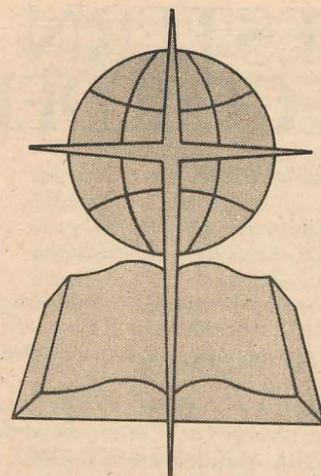


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## Church growth workshops Feb. 28-Mar. 1 will help pastors, laymen develop a desire toward growth

This past fall 4487 Kentucky Baptists participated in church growth workshops sponsored by 60 of Kentucky's 79 associations.

Because of continued interest and requests a similar type meeting will be conducted in eight locations across Kentucky. Four will be conducted Feb. 28 at the following locations: Paducah, Reidland Baptist Church; Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church; Lexington, Parkway Baptist Church; Prestonsburg, First Baptist Church.

Four meetings will be conducted Mar. 1 at the following locations: Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist Church; Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church; Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church; Barbourville, First Baptist Church.

In all locations the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. local time. Pastor-lay participation is emphasized.

The meeting will deal with the following questions: "What does the Bible say about church growth?" "How does one go about getting church people involved in redreaming their mission as God's people?" "How can one discover what the peoples' attitude about church growth is?" "How can a church get a new vision of its various growth possibilities?"

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## Apostasy revisited

# Moody responds to Pulaski statement

Southern Seminary professor Dale Moody has replied to the statement on apostasy adopted by the Pulaski Baptist Association executive board and sent to Moody, to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt and to Western Recorder.

Moody responded with an open letter to the association and expressed the hope his letter would be printed in the minutes of the association. He also requested that the letter, chapter 55 of his book, *The Word of Truth*, and a manuscript of his message on apostasy delivered last November to the Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference be sent to all churches in the association so they can know precisely what he believes.

In his letter Moody says he agrees with much in the first part of the statement on apostasy adopted by the Pulaski group but that he finds it difficult to believe that all "the warnings against apostasy in the New Testament are intended to prevent us from doing the impossible."

Moody admits that E. Y. Mullins and John R. Sampey, two of the seminary's most renowned teachers of other generations, made such statements as "It (the New Testament) has many terrible warnings against apostasy—not in need to teach apostasy, but to prevent it." At the same time Moody appeals to A. T. Robertson, considered by many the greatest Greek scholar produced by Baptists, as one who supported his position.

Later in his open letter Moody recalls

a conversation with Southern Seminary president Ellis A. Fuller about the time Fuller invited Moody to join the seminary faculty. When asked by Fuller about his views on apostasy, Moody said he held the same position as that of A. T. Robertson. To this Fuller replied, "Any person who agrees with A. T. Robertson has a right to teach around this place."

Moody says he finds it difficult to follow the argument in the section of the Pulaski statement on apostasy dealing with the relationship between "a new nature" in a Christian and the word "eternal." Moody agrees that the 43 passages where eternal life is mentioned means eternal life is everlasting as punishment (Matt. 25:46), God (Rom. 16:26), the glory of Christ (2 Tim. 2:10) and the Kingdom of Christ (1 Peter 1:11).

The final question, however, on eternal life, according to Moody, is the possibility that a "brother" who has passed from spiritual death to spiritual or eternal life may also renounce the Son of God and commit "sin unto death" (1 John 5:16).

About this Moody says, "All sins that do not lead to spiritual death can be confessed and forgiven, (cf. 1 John 1:9; 2:1-2). We should pray for those whose sin does not lead to spiritual death but John does not command us to pray for those whose sin leads to spiritual 'death' (5:16). I am well aware that many try to argue that the 'death' in 1 John 5:16 is physical death, but it seems to me 'death' in 1 John 5:16 has

the same meaning as 'death' in 1 John 3:14."

As for the concept of "divine nature" as it appears in 2 Peter 1:3f where those who have escaped from the corruption in this world because of passion may become partakers of the divine nature, Moody says believers receive the "divine nature" when we enter "the eternal Kingdom" in life after death (1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 5:4; Rom. 2:7; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16; 2 Tim. 1:10).

Moody continues, "Any person who lacks the seven additions to faith in 2 Peter 1:5-7 and becomes so 'blind and shortsighted' that he forgets 'that he was cleansed from his old sins' will fail to enter 'the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ' (2 Peter 1:11). 2 Peter 2:20-22, which I have discussed in my Nov. 13, 1982 sermon, is the most powerful of the 19 passages in the New Testament where it is clear that this is committed after one receives the full knowledge (*epignosis*) of the truth."

Moody concludes his open letter by referring to the passages in Hebrews which refer to apostasy. He says space does not permit him to go through the Hebrews passages (2:1-4; 3:9-4:13; 6:4-6; 10:26-31; 12:14-17) nor to deal with passages in 26 of the 27 New Testament books in which Moody claims reference is made to apostasy.

## Key SBC speakers to address preachers

Several of Southern Baptists' most effective pulpites have been announced for the 1983 Kentucky Baptist preaching workshop Mar. 14-15 at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Among notables are Peter Rhea Jones, pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Luther Joe Thompson, professor of preaching, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; James C. Barry, pastoral ministries consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Harold T. Bryson, professor of preaching, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; Richard Bridges, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; and Wendell Boertje, minister of music, Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh.

A \$18 registration fee covers four meals and three breaks at Georgetown College. Lodging is available at these Georgetown area motels: Winner's Circle Motel, Horse Park Inn and Penny Pincher Inn.

Additional information on the workshop, which opens at 1:30 p.m. Monday and concludes at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, is available from Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.



### Youthful looking

Debbie Flaker, an 11th grade student and member of Brentwood [Tenn.] Baptist Church, helps toddlers B. J. Walker [l] and Jeremy Franklin [r] in Sunday school. During this year's Youth Week Mar. 13-20 churches are encouraged to involve youth in leadership roles. "A Call to Follow" is the 1983 theme of Youth Week, sponsored by the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

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## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### The big lie about legal sales of liquor

Through determined and tireless efforts Kentuckians have used the local option laws to prevent legalized sale of alcoholic beverages in a large part of the state. In this way many Kentucky communities have maintained an atmosphere of respectability and have been spared of many evils that accompany open sales of alcoholic drinks.

Years ago we were fortunate in Kentucky in getting some rather favorable laws enacted so far as keeping legal sales of liquor out of communities when the majority of voters opposed legal sales. These laws have been used by churches, other community groups and especially by the Kentucky Temperance League to head off advocates of legal sales of liquor. Without Delbert Butts, executive director of the Kentucky Temperance League, and his predecessors along with those supporting them, liquor like a river would be flowing through every community in Kentucky.

These favorable laws have been

gradually eroded in the last several sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly in spite of the valiant efforts by Butts. At the same time there has been an onslaught of local option referenda by legal liquor advocates resulting in legalized sales in such places as Morehead, Russellville and Floyd County (Prestonsburg).

These efforts have been aided by a media blitz ridiculing anti-legal liquor advocates. In a series of front page articles a Louisville Courier-Journal reporter recently did a clever and effective brainwashing job on readers. He resorted to the worn out false charge that preachers and bootleggers get together to keep out legal sales. He also tried to place blame for disrespect for law and corruption of public office holders on prohibition of legal sales of alcoholic drinks. To believe him one would conclude that legalized sales would end all evils and usher in a reign of righteousness for every community. He accused judges, sheriffs and other public officials in dry areas of malfeasance by claiming they could not or would not enforce liquor laws.

To insist legal sales of liquor lead

to more wholesome environment than prohibition and bootlegging has become the big lie that must not be believed.

That it is a lie is demonstrated over and over. Floyd County and Prestonsburg are examples. With the recent successful vote for legal sales a Pandora's box of evils seemed to have flown open. And the state Alcoholic Beverage Control board seems to have lifted the lid.

According to Floyd County Attorney Arnold Turner the Alcoholic Beverage Control board is largely to blame for the problems facing Floyd County officials. It's almost unbelievable that the ABC issued more than 80 licenses to sell beer in unincorporated areas in Floyd County. Some of these went to places accessible only by four wheel driven vehicles and bootleggers were simply advised to apply for licenses in their wives' names, according to Turner.

The result was widespread fear on the part of county officials and other decent citizens that Floyd County was returning to former days when roadhouses selling beer spawned murders, shootings, illegal gambling, prostitution and

other evils.

Their fears appear well founded when beer licensed operators objected to a proposal that music and dancing not be allowed in places where beer is sold.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control board was appealed to for help in regulating beer selling places but the state agency promptly acted like an Alcoholic Beverage Uncontrol board by taking a hands off attitude except for gambling and lewd dancing in places of legal sales of beer.

Floyd County sheriff Henry Hale says he has only two salaried deputies and 20 to 35 would be needed to police the beer outlets if there were no restrictions of activities at the outlets.

The Courier-Journal writer advocating legalized alcoholic beverage sales as the answer to problems in dry areas should have to go to Floyd County and report honestly on how many problems legal sales have caused instead of solved.

Preachers should go to their pulpits and teachers to their Sunday school classes to warn their hearers again of the evils of legalized liquor and of the lies told by its supporters.

### Understanding Ben Elrod's decision

The resignation of Dr. Ben Elrod as president of Georgetown College is a great loss. His four-and-one-half-year administration has been successful on every count. Not one negative word has been heard on his performance and close observers of the college say he was a positive influence in every aspect of the life of the school.

Dr. Elrod's statement accompanying his resignation was brief and terse. He conducted no news conference which was just as well. Apparently there was no hidden agenda behind his action. The trustees, faculty, staff and students were all taken by surprise.

Dr. Elrod's bypass heart surgery a little over a year ago was successful but it could have served as a warning to one in such a high pressure position. The positions Elrod is taking in Arkansas offer him more opportunity to set his own pace.

Other factors could have figured in his decision. He proved he was equal to the task but it was a heavy load he carried day and night. Georgetown was hurting financially

and in enrolment when he arrived. He was able to turn both of these around but there is still a long tough way to go.

The Kentucky Baptist school situation is not one to encourage a college president. Elrod came from Arkansas, a state with just about the same Baptist resources as Kentucky, but where there is only one Baptist senior college. In Kentucky we have three senior colleges and two other schools sharing in denominational funds. The outlook for any substantial increase in financial support for Georgetown from the denomination is not bright and there's also growing competition between the schools in special financial campaigns.

The same is true in recruiting students. Loyalty to Georgetown is not statewide and the costs which understandably have kept rising year after year have put Georgetown out of reach for many Baptists including some Georgetown graduates who would like to send their children to their alma mater if they could afford it. Out of state students have comprised a good portion of the Georgetown student body for several years.

How much such factors figured in Dr. Elrod's decision is not known but they must be taken into con-

sideration by his successor.

This is not to say Dr. Elrod backed down from a tough job. Rather it could be he sees more beneficial results from the energy he has to expend from his new job in Arkansas than serving as president of Georgetown College.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

### It doesn't make economic sense

by Bob Terry, Editor  
Missouri Word and Way

The nation's budget problems are well known. President Reagan, the Congress, economists and practically every other decision-making body are searching for a way to lower the nearly \$100 million proposed deficit, to balance the nation's budget and restore economic stability to the country.

President Reagan has led the way on the national scene by reducing the budget of some very popular programs. He argues that the nation has no choice but to cut the funding of these otherwise good programs.

The effects are being felt in every part of society. Ketchup is now called a vegetable in the school lunch program. Changes in medicare and social security hurt the aged. The nation's alcohol rehabilitation program has practically been eliminated. No part of society has

escaped the impact of the budget ax.

Perhaps that is part of the reason President Reagan's support for tuition tax credit is difficult to understand. On the one hand, the President tells the nation that existing entitlement programs, like those mentioned above, must be cut. He says ongoing entitlement programs are part of the reason the nation is in an economic mess.

On the other hand, President Reagan turns around and proposes an entitlement program that has a \$1.3 billion price tag in today's market but the open-ended nature of the proposal could have an astronomical annual cost in years to come.

Yes, President Reagan remains committed to tuition tax credit for religious and other schools. He reportedly assured the president of the National Congress of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop John Roach of Minneapolis, that tuition tax credit is one of his top five congressional priorities.

Senate supporters of tuition tax credit are urging President Reagan to "push it (tuition tax credit) as hard as he pushed for the tax program last year or for the AWACS' sale (to Saudi Arabia)."

Purely from an economic standpoint, the President's actions are hard to understand. Why is it necessary to cut back programs designed for the general public while at the same time advocating a financially costly program designed to primarily benefit one particular group?

# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

## \$100,000 missing at Georgia hospital

A possible forgery/embezzlement involving personnel payroll at Georgia Baptist Medical Center has been uncovered. Grand jury indictments are expected soon.

Administrator Robert L. Zwald said at least \$100,000 was involved in a payroll padding scheme. The hospital is bonded and will be reimbursed for all losses when the case is fully investigated and settled. Zwald said he was not free to discuss details of the case while it is under investigation.

"We are constantly on the alert for any irregularity in any phase of our operation," Zwald said. "With over 2000 employees and a payroll of over \$2 million a month, it is a complex operation. That's why we are fully bonded." As soon as possible discrepancies were spotted in January, Zwald contacted the Atlanta Police Department which conducted the investigation.

## Parks asks no resolution supporting Israel at SBC

Any Southern Baptist Convention resolution supporting the State of Israel will hinder the denomination's mission work both in the Middle East and other parts of the world, R. Keith Parks said.

Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said it is his "sincere prayer" that such a resolution will not be discussed on the floor of the SBC's annual meeting in Pittsburgh in June.

He made the statements at the board's February meeting a week after plans were announced at a Washington, D. C., prayer breakfast to reintroduce a pro-Israel resolution tabled by messengers at the 1981 New Orleans convention.

Maryland pastor Norris W. Sydnor Jr., resolutions committee chairman in New Orleans, told several hundred persons at the National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel he will reintroduce the Israel resolution and predicted it will be adopted. The Roundtable, a new right group founded by Southern Baptist layman Edward E. McAteer of Memphis, Tenn., sponsored the breakfast.

At last year's convention James DeLoach of Houston introduced the resolution but later joined with Parks in urging the convention to reject it. As a result, the resolution was tabled.

## Mission training facility gets \$.5 million boost

J. Harwood and Louise Blanks Cochran of Richmond, Va., have donated land in metropolitan Richmond valued at more than \$500,000 toward construction of the Foreign Mission Board's missionary learning center.

Proceeds from the sale of the land will boost total gifts and pledges to more than \$10 million toward the \$15 million goal for construction and opera-

tion of the facility.

The gifts, announced at a Foreign Mission Board meeting Feb. 8, brought the Cochranes' total donations to the center to about \$1.5 million.

Named for Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director emeritus, and Mrs. Cauthen, the center will be used to train new missionaries and volunteers and debrief workers returning from overseas. The center opens in the summer of 1984.

Gifts and pledges for construction total \$4.26 million in addition to a \$6 million endowment for operating costs bequeathed to the board by the late Cecil B. Day, founder of Days Inns of America. All funds for the project are being solicited directly from individuals and are separate from Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program giving or the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

Cochrane, a Southern Baptist layman and Foreign Mission Board member, founded Overnite Transportation in 1935. He is board chairman and chief executive officer of the Richmond-based company which has grown to be one of the nation's largest trucking firms.

## Overseas churches baptize record 140,844 persons

Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work baptized a record 140,844 believers in 1982, nearly 11 percent more than the previous year.

Brazil, completing one century of Baptist work, accounted for a third of those baptisms—47,565, according to Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Mission Board senior vice president for overseas operations.

"In the midst of earthquakes, regional wars, tremendous human suffering and economic crises, 1982 was still

a year in which there were many blessings from God," he told board members in their February meeting.

Nigerian Baptists were second to Brazil with 16,193 baptisms, followed by the Philippines, 11,243; South Korea, 9800, and Tanzania, 7229 (one for every 3.5 members). Baptists in Mexico exceeded 5000 baptisms for the first time.

Membership in overseas Baptist churches grew to nearly 1.57 million in 1982, up almost 75,000 from 1981. Church membership in Kenya jumped 36.7 percent in 1982 to 22,486. In Bangladesh, where growth traditionally has been slow, membership increased by 26.3 percent to 1433.

## Janet Simpson's art at Campbellsville show

A display of charcoal drawings and watercolors by Janet Simpson of Lawrence, Kan., is at the Campbellsville College Fine Arts Center gallery until Feb. 28.

Miss Simpson has participated in various group shows regionally and across the nation and is represented by a gallery in Kansas City, Kan., where her work is regularly exhibited.

## Outstanding women to be honored by SBTS panel

A distinguished Christian woman award has been initiated by the woman's committee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The purpose is to recognize an outstanding Christian woman, said Patty Cox, woman's committee executive secretary.

Nominations should describe the nominee's church participation and out-

line her other Christian activities, describe and give examples of activities which benefit humanity and contain examples of how the nominee's life reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The first award will be presented in the spring of 1984. Nominations for the 1985 award now are being received. They should be sent to Woman's Committee, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

## Ex-Kentuckian will lead HMB mass evangelism

Richard H. Harris was elected director of the Home Mission Board's Mass Evangelism Department by the board's executive committee meeting in Atlanta this month.

Harris is a Kentucky native, a graduate of Cumberland College and Eastern Kentucky University and earned MDiv and DMin degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

He is a former evangelism consultant for the Kentucky and Texas state conventions and held pastorates in both states. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

Harris has been acting director of the department he will head since Jan. 1. He went to the HMB as associate director of mass evangelism in June 1981.

The executive committee also approved 49 persons for assignments in 18 states and Puerto Rico, including seven missionaries, 12 missionary associates and 30 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

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## State librarians to meet at Madisonville First

Kentucky Baptist church librarians will gather Friday and Saturday, Mar. 11-12, at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, for their annual Kentucky church library retreat.

The meeting, which appears on some state calendars at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly at that time, was switched to the Madisonville church when it was determined another group previously committed would be using all of Cedarmore's facilities that weekend.

Program personalities include these church media library consultants of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Media Library Department, Nashville—John Hack, James Rose, Jean Adkinson and Jacquelyn Anderson—and Charles Businaro, project designer, Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board.

Sessions are scheduled at 6:45 p.m. CST Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The retreat concludes at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Madisonville motels include the Ramada Inn, Big Spring Inn and Red Carpet Inn, where retreat participants are being housed.

Additional information is available from Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

## Howard Cobble to lead SBC state prayer effort

Elizabethtown pastor J. Howard Cobble, Severns Valley Baptist Church, will be prayer coordinator for Kentucky during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The intent of the prayer plans is "that the blessings and power of God may be sought in behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, June 5-7, 1983."

Prior to the convention state prayer coordinators will be responsible for implementing information and mobilization in each state convention. They will also form a state prayer chain which will pray several times between now and the convention and will set aside a special prayer Sunday for the convention in each state.

During the convention there will be eight sessions of approximately three hours each for a prayer room which will be in constant communication with the platform for special prayer needs.

Also continuous prayer meetings will be held in the convention hotel. State coordinators will be responsible for keeping someone in the prayer room throughout the prayer periods. Kentucky's periods will be June 15, 4-5 p.m. and June 16, 7-8 p.m.

Preconvention prayer requests include: preconvention meetings, convention officers, state prayer coordinators and committees.

## Centurymen sing in China, NBC to televise choir trip

The Centurymen, a choral group sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission (RTVC), will tour the People's Republic of China this fall and perform on Chinese radio and television.

The 100-voice male choir whose music is featured on Sounds of the Centurymen and other RTVC radio programs, was invited to mainland China by Shanghai Television. The group will sing in Shanghai, Beijing (Peking) and Canton.

The Centurymen also will be accompanied by television crews from NBC and the American Christian Television System. A one-hour television of the special on the trip is scheduled on NBC

in November.

A final concert in Hong Kong is scheduled as the group begins the trip home. As is customary with Centurymen tours, the members will pay their own way, estimated at \$3000 per person.

## MK fatally injured in bicycle accident

Charles V. "Chip" Corley, 12-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries Charles K. and Gayla Corley, was killed near his home in Harare Feb. 3 when a car struck his bicycle.

A memorial service was held Feb. 5 in Zimbabwe. Funeral services were held Feb. 8 at Southwest Park Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.

Young Corley was born Nov. 16, 1970. Besides his parents, survivors include his grandparents, C. F. Corley, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Vardeman, Breckenridge, Tex.

The Corleys were appointed missionaries to Zimbabwe July 21, 1981. Corley teaches medical technology at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

## 'Cotton Patch' drama set for CLC seminar

A special performance of "Cotton Patch Gospel," a musical drama featuring actor Tom Key and music by the late Harry Chapin, will be presented during the Christian Life Commission's national seminar on "Discipleship and Ethics," Mar. 21-23 in Louisville.

The performance, which is based on Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch version of the gospels, will be for seminar registrants only.

"We believe 'Cotton Patch Gospel' will bring an exciting new addition to this seminar program. It is particularly well suited to the theme of discipleship and ethics," said W. David Lockard, director of organization for the commission and seminar coordinator. "The production does an excellent job of focusing on the essence of Christian discipleship. It captures the passion, intensity and startling relevance of the gospel, bring the life of Christ out of the stained glass sanctuary into today's real world."

According to Lockard the seminar is designed to help Southern Baptists deal with the ethical dimensions of discipleship and supports a three-year conventionwide Bold Mission Thrust emphasis on Developing Believers. The seminar to be held at the Galt House in Louisville will deal with discipleship as it relates to feeding the hungry, working for peace, developing moral values and undergirding Christian personhood.

## Marriage enrichment conference planned

The Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment is inviting couples statewide to participate in a one day conference Saturday, Mar. 12 at Trinity Baptist Church, 1675 Strader Ave., Lexington.

David and Sarah Catron, former president couple of the organization, will lead the program.

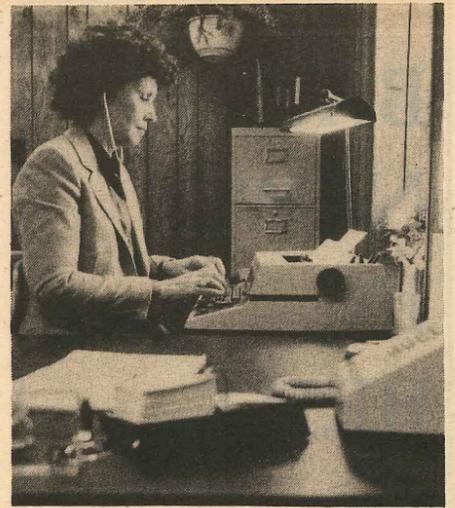
The Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment was formed in 1973 by David and Vera Mace. Mace is a popular speaker among Southern Baptists, having addressed meetings of the Christian Life Commission and at Ridgecrest. He has written more than 20 books.

The conference will last from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is \$20 and should be sent to Mrs. Bob Fields, Rte. 1, Box 134A, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, phone (606) 256-2336.

## Church secretaries conference to be held

The Second National Conference for Church Secretaries will be held Apr. 18-21 at the Baptist Sunday School Board to give secretaries an opportunity to upgrade their skills and learn how to increase effectiveness.

For registration and program information, write to Lucy Hoskins, Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234.



Artist Thomas Baker [1] recently presented the final painting in a series of 18 historical illustrations of the Home Mission Board's 138 years to HMB president William G. Tanner. The painting depicts a collage of highlights from Tanner's tenure with the Home Mission Board since becoming its president in 1976.

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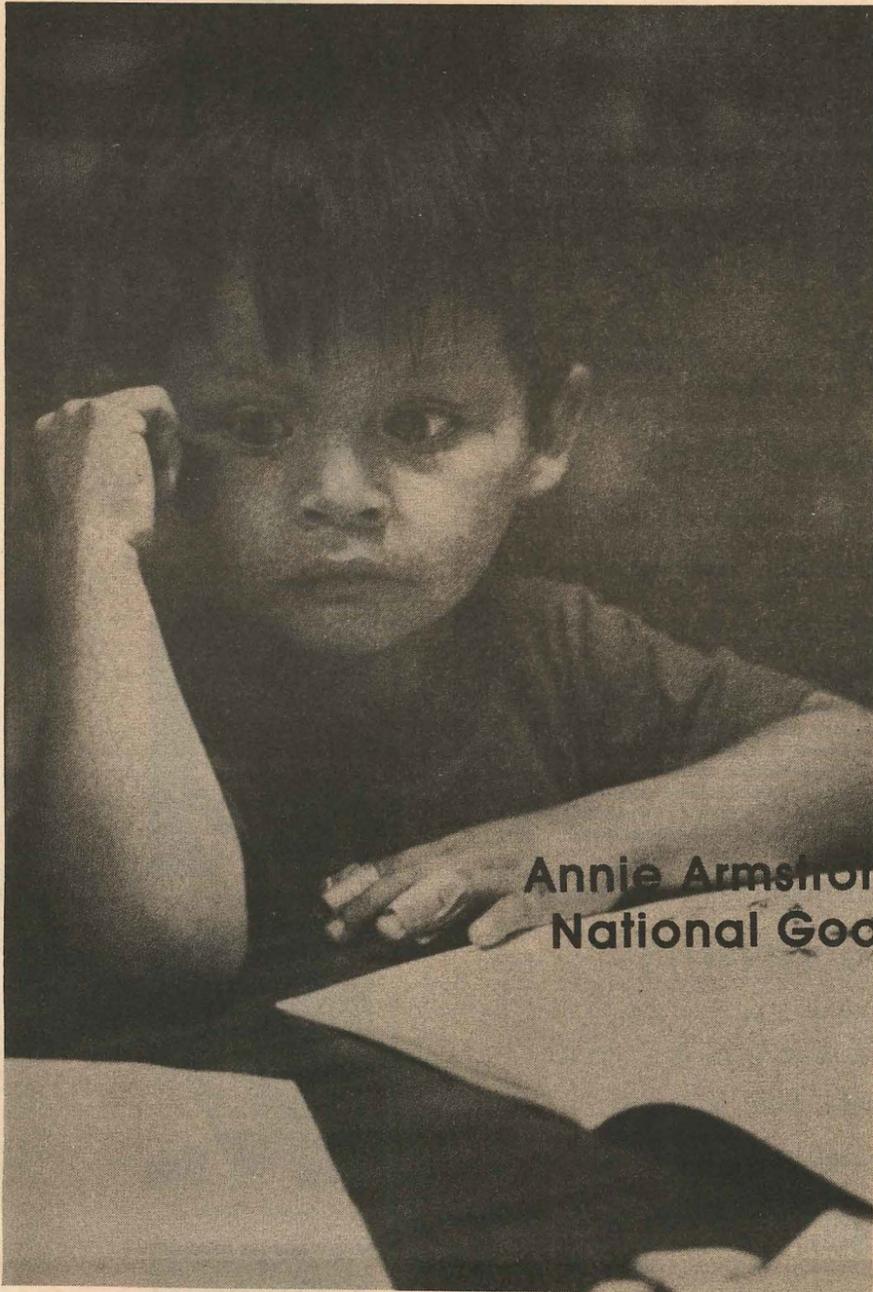
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# God's Challenge for Our Land

Week of Prayer for Home Missions  
March 6-13, 1983

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
National Goal: \$25,000,000

God's challenge for our land is that every man, woman, boy and girl come to know him. Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 6-13, 1983. Annie Armstrong Easter offering national goal: \$25,000,000. [HMB photo by Mark Sandlin]

## Week of Prayer theme sights 'God's challenge'

"God's Challenge for Our Land" creates a sense of urgency and expectation among Southern Baptists as this year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 6-13.

During the eight day observance Southern Baptists will hold meetings and conduct special prayer services for missions in America.

"We think of the United States as a continuing base for world missions," said William Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board. "But we can not effectively take to the world what we have not been able to do in our nation.

"Southern Baptists have committed themselves to a goal of giving every person the opportunity to be a part of a New Testament fellowship of believers by the year 2000.

### 10,000 sought for bold praying

Mar. 1, 1983, will mark the beginning of a new prayer venture that could result in at least 15,000 new Southern Baptist churches by the year 2000.

Through toll free numbers Southern Baptists may get current, specific prayer requests that directly relate to starting new work.

Called the Intercessory Prayerline, the toll free numbers will be in opera-

"Our success in evangelizing this nation will depend on the depth of our commitment," he said.

The week of prayer will end with the collection of the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. The national offering goal, set by Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, is \$25 million.

In Birmingham Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC, called the offering "a denominational challenge."

"It is essential for the doing of home missions," she said.

The offering is named for Annie Armstrong, the first head of Woman's Missionary Union, who marshaled Southern Baptist mission support in the early 1900s.

tion from Mar. 1 through May 30.

The Home Mission Board staff asks that at least 10,000 Southern Baptists commit themselves to pray for new work and for 15,000 new churches by the turn of the century so Bold Mission Thrust goals will be met.

Numbers to call are: 1-800-554; PRAY and 1-800-282-SEEK (Georgia residents only).

### Money the need, Tanner says

## Bold mission vision

Southern Baptists must talk fast and give big if they are to gain ground among America's unsaved, says Home Mission Board president William G. Tanner.

"Forty percent of our population is not affiliated with anybody's church," Tanner said. "Right now we're baptizing about 400,000 people a year. That's not even gaining a foothold. We're losing ground in the south."

Part of the delay in taking the gospel to America is lack of money to fund new missions work and appoint personnel who are willing to be missionaries.

This year Bold Mission Thrust goals plus bleak economic conditions have created an urgency about the 1983 Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions.

"If present giving trends continue" a number of the board's high priority needs will go unfunded," says Leonard Irwin, HMB vice president for planning.

Tanner and Irwin said only 294 high priority projects out of 463 needed to meet 1983 Bold Mission Thrust objectives could be budgeted on a conservative projection of income. Funding the remaining 164 priority projects will be possible only if the entire \$25 million national goal is met.

Contributions to last year's \$22 million goal fell short by approximately \$1.25 million.

The offering will provide approxi-

mately 43 percent of the HMB's operating budget. The HMB's other largest source of income is the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified giving plan.

It would be especially tragic for Southern Baptists not to reach this year's Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal as there are anywhere from 40 to 60 percent more people wanting to be full time missions personnel as there are funds to put them on the field, Tanner said.

As an example of one of the HMB's efforts to evangelize America Tanner cited the Mega Focus City Strategy.

Described as Southern Baptists' most complete strategy for reaching large metropolitan areas, it has been allocated \$690,000 from this year's offering.

"Fifty United States cities hold 46 percent of the population," Tanner said. "But only 25 percent of Southern Baptists and 17 percent of Southern Baptist churches are located in those areas."

The strategy is planned to concentrate evangelistic efforts in five major U. S. cities each year from 1983 through 1991.

Coordinated through the HMB's Associational Missions Division, the strategy involves almost every HMB program.

The Mega Focus City Strategy is also expected to target new segments of

# Where does it go?

The \$25 million Annie Armstrong Easter offering is allocated into three major categories: missionary and field ministries, special projects and advance in critical areas.

The largest allocation, \$16.2 million, goes to missionary and field ministries.

Eight areas of work fall under this category. They are evangelism projects, church extension, Christian social ministries, language missions, interfaith witness, black church relations, chaplaincy ministries and associational missions.

Evangelism projects, allotted \$1,230,000, include funding for state evangelism secretaries and evangelism projects in states with newer Southern Baptist work. This money will also be used to train lay persons and youth in witnessing. It will also go toward crusades in metropolitan areas.

An amount of \$2,450,000 has been allocated to Christian social ministries. This will go to support missionary personnel in Baptist centers, weekday ministries, youth and family services, literacy missions and disaster relief. It will also provide ministry to the blind and to seasonal farm workers. Some funds will be used for conferences.

Language missions, which employs the largest number of missions personnel, will receive an allocation of \$5.3 million. This will go to support personnel who work with ethnic groups in America. It will also fund work with internationals, as well as literature, radio and television programs geared to ethnic people. Some of it will go for immigrant and refugee conferences.

Interfaith witness works to educate Southern Baptists about cults and the beliefs of other religious groups. A sum of \$228,000 has been allocated to support interfaith witness personnel and to pay expenses of conferences and printed materials.

Black church relations has an allocation of \$818,000. Funds will go to support missions personnel, youth workers, campus ministries, camps and assemblies and special projects and conferences.

Chaplaincy ministries has received an allocation of \$164,000. This will go toward providing orientation and services for Southern Baptist chaplains who serve in the military, hospitals, prisons and industrial organizations.

Church extension begins new churches in unchurched areas. To carry out this effort, \$3450 has been allocated. This money will go to support pastor-directors, church field assistance, student pastors and special assistance as well as conferences.

An allocation of \$2.5 million to associational missions will support directors of missions in rural-urban and metropolitan areas. It will help develop associations in newer areas. It will pay expenses for conferences and materials.

The second largest allocations category goes for special projects. A total of \$2.8 million has been allocated for these. Special projects are short term projects that are usually not part of the HMB's ongoing work. In most cases these may involve people but not career missionaries. There is usually a termination point in these projects.

Twenty-eight projects fall into this category. They include funds for such projects as US-2 and summer missionaries, church planter apprentices and crusades in metropolitan areas.

The third category, advance in critical areas, will be allocated \$6 million. This money will go to fund new home missions work.

If the 1983 offering goal is exceeded the money will go to fund additional short term projects in missions and evangelism.

# falling short

language, ethnic and black groups that Southern Baptists are currently not reaching.

Evangelizing these groups also depends heavily on the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

"If the goal is not met we will not be able to respond to groups who are now ready to respond to the gospel," said Oscar Romo, director of the Language Missions Division.

The Language Missions Division supports the largest number of missionary personnel. Roughly one-third of the HMB's 3400 missionary personnel serve under language missions appointment.

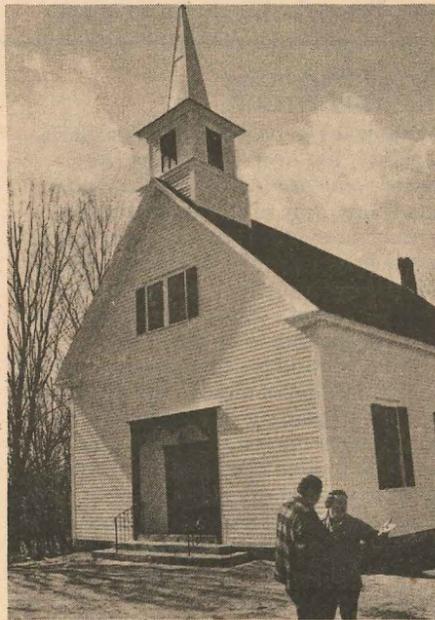
Consequently this division receives one of the largest offering allocations—\$5.3 million.

"The world has come to America," Tanner said. "But we have done a poor job of educating Southern Baptists to that fact."

Illustrating the point Romo noted 84 percent of the Hispanics in America live in metropolitan areas. These include Los Angeles which has a larger Hispanic population than any country in Central America.

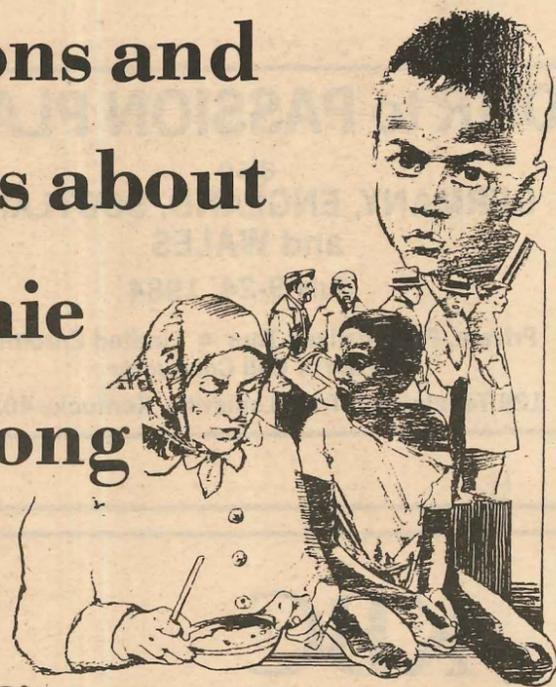
He also said Chicago has the largest Polish population of any city outside of Warsaw.

"If the goal is not met we will not be able to train leaders, write or produce language materials," Romo said.



Gordon Robertson, pastor of Manchester [N. H.] Baptist Church, delivers pastries Monday through Friday and two sermons on Sunday. His work week often totals 100 hours. He often "ministers" to friends and clients on his route. Robertson [l] visits with Richard Porter, pastor, Island Port Baptist Church, Derry, N. H. Robertson, a Home Mission Board-appointed church starter, is featured in the 1983 Home Mission Board Study Course. [HMB photo by Mark Sandlin]

# Questions and answers about the Annie Armstrong Easter offering



**Should my church designate its Annie Armstrong Easter offering to a specific mission or mission project?**

No. The Home Mission Board budgets the offering in cooperation with state conventions. The needs are subjected to a great deal of prior planning, both on a state and national basis. This method provides an effective use of funds Southern Baptists give to missions. If churches determined where the offering was to be used, they would be meeting needs, but they might be unaware of greater needs in other areas.

**How is the national offering goal set?**

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, sets the goal. Historical trends, Southern Baptist giving patterns and mission needs are all considered before the goal is set.

**How much has been given to the offering since its inception?**

No record was kept of receipts received prior to 1906. At the end of December, when the books closed on the 1982 offering, \$195,895,215 had been received.

**What percent of the offering is spent for missions?**

100 percent is spent for missions.

**How does my offering reach the Home Mission Board?**

The offering is sent from the churches to their state convention office. Then it is forwarded to the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, which wires the funds to the Home Mission Board. Totals are kept on a calendar year basis. Most of the offering will arrive in Atlanta within the first six months.

**What percent of the Home Mission Board's budget is provided by the Annie Armstrong Easter offering?**

45 percent is provided.

**Has the offering kept pace with inflation?**

No. The average gift per Southern Baptist increased from 37 cents in 1967 to \$1.34 in 1981. But because of inflation, the \$1.34 in 1981 bought as much as 49 cents did in 1967. As you see, inflation has outstripped gifts to the offering.

**Is the offering used for hunger?**

None of the offering is specifically assigned to hunger relief. However, missions centers which received offering funds are often involved in alleviating hunger.

**Why have special missions offerings such as the Annie Armstrong Easter offering?**

These special offerings provide opportunities to express concern for missions. The concept is biblical. The offerings also provide opportunities to inform people about missions so they can pray more specifically during these special emphasis periods.

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## MARCH

5 State Handbell Festival. Frankfort, Sports Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
6-13 Week of prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
7, 8 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. 7—Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church; Morehead, First Baptist Church; 8—Ashland, First Baptist Church; Paintsville, First Baptist Church  
11-12 Youth Missions Retreat. Cedarmore  
11-12 State Church Media/Library Retreat. First Baptist, Madisonville  
13 Home Missions Day in Sunday School  
13-20 Youth Week in churches  
14-15 State Preaching Workshop. Georgetown College  
18 Regional Adult/Youth Church Music Festival. Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church

18 Regional All Ages Music Festival. Corbin, First Baptist Church  
19 Regional Children's Church Music Festival. Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church  
19 State Literacy Workers meeting. Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist Church  
21, 22 Area VBS Clinics. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 21—Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church; Madisonville, First Baptist Church; 22—Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church; Paintsville, First Baptist Church  
25 Regional All Ages Church Music Festival. Somerset, First Baptist Church  
25 Regional Adult/Youth Music Festival. Louisville, Highview Baptist Church  
25-26 Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Cedarmore  
25-26 Communications Conference. Lexington, Immanuel Baptist Church  
28 Area VBS Clinics. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 28—Corbin, First Baptist Church; Bowling Green, First Baptist Church; 29—Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church; Louisville, Shively Baptist Church

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## GIRDLER ROOTS

The tree surgeon was at our house, a short time ago, looking at a sickly tree of the long-lived-hard-wood-valuable-variety.

"It is being choked by this girdler root," he said. I had never heard of such. I asked into the matter, and, as a layman understands the technician's story, I want to pass it on to you, with some lessons that it brings to mind.

A girdler root is one that grows near the top of the root system, and somehow gets entwined about the tree's principal roots in such way that the future growth of the tree becomes choked.

At first, all is well. But, as the tree slowly grows, the expanding root system finds itself bound down and circumscribed by the girdler root that cuts off the flow of sap, inhibits the expansion of the root system, and, finally, chokes the growing tree into bad health, stoppage of growth; and some disease comes along and kills it.

I have seen lives that have girdler roots. Some sin that seems unimpor-

tant for the moment, wraps itself around one's being, and ultimately the process of growth reaches the limit that it can ever reach, bound by this girdler root.

Sometimes, through one's youth and boundless vigor, growth goes on in spite of a moral girdler root. Eventually, though, and, certainly, with the coming of age, one succumbs more readily to these hindrances he thought he could carry in the days of greater vigor.

I have seen families with girdler roots, and churches with this same ailment, bound by the littleness or the sinfulness of people, who prevent its growth, choke its life and threaten it with death.

It is tragic to observe it, but the tree surgeon said the only hope for the tree would be the removal of the girdler root. He cut it loose from the base of the tree, and pulled it out. "Now," he said, "the tree can go on and grow normally." Be careful, don't ever be a girdler root to your family, or church, and don't try to carry on with one in your life. Cut it out.

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Luke 24:36-53 Filled with a joy they had never known, when Christ revealed himself to them at the evening meal in Emmaus, they departed for Jerusalem with quick and eager paces to bring to the other disciples the news that they had seen and heard the risen Christ. As they were discussing the matter Christ

appeared and stood in their midst. He invited them to touch him in order that they might be sure it was his real body they saw. To convince them beyond any doubt he was alive, Christ ate a piece of broiled fish and some honey before their very eyes.

Our Lord convinced his 11 discouraged and frightened disciples he had actually risen from the dead. Then he opened their understanding concerning what was written in the Old Testament about his death and resurrection.

Christ taught that his death, burial and resurrection had made available to them the remission of sins. He then told them what to do for him now that he had saved them. According to his plan and purpose it was their privilege, duty and responsibility to preach repentance, faith in Christ and remission of sins to all who would listen to them. From Jerusalem his gospel was to be carried by Christians to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Power for the effective and successful proclamation did not reside in the disciples, but in the Holy Spirit. Since any attempt to witness in the power of mental culture, personal magnetism, persuasive eloquence or any other human energy was to fail miserably, Christ commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued with the power of the Holy Spirit.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Feb. 27, 1983



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## Life and Work Series RELATING TO GOD

Matthew 6:1-4 Almsgiving is a Christian duty, but even in this important matter some are led astray. One wonders if the pride of the natural man is as much in evidence in any other realm as it is in the exercise of charity. Too often gifts are made to attract the attention of others and to win their praise for what appears to be generosity.

Christ warned his disciples against the distribution of alms to the needy in the hope of gaining the approval and the applause of men. Any who give from that motive need never expect Christ to reward them for so doing. Secret almsgiving pleases the Lord the best, blesses the recipient the most and proves to be the most beneficial and rewarding to the giver.

Matthew 6:5-8 Prayer, which is the communion of a soul with God, is indispensable to the life of a true Christian. It is one of the grandest privileges and greatest duties of a child of God, in fact the greatest resource of any life.

By precept and example Christ taught the importance and necessity of prayer. When his followers have failed to observe the accent which Christ placed upon prayer they have been the losers. When he discussed the subject of prayer, Christ tore away the mask of human hypocrisy, placed his approval

upon secret prayer and urged his followers to practice it.

To pray in order to be seen and heard of men will be rewarded only by the hearing, and with nothing else. Real prayer comes from the heart and is directed to God instead of the people who may hear it.

It is our Lord's will that Christians shall retire to a secret place and there pour out their hearts to the Father who sees and hears everything. He invites absolute freedom in approaching him and complete liberty in presenting our petitions to him.

Matthew 6:16-18 Christ was very careful to warn his followers against making a display of their fasting in the hope of winning the praises of men for it. He has never been willing for them to be theatrical in displaying their religion. He strictly forbade the insincere in this realm as in all others. He is never pleased when a person fasts for the purpose of impressing others that he is pious. Fasting is commendable when it brings one into closer fellowship with God; otherwise, it is without any real value. When people are humble and sincere in their fasting, as in their almsgiving and their praying, they will not be concerned about what others see in them, think about them or say about them. Instead, they will do each of these things for the glory of God.

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### COUNTING THE COST

More than 30 years ago, our good friend, J. T. Miller of Whitesburg, said something about rearing children that my wife and I have never forgotten. Brother J. T. said, "If you count all they eat up and wear out, all they break and spill, all they waste and use, plus their education, it would cost a million dollars to get each child to adulthood." Of course, he was speaking in the hyperbole, but such a statement does point up the great cost of rearing children.

In this day of inflated costs, to count the cost leads one to a staggering figure. There is food—three meals a day—and growing, active young people require a lot of food. They not only wear out clothes, they outgrow them. Children also need decent quarters in which to live and this involves the runaway cost of energy.

Finally, what about the cost of parenting? Most parents provide this need without a layout of money except for the occasional expense of hiring a "baby sitter" while they have a night out with friends. However, there is a

cost: the parent's time, strength, concern, watchfulness, planning and emotional energy—given in love freely, unselfishly and without thought of dollar value.

But what about children who, because they are neglected, dependent or abused, need to live in one of the homes provided by Baptist Homes for Children? They certainly need our care but cannot pay for it. So the cost is provided for these children by people who care and share.

To provide properly for those who need us, we, too, must provide shelter, clothing, utilities, food, school supplies, medical assistance and parenting. Have you thought about the cost of substitute parents? If you figured it at one dollar per hour, less than the going rate for "baby sitters," the cost is staggering. We have houseparents on duty 24 hours each day just as regular parents must do. With 150 children in our care, that item alone would cost over \$1,000,000 per year. Thanks to dedicated child care workers, it does not cost us that much, and these people are not "baby sitters." They do much more.

### NOT PANIC BUT PRAYER

Early in December we were especially hardpressed financially. We had \$3800 in the checking account of the school and \$165,000 worth of bills. We had been in the "black" as we started the fiscal year on August.

So these bills had accumulated in four months. How? Why?

There is a serious recession on. Inflation is still a problem, though lessening. More and more people are needing more help and the government is doing less, while urging private charity to do more. One hundred more children have come to our dorms than we were ministering to a year ago. Twenty more staff than a year ago have been necessary to help minister to these children. Over 300 of our students are from poverty level homes. Many who have previously been able to pay some are now able to do nothing as one or both parents have been "laid off." Of those "paying" students, their parents were \$76,000 behind in their payments in the first four months of this school year because of "layoffs," shortened work-weeks, etc.

Many of our supporting friends are having the same problems and able to give less. Yet we are ministering to 100 more. These are kids who came to us. We didn't go out and recruit them. But

we didn't turn them away and will not while we have a bed.

I was very concerned. I wanted to cry out to the world. I wanted to write an SOS in this column. Instead, I wrote a memo to our faculty and to our trustees inviting prayer.

Then, continuing to pray as though it was all up to the Lord, and continuing to work as though it were all up to us, we worked and prayed on. This is our normal approach in our day-by-day operation.

How the Lord honored our work and our prayers in the next several weeks! Hundreds of our friends wrote us words of encouragement and most made their words even more meaningful by including a gift. The gifts were largely small in size but they added up. We were able to pay off over \$100,000 in accumulated bills. We still have plenty of bills. We always do. But the pressure is off for the moment.

Just before our bookkeeper left for a few days around Christmas, I had her write over \$5000 worth of checks to pay bills that just had to be paid. There was no money to cover the checks; so I held them. Then a little over \$5000 came in unexpectedly through the Cooperative Program, a final division of "overage" from last fiscal year's education receipts. That covered covered almost to the dollar the checks written but being

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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



### HONESTY

In February we pay special tribute to two famous presidents whose birthdays occur in this month. One characteristic which they seemed to share was a bent toward honesty. President Lincoln was called "Honest Abe" and President Washington felt compelled as a child to tell the truth about cutting down a cherry tree.

Honesty has always been a highly valued virtue. Diogenes went about seeking for an honest man. Cervantes first stated, "Honesty is the best policy." Alexander Pope asserted, "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

As Christians we worship a great God in heaven who is just and honest. We can trust him "with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning." Men have stood for the truth, fought for the truth and died for the truth because of our 'God of truth.'

In a dishonest world, God's people

should shine as lights of honesty. At Clear Creek we both teach and practice honesty. We honestly present the policies and beliefs of our school when a prospective student visits Clear Creek. We require he be honest when he applies for admission as a student.

Our faculty honestly and boldly teaches the Word of God. We renounce "the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Cor. 4:2).

Our students are honest. They do not cheat to gain a grade—they have come to train for God's ministry! And they know dishonesty displeases the Lord.

Our graduates are honest too. They are wonderful pastors and ministers because they are honest and trustworthy. In the Lord's work, certainly honesty is the best policy.

held. I saw the Lord's hand in it. Someone else would say "coincidence."

Horse Creek Baptist Church, led by pastor Dennis Rush, will give 50 percent of its receipts this year to the Cooperative Program. Yet they gave an extra \$5000 directly to Oneida, one of many such gifts. Another local church, Manchester Baptist, is a longtime faithful supporter of the Cooperative Program. Not only do they give through the Cooperative Program but they give directly to Oneida collectively, and many members go beyond that to give generously and sacrificially. This year they had their first "Watch Night" service in decades on New Year's Eve. The church took an offering and decided to give that \$5000 to Oneida. Pastor Rogers Williams (isn't that a wonderful name for a Baptist preacher?) and longtime treasurer, Bruce DeZarn, brought the gift to us as well as \$2000 they give annually.

Other ways the Lord worked his Christmas miracle for us included many Sunday school classes that honored their teacher by sending a gift to Oneida rather than giving it to the teacher. Many teachers had unselfishly declined the gift and suggested Oneida. Others gave in memory of deceased class members who used to remind the class "to give to Oneida." Many other classes had voted to share what they

normally spend on gifts to each other at Christmastime or on birthdays. There are some husbands and wives who do the same thing and we are grateful.

Giving "from their little" were differing individuals of our most recent graduating class. Indeed, several of our young graduates give to us monthly. Each such gift is a peculiarly special blessing for they "give what they have." How many of us do that?

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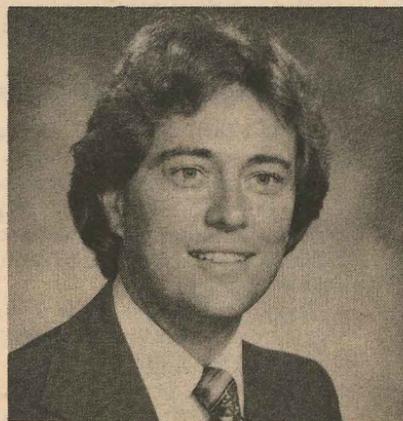
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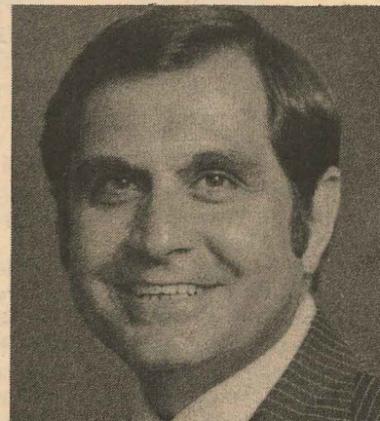


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# God's Challenge for Our Land

**Week of Prayer for Home Missions  
March 6-13, 1983**

## 1. In Chaplaincy Ministries

Maurice Graham, chaplain at St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, visits one of his patients. Graham is one of approximately 2,000 chaplains endorsed by the Home Mission Board. Chaplains minister to people in the military, in hospitals, in institutions, and in industry.  
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Chaplaincy Ministries: \$164,000

with cults and witness to people of other religious faiths.  
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Interfaith Witness: \$288,000

## 4. In Christian Social Ministries

Rachel Hernandez, who attends the Baptist Center in El Paso, Texas, is one of thousands whose lives are touched by Christian social ministries.  
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## 2. In Church Extension Ministries

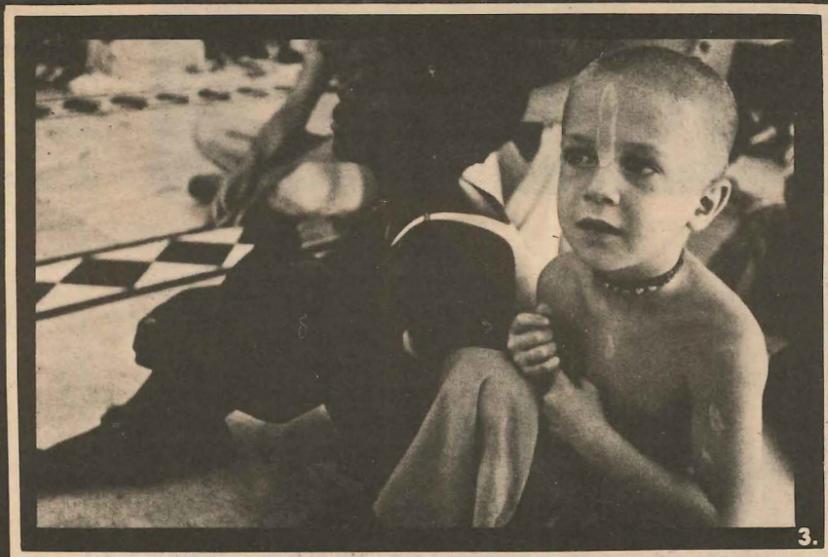
For Bonnie McAllister, church extension missionary in Worcester, Massachusetts, making personal contacts is the heart of her job.  
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## 5. In Language Missions

Jane Poole teaches Laotian children about Jesus at First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. But how to reach all 270 language and ethnic groups who live in the United States with God's love is one of the greatest challenges Southern Baptists face.  
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## 3. In Interfaith Witness

How to reach people in religious cults like these Hare Krishnas is a growing concern among Southern Baptists. The Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department helps Southern Baptists know how to deal



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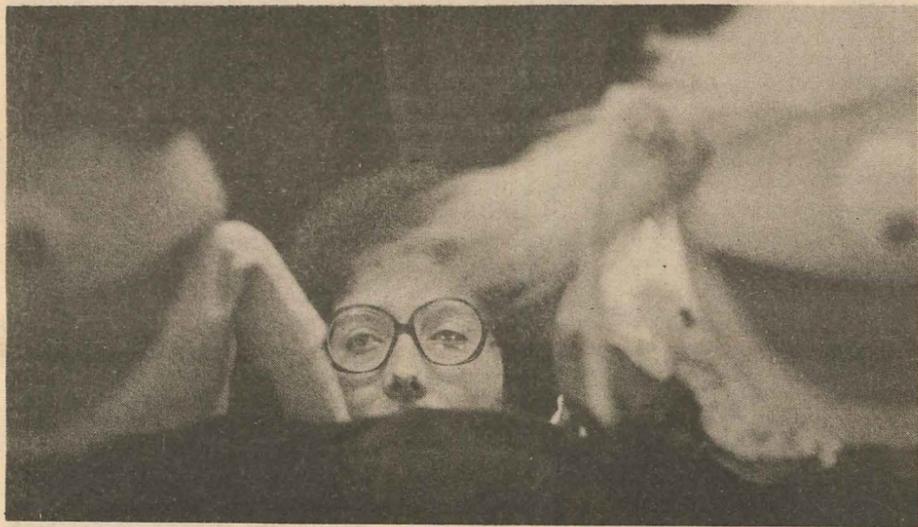
**Annie Armstrong  
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**National Goal:  
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## Learning to play: a serious study of church recreation



One of the principles of education is that people learn by doing. If this is true, then a lot of learning gets done at Rec Lab held each winter at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Eustis, Fla.

At Rec Lab, church recreators are able to participate in a wide range of activities which they in turn may implement in their churches.

This year's list of more than 90 classes ranged from makeup to music, from drama to day camp and from crafts to clowning.

Since recreation is based on participation it is fitting that a recreation conference be characterized by doing. Rec Lab is sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

From top left: Jeanne Newberry, Dallas, Tex., practices the art of applying clown makeup. Karen Rowell, Brandon, Miss., keeps a watchful eye on her puppets during a practice. During the "Fun with Music" class participants learn several routines using the Maori sticks. Art Long, a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, pays close attention during a Rec Lab class.

