go around. You do what God tells you to do and you magnify the local church and God will take care of your needs. . . . If that's not true, God is a liar, the Bible is false and Jesus is not Lord."

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LONELY, WEAKENED

I tremendously appreciate the many expressions of sympathy and comradeship in the loss of my Father in Missouri last week. Though we were privileged to have Father until he was past 94 years of age, it was awfully hard to give him up. My heart was warmed by expressions received from churches and friends all over Kentucky. A considerable number of west Kentucky ministers crossed the river into southeast Missouri for the funeral.

The service strangely merged both sadness and celebration. I was reminded of my Mother's comment (she died in 1968) when she spoke of Father's pending retirement, "Son, when your old Dad finally lays down his sword, let it be said that a real warrior has done battle."

Well, now that he has put down his sword both as a minister and a Christian witness, this elder son finds himself weakened and lonely just to realize every little while that Dad is no longer here.

Father and I have lived a long ways

apart for many years, but just to know that his counsel was available was a source of strength. Admittedly I haven't asked much specific advice from him since his latter retirement home years. Nevertheless, just knowing of his presence in this world was a mental reference point that gave me spiritual strength. The absence of such spiritual pillar from my mental world leaves me feeling weakened and lonely.

Mother and Father are both gone now and suddenly I am no longer one generation removed from my departed ancestry. I am now the last of the "Mohicans"—the last generation still here, the rearguard of the Owen Tribe, the final grandfather.

What a sad circumstance it would all sum up to if this world were the only outlook? How grateful I am that We look for a "new heaven and a new earth," both for Father, with Mother, and for this last Mohican; and for all the faithful who have gone before and those who follow after.

International Series OBSERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Luke 33:1-2, 7-18 Of the Jewish feasts mentioned in the Bible, Passover was the most outstanding. It was a memorial of the national deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt.

Christ desired to observe Passover with his disciples before he died on the cross. As the time approached for this observance, he designated two disciples, Peter and John, as the ones to make necessary preparation for this memorable occasion. Eagerly they inquired as to where they should prepare for the Passover. Christ told them to enter the city and there they would see a man carrying a pitcher of water.

The disciples did as Christ commanded them, found the man with the pitcher of water and asked him to point out the guest chamber to them. Following the man to the house they asked permission of the owner to use the guest chamber. The request was granted and they were taken to the upper room and furnished with the necessary equipment. "They made ready the Passover," meaning that they secured the roast lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs. During the meal, Christ informed the apostles he would not drink of the cup again until God established his reign.

Luke 22:19-20 At the close of the paschal meal on the eve of his departure, in the presence of 11 disciples (Judas having gone out to do his wicked work), our Lord instituted the great memorial which is called the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper was designed by the Savior to be a memorial which would recall the death of Christ. As Christ's followers take the bread at the

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Feb. 13, 1983



H. C. Chiles

supper it speaks of his body wounded and bruised, of the nails driven through his hands and feet, of the thorns which pierced his brow and of the spear that was thrust into his side. As they take the contents of the cup, the fruit of the vine speaks to us of the blood of Christ which cleanses the guilty soul and makes it as white as snow.

Life and Work Series SEEK GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 6:25-34 Two things harass the minds of Christians— anxiety about today and fear of tomorrow. Christ did not teach that intelligent forethought and industry in providing for the daily needs of our loved ones and ourselves are not proper but he warned us against the sin of worry.

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Matthew 14:45-45 This parable tells of a merchant who sought to secure the best pearls available.

The man's spending of everything he possessed in order to secure the pearl of great price finds its meaning and culmination in Christ's death on the cross, wherein he paid the supreme sacrifice to redeem sinners.

Matthew 5:6 Our Lord said: "Blessed (happy) are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." "Hunger" and "thirst" depict a great longing. In fact, genuine hunger and thirst are the two strongest desires of the physical nature. They are evidences of normal, vigorous and healthy life. Happiness is given by God to those who hunger and thirst, or who have an intense desire to be conformed to the will of God.

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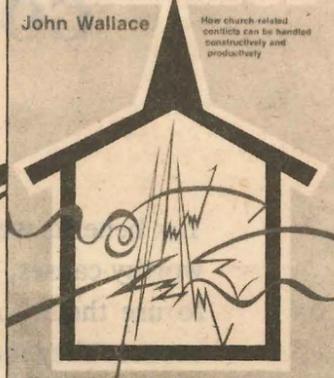
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Kentucky Baptists, SBTS benefit from 105-year relationship, Daley says

The 105-year relationship between Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Kentucky Baptists was described as a "bittersweet experience" in a convocation address on the seminary campus Feb. 1.

But speaker C. R. Daley, editor of Western Recorder, added "the sweetness has outweighed the bitterness."

Daley, editor of the Kentucky Baptist state paper for 25 years, was guest

speaker for Founder's Day, observed annually since 1907.

Daley said his research led to two primary conclusions: first, "Southern Seminary and Kentucky Baptists have been good for one another," and second, "though they have been good for one another, they have sometimes given pain to one another."

He recounted the seminary's early years in Kentucky after moving from Greenville, S. C., to Louisville in 1877. The seminary, he said, received a "warm, welcome, ready response" from Kentucky Baptists, including several substantial gifts that ensured a future for the struggling institution.

The constant focal point in the long-

standing relationship, Daley said, has been the local church. He noted Kentucky churches have not only provided pulpits for seminary students, but also have been instrumental in preparing future faculty members for teaching ministries.

"Thousands of Southern Baptist pastors and other church staff members owe their livelihood during their seminary days and much of their practical training for the ministry to Kentucky Baptist churches," he added.

Despite mutual benefits through the years, Daley pointed out that "regrettably, the relationship has not always been warm and cordial."

But Daley praised the seminary's

"positive role" in Kentucky Baptist life, opining its influence "has been more evident in the last 25 years than in the previous 75 years."

In an allusion to recent criticism of theology professor Dale Moody's views on apostasy, Daley said he is "convinced that Southern Seminary has made enough difference in Kentucky that what happened in Arkansas could not happen today (in Kentucky)." In their annual meeting last November, Arkansas Baptists adopted a resolution critical of Moody's teachings on apostasy.

Daley concluded "the most fruitful era for Southern Seminary and Kentucky Baptists is still ahead."

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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WILL SOMEBODY HELP?

Isaiah received a vision of the Lord. Aware of the holiness of God and his own sinfulness, he said, "Woe is me for I am undone"—his way of saying "I need help."

When the Lord called, Jeremiah said, "Ah, Lord God! behold I cannot speak: for I am a child." His first reaction was, "I cannot do this." The reason expressed is, "I am just a child. Will somebody help?"

In this troubled generation, cries for help are being heard from many who are not nearly as fortunate in homelife and parental influence as were Isaiah and Jeremiah.

"I am a preschooler. My mother was attacked by her ex-husband who cut her with a knife. Her hands and arms are bandaged and she cannot care for me. She needs foster care for me for a few weeks."

"I am a pre-teen. My mother sent me to an elderly relative who cannot continue to keep me. Mother went to another state and has not returned. I am street-wise and have been sexually abused by my own father. I have

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QUEEN KIYOMI

Long live Queen Kiyomi!

All the Oneida family were smiling and loyal subjects of Kiyomi Kashiwagi, beautifully dressed in the traditional dress of her native Japan, as she was crowned our 1983 Yearbook Queen in Melvin Davidson Chapel on Jan. 12.

Kiyomi has been a radiant Christian witness on our campus for four years. An outstanding pianist, she has accompanied our choir for four years including cutting an album. Her younger brother has already been accepted in our ninth grade for the coming year and will arrive on our campus in time to see his sister graduate on Sunday, May 15. Kiyomi is vice president of our 100-member senior class, and vice president of our BSU in which she is very active.

I was in my junior year and editor of the yearbook for the second time when this Yearbook Queen tradition was begun in 1957 with the crowning of the then DeRonda Miniard of Perry County. Since married, mother of a daughter, DeRonda is a successful lawyer in Virginia.

Helping to crown Queen Kiyomi was last year's Queen Molly Beiter of Louisville. Molly came to us four years ago with her share of problems, but soon professed Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Her Catholic family initially opposed her baptism into our church, but finally consented because of her strong wish to do so. Molly has grown in so many ways and is president of her class, and has been voted most popular, best personality and most courteous by her classmates.

Escorting Queen Kiyomi was B. J. White who, coincidentally, was also the escort of Queen Molly last year. The identity of the Queen is not known until the moment of the crowning. B. J. came to us four years ago, a very miserable young man, estranged from his family for more than a year, heavily into drugs. Here he met Jesus and he has steadily grown in the Lord, a daily inspiration to all who come into contact with him. He graduated last May, chosen by secret ballot of the faculty to receive Oneida's highest honor, the Evans Cup. B. J. is taking a 12-hour college load in the evening college classes taught on our campus by Cumberland College professors and is making A's and B's.

Yes, Kiyomi, Molly and B. J. are all wonderful dividends on your investment in Christian missions and Christian training for teenagers.

First runner-up was Kathy Baker, a 17-year-old Kentucky girl. She is on the "starting five" of our varsity girls basketball team. More importantly she is a

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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



BIRTHDAYS

George Washington's birthday is in February, as is Abraham Lincoln's. Even more important for me to remember is my wife's birthday is in February. Mrs. Simpson will be 29 . . . again.

Birthdays are important. We celebrate the birth of our Lord each year. For Christians Christmas is such a meaningful and significant occasion. The Bible mentions Pharaoh's birthday celebration (Gen. 40:20) and also Herod's (Mk. 6:21). Job lamented his birthday because of untoward circumstances (3:3).

It seems to me that birthdays ought to be recognized and celebrated. In a sense it is a rule of life and of the goodness of God. The psalmist said "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Ps. 23:6).

At Clear Creek we sometimes make 'quite a fuss' over birthdays. It is a way

of assuring people of their worth, value and importance to us. Dr. Aldridge began a practice some years ago of remembering special people on their natal day. Perhaps you are among this group. If not, I would love for you to be. Your birthday gives us an opportunity to recognize your worth and importance to us. We want to extend our love and concern, and say "Happy Birthday in the Lord and may you have many more!"

God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.

Be Thou for us in life our Daily Bread,
Our heart's true Home when all our years have sped.

Hugh Thomson Kerr

fine Christian young lady who has experienced much difficulty in her life. She was escorted by senior Kelly Gritton of Lawrenceburg, who has been with us since the seventh grade.

Second runner-up was Sherry Tarry of Louisville, who came four years ago as a freshman. She was escorted by Donnie Embry of Cloverport, who came to us in the eighth grade and is now a senior planning to major in music at college.

Others of the nine semifinalists were: Lana Frazier of our village who plans to go to business school when she graduates. She was escorted by Jerry Rice, a sophomore, and son of Mennonite missionaries in our area.

Shelia Hacker is a sophomore, having come to us from Cincinnati when she was in the seventh grade, after her mother died from cancer. She plans to be a nurse and was escorted by sophomore Mark Abbott of Monticello. Mark was a "dropout" when motivated to come to Oneida, and is doing well here.

Stephanie Hooker, a junior from Louisville, has been in many places of the world with her Marine Corps father but she likes Oneida best and has matured tremendously in her year with us. She was escorted by Tracy Paul, the youngest of a Catholic family of nine. Tracy came to us in the eighth grade and is graduating at age 16.

Gayle Mayo is a senior from Lebanon, with us one year, and has been a cheerleader, played basketball and won track awards. She was escorted by Randy Baer, a husky freshman from a Southern Baptist church in Detroit.

Dee Dee Mitchell of Vine Grove came to us for her senior year, and was escorted by Ricky Barnes, one of our finest and the fourth generation of his family to attend Oneida.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



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Education

SBTS hosts conference for student missions

Hundreds of college students from across the country are expected to join with seminary students in a focus on worldwide missions when Southern Baptist Theological Seminary hosts its 27th annual student missions conference Feb. 25-27.

Theme for the conference will be "The Hope of His Calling."

Program personalities include Bill O'Brien, executive vice president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Esther Burroughs, assistant director, Department of Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Sam James, director of orientation and development, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music, Southern Seminary; and Sam Simpson, pastor, Bronx Baptist Church, New York City.

The conference begins at 7 p.m. Fri-

day, Feb. 25 and concludes at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

The registration fee is \$8 and registration deadline is Feb. 11. To register, write: Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 375, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280 or call (502) 897-4409 between 2:30 and 5 p.m. EST.

Faculty/staff changes made at Campbellville

A Rhode Island professor, Stephen R. Fish, has joined the natural science faculty at Campbellville College.

Fish, who is an assistant professor of chemistry, presented lectures in physical biochemistry as an instructor of biological chemistry at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago for two years. He was a teaching assistant from 1975 to 1980 at the University of Rhode Island in physical chemis-

try, biophysical chemistry and biochemical laboratory techniques. He has also been a research assistant in biophysics.

A native of Rhode Island, Fish received his BA degree in biology from the University of Rhode Island. His PhD is in biophysical chemistry, also from that school.



Fish



Johnson

Keith R. Johnson has been named director of financial aid at Campbellville

College, having been student life associate during the fall 1982 semester. Prior to this associate position, Johnson had been assistant director of financial aid since January 1981.

Johnson replaces Paul A. Dameron who held the director's position since 1978. Dameron will be assuming responsibilities as financial aid counselor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

From July 1978 to July 1980 Johnson served at Lindsey Wilson College as director of financial aid and student life.

Johnson received his BS degree in health education and sociology from Western Kentucky University in 1974 and continued there to earn his MA degree in student personnel services in 1977.

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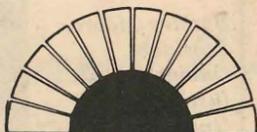
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Isn't it beautiful to be concerned enough for others to leave enough so they can prime the pump- to keep the water flowing. Many in the world have more than enough of this world's goods to care for themselves and their family. There are many who are not so fortunate. God is depending on those who have been blessed with plenty to help care for those who have needs.



Many people across our state and beyond have money, stocks and bonds, insurance policies, and other assets that could be placed in a trust fund, annuities, or endowment to keep the pump primed for those who will have no hope without their help.

Albert Schweitzer put it in perspective when he said, "Whatever you have received more than others—in health, in talents, in ability, in success, in a pleasant childhood, in harmonious conditions of home life—all this you must not take to yourself as a matter of course. In gratitude for your good fortune, you must render some sacrifice of your own life for another life."

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Valentine has his day in behalf of suffering

A leading Southern Baptist has called for rejection of proposed new cuts in domestic social programs in President Reagan's 1984 budget, calling them "heartless and senseless."

Foy Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, responding to a recently released report on the effects of the budget, tax and military policies on the poor, said, "trickle-down economics has been weighed and found wanting."

He added: "The bitter fruit of its planned unemployment which has brought down inflation on the backs of the poor is now clearly seen to be depression and the biggest deficit spending in the nation's history. Last year's domestic cuts have had their inevitable impact: suffering for the poor, misery for the old, anguish for the sick and joblessness for millions who want to work."

BSSB taps Lloyd Elder; orientation starts Apr. 1

Lloyd Elder, 49, was elected without opposition as the seventh president of the Baptist Sunday School Board Feb. 1 to succeed Grady C. Cothen.

Although no negative votes were cast, two trustees abstained. Robert Tenery, pastor of Burkemont Baptist Church, Morganton, N. C., and Ned Matthews, pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., both said they plan to support Elder.

After he was nominated by Warren Hultgren, vice chairman of the presidential search committee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., Elder outlined his "personal testimony concerning the grace of God in our lives."

He then answered questions from the 82-member board of trustees for more than one hour on questions including leadership style, the Bible and relationships with different groups in the denomination.

Elder is expected to move to Nashville Apr. 1 to begin a 10-month orientation process before assuming the presidency when Cothen retires Feb. 1, 1984.

Falwell chides SBC colleges, seminaries

Southern Baptists won't be "misled" by someone who does not want to be a Southern Baptist but who chooses to make "self-righteous pronouncements," according to two SBC educators.

Arthur Walker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission, and Herbert Reynolds, president of Baylor Univer-

sity, the largest Southern Baptist university in the country, made their comments in response to Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell's suggestion that Southern Baptists sever all ties with the 47 colleges and universities they support because they no longer represent conservative theological views.

Baylor University in Waco, Tex., was the only school specifically named.

In an interview with the Ft. Worth-Star-Telegram Feb. 2, Falwell said the SBC should keep its six seminaries and take some "Hard handed" actions to rid them of liberal influence.

Regarding the seminaries—which are national SBC agencies governed by trustees elected by messengers to the annual national SBC meetings—Falwell said, with one exception, they had "moved to the left" but can be "corrected because Baptist churches can insist traditional theology be taught."

He excluded Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., from the blanket condemnation as "an exception—we send a lot of our people there" and noted New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, "had made a lot of progress" in righting itself.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., or Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., were not mentioned.

Three Gardner-Webb profs die in car crash

Three professors at Gardner-Webb College were killed in a three-car wreck Jan. 27 as they were returning to campus after teaching classes at the school's Catawba Center in Newton, N. C.

Mike Harrelson, 51, professor of biology and chairman of the department of natural sciences, and John Rast, 36, assistant professor of religion, were dead at the scene, about eight miles south of Hickory.

James Henson, 55, professor of psychology, was taken to a Hickory hospital. He died three days later in the intensive care unit.

The three-car wreck, which also claimed the lives of two other persons, occurred at 10:18 p.m. The three men had finished teaching at the Catawba Center at 10 p.m. The center is on a 10 operated by the college as part of its GOAL (Greater Opportunity for Adult Learners) program.

Harrelson had been a teacher at the school since 1968. Henson taught from 1957 to 1962, and then returned in 1968. Rast had been on the faculty since 1981.

Reidland Founder's Day celebration set Feb. 13

A Founder's Day celebration commemorating the 28th anniversary of the founding of Reidland Baptist Church, West Union Association, is scheduled Feb. 13.

Charles Vincent, pastor at Reidland 1957-59, will be guest speaker for morning and evening services. Vincent now pastors Clarkston (Ga.) Baptist Church.

Reidland was organized Feb. 6, 1955 with 63 members. The work was begun as a mission of Oaklawn Baptist Church. Today membership is 1127. Jerry Hopkins is pastor.

The Founder's Day celebration, Reidland's first, will become an annual event with former pastors highlighting future programs as guest speakers.

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Hopkins County woman looks back at threshold of second hundred years

by Mary Kinney Branson
State Correspondent

Despite her diminutive size, Mary May Hibbs' ageless charm fills the room and commands your attention. Her voice is strong and clear. Her speech is filled with dates and details to rival a computer. She accompanies her conversation with such animated gestures it is difficult to believe Mrs. Hibbs will be 100 years old May 1.

A Southern Baptist all her life, Mrs. Hibbs began teaching Sunday school at Old Buck Creek Baptist Church, McLean County, when she was 12 years old.

"I taught a 'card' class for children," explains Mrs. Hibbs. The Baptist Sunday School Board produced cards with pictures on one side and Bible stories and questions about the stories on the other side. The cards were 12 cents a year back in 1895. I still have some of those cards tucked away in my Bible."

"Later I taught a class of teenagers," she elaborates. "I've also taught boys and young women."

Mrs. Hibbs has spent her entire life in the Hopkins-McLean County area, with the exception of a brief stay in Mexico.

"I married Ben Hibbs in 1903. We lived in Mexico a little over a year while Ben worked in an ore mine there," she relates.

"My stepmother (her own mother died when Mrs. Hibbs was five months old) told me if I died while down in Mexico I'd never get to heaven," she chuckles. "I told her, to my recollection, there were 12 gates in heaven and I was bound to be close to one of them. That's what it says in Rev. 21:12."

With her usual clarity and memory for details, Mrs. Hibbs tells about her return to Hopkins County from Mexico: "It was Dec. 31, 1904. I remember looking at the clock at the train station and noticing it was 1:00."

Soon after returning from Mexico, the Hibbs family joined Olive Branch Baptist Church in Hanson. ("It was the fourth Sunday in April 1905," states Mrs. Hibbs confidently.) Recalling what it was like to worship in the early 1900's, Mrs. Hibbs suggests: "We met only once a month back then because the same preacher took care of several different churches. People rode buggies and wagons, came on horseback or walked."

"I remember Old Buck Creek had a style block. That was a big square block with a step. Women climbed on the style block so they could more easily mount

their horses."

Church was a social as well as a spiritual outlet. Mrs. Hibbs says: "Ben would stand outside, talking to friends and neighbors, right up until time for the service. We only got to see those people at church so we had a month's news to catch up on each time we met."

"Families sat together in those days. Our whole family sat on one pew."

"My son always wanted to stay outside talking and playing with the other boys. I told him that was fine, as long as he came in when the singing started."

"One Sunday I looked back to see him sitting on another pew. Someone asked me why he wasn't sitting with his family. I told them he was afraid to sit with us. He'd come in way after the singing started and he knew he was in trouble."

Mrs. Hibbs readily acknowledges that churches have changed a lot over the past 100 years. She feels most of the changes have been improvements.

"I like the modern preachers, especially the one we have now at Olive Branch (Reedman Vaught)," says Mrs. Hibbs. "These modern preachers are better trained and educated. They explain the scriptures better."

"They're better paid, too," laughs Mrs. Hibbs. "I remember one preacher at Olive Branch, brother Richard Allen. When he gave his annual report one year in the early 1900's, he'd earned just \$93 for 12 months of preaching."

"I recall one Christmas early in World War I when brother Allen did not have coal to heat his house. The congregation took up a collection to buy coal."

"Then we all sold things we'd raised and pooled our money to buy brother Allen an overcoat for Christmas. The church chose my husband Ben to buy the coat because he and the preacher were about the same size."

"The store clerk gave Ben a discount when he learned the coat was for the preacher. Ben had three or four dollars left over. That was enough to buy a good pair of shoes back then."

"The church wanted to surprise brother Allen with the coat and money for shoes. After the service one Sunday in December, some of the men called brother Allen to the back of the church. One man sneaked up behind him and slipped the overcoat on him. Brother Allen was so happy he cried."

"Then they gave him the rest of the money to buy shoes. Ben gave him a

bushel of apples, too."

Recalling other changes in church life, Mrs. Hibbs comments on women holding offices in church: "I'm not too fond of it. And I don't like open communion either."

Married to the same man for 58 years, Mrs. Hibbs never really considered remarrying after her husband's death in 1961.

"One time a merchant in Hanson asked me, 'Why haven't you remarried? You're active, and not a bad looking old woman.'"

"I told him I never saw anyone I wanted to marry except Ben. Besides, Ben made me promise not to remarry. He told me I'd never find anyone to love me like he had. I know he was right, too."

Today, Mrs. Hibbs lives with her widowed daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Rudd, in Madisonville. She eagerly attends Olive Branch Baptist Church whenever someone can take her to a service.

She reads her large print Bible daily, likes to wash dishes and make her own bed and enjoys reading Western Recorder. One of her passions is grocery shopping.

"Mother gets upset if I sneak off to the grocery without her," says Mrs. Rudd, her daughter. "It takes two or three hours to grocery shop with mother because she has to examine every price sticker and look at every item on the shelves. Then suddenly she tires and demands to sit down, only there's no place to sit in a grocery store."

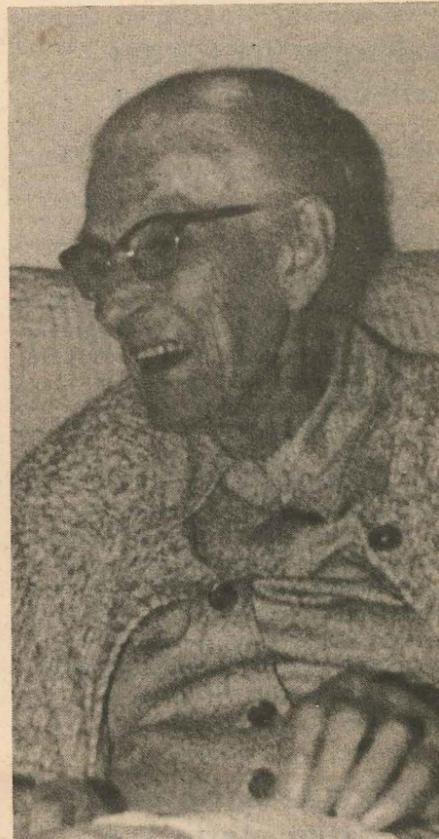
Mrs. Hibbs has five children, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren scattered across the United States. Mrs. Rudd states, however, that Mrs. Hibbs doesn't feel her job of mothering is over yet.

"My mother was strict," stresses Mrs. Rudd. "She was a good and loving mother, but she insisted on knowing where we were and what we were doing every minute. About the only place we were allowed to go was Olive Branch."

"Mother didn't change easily with the times. Even when she came to live with me in October 1981 she wanted to keep tabs on me. She strongly objected to my playing bridge and wasn't shy about telling me."

"Mother doesn't like to be called old. She often refers to others as 'old women,' but be careful not to use that phrase to describe her."

We'd never dream of it.



Mary May Hibbs [above] shares recollections of the way things "used to be" in western Kentucky Baptist churches. With a memory as sharp as ever and an ageless charm, a visit with Mrs. Hibbs is a delightful retreat into yesteryear. Mrs. Hibbs, who will be 100 in May, has seen a lot of change since she began teaching a "card class" for children in 1895. [Below] Mary May Hibbs displays two cards used to teach Bible stories before the turn of the century. Preachers are better trained and educated today than in 1895, Mrs. Hibbs recalls, but they are also better paid. Most changes have been for the better, she opines, but not all.

