



## Credentials panel appointments set for Pittsburgh

The credentials committee for the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14-16 in Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named by president James T. Draper Jr.

The committee will be chaired by Jere Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., who was named by Draper in September.

The committee is charged under SBC bylaw 8 with assisting "the registration secretary in problems regarding registration and seating of messengers," a process which has been tightened up by convention action in recent years.

According to registration secretary Lee Porter, the committee "deals with people who come to the convention with improper credentials or no credentials. People who come with their registration cards properly filled out do not have to spend time with this committee. Last year in New Orleans 11 percent of the messengers had to go before the com-

mittee."

The 21-member committee also deals with "any contention arising on the floor concerning seating of messengers." In past years, the seating of some messengers or recognition of messengers from some churches has been challenged.

To register, a messenger must have a properly filled out registration card or a letter from the church which has accredited him or her. In the absence of such credentials, the messenger is requested to secure a telegram from the church, Porter said.

The 1983 committee features three state convention presidents and one former convention president. Presidents are Mark Caldwell, pastor, University Baptist Church, College Park, Md., and president of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention; Harrell R. Cushing, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., and president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention; and

Lewis McDonald, pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md., and president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Emmett C. Stroop, a layman and member of Westside Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Va., is former president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Porter said the churches represented by the committee members gave an average of 17 percent last year through the Cooperative Program, and average more than \$90,000 in CP gifts per church.

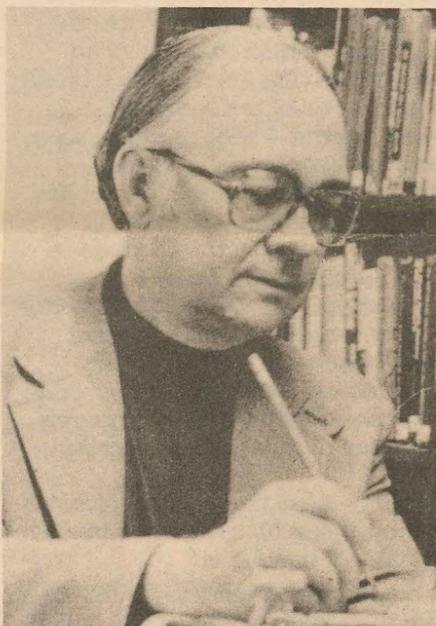
In addition to Mitchell, Caldwell, Cushing, McDonald and Stroop, committee members are:

Charles Walton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bridge City, Tex., secretary; Marion D. Aldridge, pastor, First Baptist Church, Batesburg, S. C.; Robert E. Blackburn, director of missions, Martinez, Ga.; C. Gary Bonner, pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Tex.

Also, Earl Craig, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; Bill Curl, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Billy T. Hargrove, director, Stewardship Department, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City; Max D. Hester, student, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Also, Charles Kemble, associate director of development, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Tex., but stationed in San Antonio; Thomas M. Knotts, director of missions, North Augustine, S. C.; Bill Norris, layman, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.; Joe Ratliff, pastor, Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston.

Also, Rod Smith, pastor, Meridian Baptist Church, El Cajon, Cal.; C. Glen Sullivan, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Grover Talbert Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankston, Tex.; and Glen Turner, pastor, Lane Avenue Baptist Church, Columbus, Oh.



Lucien E. Coleman Jr. has been elected to the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., after serving at Southern Seminary the last 20 years.

### Coleman will leave Louisville seminary

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Lucien E. Coleman Jr., professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been elected tenured professor of adult education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., effective Aug. 1.

Coleman was one of four persons elected by the Southwestern trustees. Others include Daniel R. Sanchez, state missions director for the Baptist Convention of New York, as associate professor of missions; Paul L. Gritz, adjunct teacher in church history and PhD candidate at Southwestern, as instructor in church history; and Wesley O. Black, youth consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, as instructor in youth education.

Coleman, 52, a native Arkansan, became part time field work instructor in Southern Seminary's School of Religious Education in 1963. He became instructor in 1965, moving up through the ranks as assistant and associate professor and finally professor.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., Coleman holds BD, ThM, MRE and DRE degrees from Southern Seminary, and has done graduate work in England.

He is married to their former Bobbie Holland of Lunsford, Ark. They have three children. Coleman's pastoral experience includes Fellowship Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, 1954-57, and First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, 1957-61.

Coleman said "the compelling factor" in this decision was "the opportunity to specialize in adult education."

He acknowledged he had "always felt adults are the key to everything else we are trying to accomplish."

Coleman cautioned that he was "not leaving (Southern) because of any negative factors," but "as I perceive the will of God, I must say yes."

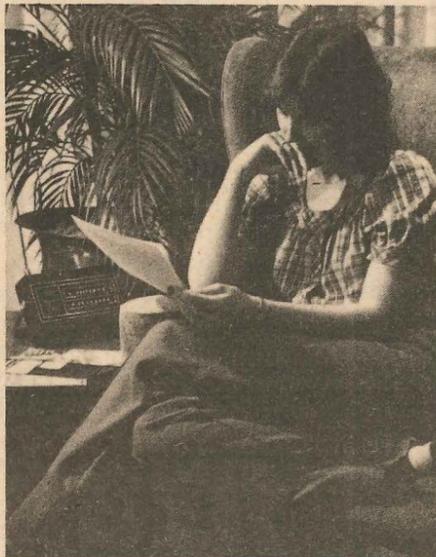
He said he hoped his move to Southwestern Seminary "will symbolize a longstanding conviction that the six Southern Baptist seminaries have a common goal."

### Mrs. Duke K. McCall dies at 68

Marguerite Mullinix McCall, first lady of the Baptist World Alliance and wife



Typically smiling, Dr. and Mrs. Duke K. McCall share lighter moments at the Southern Seminary alumni luncheon in St. Louis, Mo. during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in 1980.



### Ministry by mail

Thousands of people, like this young woman, feel they have nowhere to turn for spiritual guidance. Each year members of the Radio and Television Commission's counseling staff offer spiritual assistance to 9000-10,000 people who hear a Baptist-produced program and respond to the invitation to write for spiritual assistance.

of Duke K. McCall, chancellor of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Easter Sunday morning Apr. 3 of a stroke. Death came at 10:30 a.m. at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville.

Mrs. McCall had undergone successful surgery to replace a heart valve only one month before her death, Mar. 3. She had been on medication to regulate her heartbeat. The cerebral hemorrhage which took her life was apparently caused by a drop in blood platelets brought on by the medication.

A native of Greenville, S. C., she met McCall while both were students at Furman University. Reared a Presbyterian, she became a Baptist when they married in 1936. She was the first person her newly ordained husband ever baptized. The baptism took place in Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.

The McCalls shared the same birthdate, Sept. 1, which was also their wedding date.

They became parents of four sons: identical twins Duke Jr., an attorney in Greenville, S. C., and Douglas, a dentist in Louisville; John, also an attorney, and Michael, a physician, both of Louisville.

Mrs. McCall shared her husband's workload through 46 years of marriage. During that time he was pastor of Louisville's Broadway Baptist Church (1940-43), president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1943-46), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (1946-51), president of Southern Seminary (1951-82) and president of the 30-million-member Baptist World Alliance since 1980.

She was a founding member of the Woman's Committee of Southern Seminary and was active in Broadway Baptist Church, the PEO Sisterhood and the Woman's Club of Louisville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Apr. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Broadway Baptist Church. Interment was in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Marguerite McCall Professorship, established several years ago in her honor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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C. R. Daley

# daley observations

Founders' Day Address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Part 3 of 3 parts

## Modern era brings mutual understanding and appreciation

It is understandable how Western Recorder became known as a roaster of seminary professors. With the demise of editor T. T. Eaton, J. W. Porter, pastor of several influential churches including First Baptist in Lexington, succeeded to the role of fireman and it became a habit of Western Recorder readers to check editorials each week to see which seminary professor was being roasted.

In fact, seminary leaders during the Whitsitt controversy concluded that the seminary was taking such an unfair beating at the hands of Western Recorder editors that something had to be done. In 1897 a publication was begun by the seminary. It was named the Baptist Argus and its reported purpose was to promote the Baptist Young People Union but its editorials were written for the most part by seminary professors. In fact, the letterhead on the stationery of the publication listed as the editorial staff three names, E. Y. Mullins, John R. Sampey and A. T. Robertson. Its name was changed to Baptist World in 1908.

Now comes one of the most fascinating stories involving seminary leaders and Kentucky Baptist leaders. In 1919 the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee recommended an all out campaign to get the state paper into every home of Southern Baptists in order to promote the 75 Million Campaign. Most, if not all the state papers, were privately owned at the time and most state conventions, including Kentucky, set out to buy the state papers so they could be used for denominational promotion.

In Kentucky the executive board sought to buy Western Recorder and Baptist World and make one state paper. After several proposals and counter proposals the owners of the two papers agreed to sell with certain stipulations. Some of the agreements were written in contract form and others agreed upon verbally.

Seminary leaders wanted somehow to retain the name of their publication, Baptist World, in the name of the new paper and were even more concerned that the editorial voice of Baptist World be represented in the merged publication. Western Recorder owners would not agree to any change in name for Western Recorder.

The Kentucky state board leaders and Western Recorder directors agreed to honor the one year contract of the Baptist World editor and to retain editors of both papers for at least one year.

Dr. Mullins was the spokesman for the seminary publication and thought he had a gentleman's agreement that both editorial voices would be represented in the new paper. But Dr. Mullins was leaving the states for an extended stay in France in the midst of the final negotiations of the merger.

At this point let two rare and prized letters from Paris from Dr. Mullins to O. E. Bryan, the executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, tell the rest of the story. The first letter is dated June

26, 1920. It reads in part:

"I am writing you upon the eve of my departure for Europe to say in a general way that to my thinking it is in the highest degree important that if one of the Editors of the Recorder is removed September first, in accordance with the recent action of your committee, both of the editors should retire, and a man uniting all interests in Kentucky be appointed as Editor.

"I thoroughly believe that if this can be done it will be the greatest forward step for the Kingdom that has taken place in Kentucky for a generation."

The second letter is dated September 30, 1920. It reads in part:

"I have just learned that Dr. J. W. Porter has been elected sole editor of the Western Recorder. This action is so completely at variance with all the promises made by those who handled the matter and with the clear moral obligations entered into that I feel compelled to write my very strong protest against the action taken.

"First, let me say that I believe that you have personally sought to reach a satisfactory solution, and this letter is not written to blame you. I believe you desired to be fair.

"In order to keep the record straight, let me recapitulate the following facts: First, at your request, no written agreement as to conditions of the merger was required, on the assumption that we were all brethren desiring to do the square thing. But repeatedly the mutual moral obligations involved were discussed and insisted upon by both parties to the merger. Among those obligations were the following: 1. Both papers were to be recognized and in some way represented in the name of the combined paper. 2. Both papers were to be fairly represented in the editorial columns of the combined paper. 3. Both papers were to be fairly represented in the Managing Board.

"How were these obligations observed? As to No. 1 the name of the Baptist World was eliminated and the obligation completely disregarded. As to No. 2, Dr. Hatcher was given a place as "News Editor" for one year. Then he was eliminated, and the original editor of the Western Recorder was made the editor. Dr. Hatcher's position as News Editor was not according to the moral obligations assumed, because he had no place in the editorial columns.

"As to obligation No. 3, there have been two members of the Managing Committee who have sought consistently and uniformly for fairness—Drs. Seay and Lovelace. I understand that upon the removal of Dr. Seay to Georgia his place has been filled by a man who was formerly Assistant Editor of the Recorder, and who promptly fell in with the policy of ignoring the rights of the Baptist World.

"Now, Dr. Bryan, may I express my amazement at this complete betrayal of trust. Is this the outcome of your dream and my dream of

Baptist unity in Kentucky, as well as of the dream of thousands of others?"

The adversary relationship of Western Recorder toward the seminary continued under J. W. Porter and to a lesser extent under his successor, Victor Masters. Editor Masters was a guardian of Kentucky Baptist orthodoxy but Dr. Sampey takes pains in his memoirs to express appreciation for Masters saying, "Time and again through my 13 years as president of the seminary, Dr. V. I. Masters of Western Recorder has complimentary allusions to my stand on evangelical principles."

With the passing of Editor Masters the tone of Western Recorder editorials with reference to the seminary has been more gentle. Dr. J. D. Freeman in an interim sort of editorship and Dr. R. T. Skinner, though coming out of western Kentucky Landmarkism, gave the seminary fair treatment during his 11 year tenure. Someone else must evaluate my editorship of Western Recorder for the past 25 years but I have no guilty conscience for having been either a blind supporter or unfair critic of the seminary.

In fact, I rejoice in what I believe I have seen happen in Kentucky Baptist life in recent decades. I believe the seminary's influence has been more evident in Kentucky Baptist life in the last 25 years than it was in the 75 years before this era. Furthermore, I believe nearly every seminary graduate who becomes pastor of a Kentucky Baptist congregation and almost every professor who preaches in a Kentucky Baptist church enhances the image of the seminary and strengthens credibility in its integrity as a sound institution of theological education.

In closing here are some personal conclusions in addition to the two conclusions stated in the opening paragraphs of this paper.

(1) Moving Southern Seminary to Louisville in 1877 was within the wise providence and will of God.

(2) Though not always completely sensitive to the sincere convictions and responsive to the needs of Kentucky Baptists, the seminary has been very good for Kentucky Baptists.

(3) Though the source of some unnecessary harassment, Kentucky Baptists have been a needed influence in the development of the seminary's directions and have provided a needed check and balance.

(4) The seminary must never forget its responsibility to prepare competent and compassionate pastors and staff members for local churches. From this seminary must come Baptist preachers who can present the gospel in easily understood language and ministers who can help 10 and 12 year olds find a meaningful experience with Jesus and can lead in growing a warm hearted, evangelistic congregation. It is worth noting that Dr. John R. Sampey was almost as famous as an evangelist as a seminary leader and that one of the published works of E. Y. Mullins was entitled "Talks on Soul Winning."

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

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# Go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer



Part 1 of an 8 part series on mission ministries in Kentucky.

## Missions.

What does that word bring to mind?  
Lottie Moon? Annie Armstrong?  
Adoniram Judson?

Africa? China? South America?  
What about Kentucky? Louisville?  
Allen? Betsy Layne? Sandy Hook?

And what about people like Linda  
Frost? Greg Whitetree? John Pate?  
Bert Caldwell?

Sometimes we think of missions as removed from us and our situation. Yet mission ministry goes on right here in our state. There are people in Kentucky who need to hear the gospel and who need to see the gospel incarnate in our ministry to them.

This article is the first in a series of eight on mission ministries in Kentucky, specifically inner city Louisville and the mountain region of eastern Kentucky.

Though very different, each of these two areas is the recipient of Southern Baptist assistance, but the individuality of each makes the ministry and the

ministers very uniquely adapted for their situations.

**WEEK TWO.** Local Baptist churches often become involved in direct missions work. One such church in Louisville, Walnut Street Baptist Church, reaches out to a community struggling with serious economic problems. Although Walnut Street is only one of the many Louisville churches involved in this ministry—because of high unemployment and rapid inflation—the needs in this area continue to grow at a pace with which inner city churches cannot keep.

**WEEK THREE.** A joint effort of Southern Baptists is Jefferson Street Baptist Center in Louisville. Jeff Street provides community outreach through crisis assistance, personal and community development projects and worship in Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, located in the center.

Jeff Street also ministers to transients, "street people." It opens its doors to them for shelter from the cold

of winter and it offers food and clothing. Through all of this Jeff Street weaves its witness to the transforming power of the gospel.

**WEEK FOUR.** Baptists are also involved in Wayside Mission, an ecumenical effort. Wayside deals specifically with street people. A person may pay his own keep if he has it or may be sponsored by another charitable organization, such as Jefferson Street Center, to stay one night in the mission. This includes a shower and two hot meals. The men are then required to attend evening chapel services during which speakers present the gospel in a way these men can understand.

**WEEK FIVE.** South Louisville Community Ministry is another economical effort with which Baptists are involved. This ministry is seeing more and more people who were once factory workers who have now been laid off or terminated. For many of them, benefits have run out and even though they are skilled laborers the job market is flood-

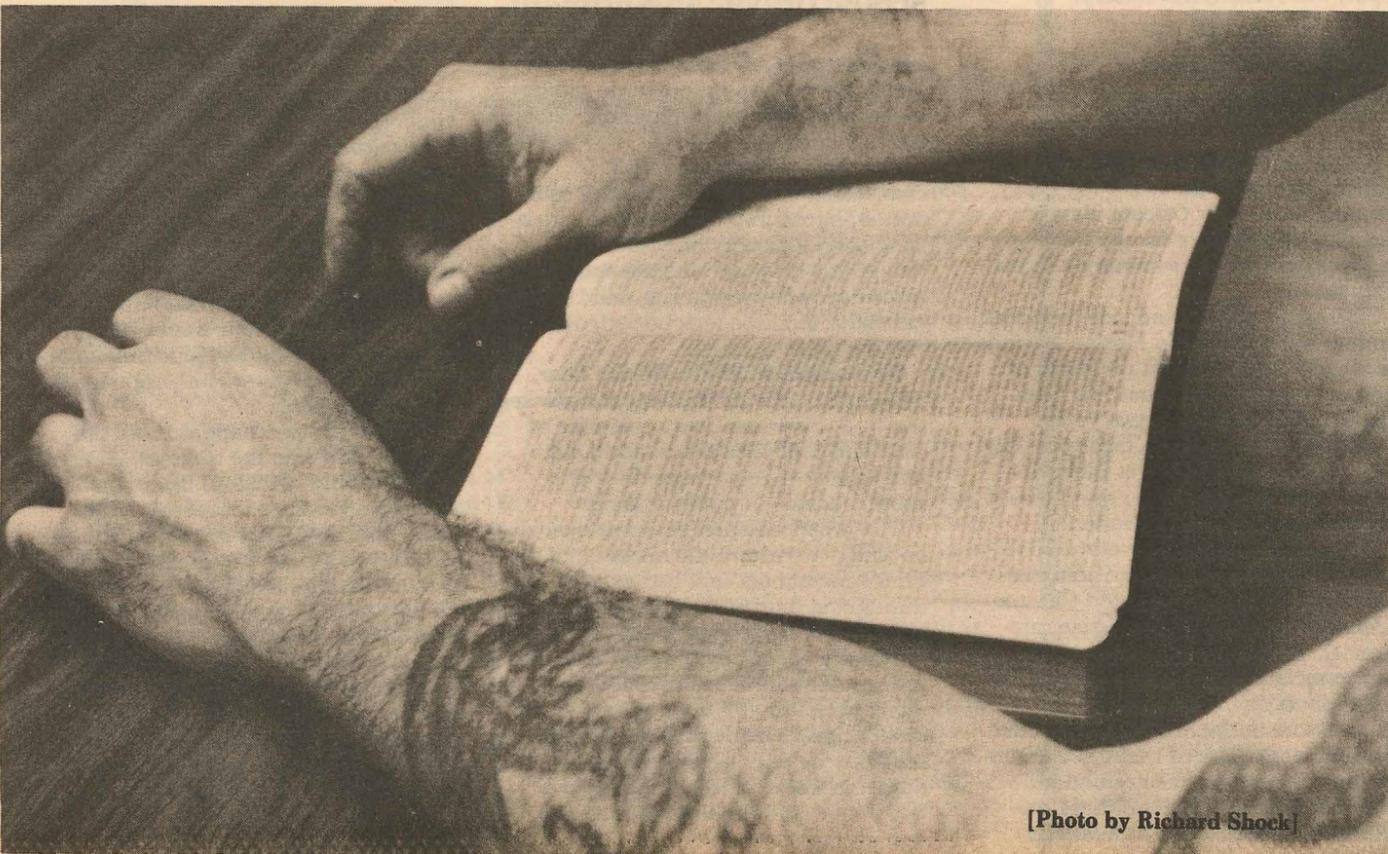
ed and employment is difficult to find. South Louisville helps them find resources to meet basic needs.

**WEEK SIX.** This article begins the second part of the series, which takes a look at ministry in the mountains. Bert Caldwell began his work with the mountaineers in the late 30s. We follow his ministry and adventures in the pioneer days of mountain missions. Although 70 years old, the "little preacher" vividly recalls with laughter and tears his early years as pastor to the mountain people of Sandy Hook, Allen and Wheelwright.

**WEEK SEVEN.** These two articles in one explore the different ministries of Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, the only Baptist church in its county, and Oneida Bible Institute, a boarding high school for both children of the mountaineers and other children who come from as far away as Europe.

**WEEK EIGHT.** This concluding article focuses on the various mission ministries in Pike Association. Insights from associational missionary John Pate and pastors Cohen Campbell and Earl Waugh highlight problems and needs unique to the mountain region.

Come and join us for a missions tour at home—from metropolis to the mountains!



[Photo by Richard Shock]



# baptist news in brief

## Ex Bristol pastor elected, \$5.2 million budget set

Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., have elected Thomas R. McKibbens Jr. as associate professor of preaching; adopted a 1983-84 budget of \$5,201,276; and gave the go ahead for final planning and bids on a new student center.

McKibbens, 35, a native of Alabama, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and holds MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., until early this year, McKibbens presently is on a study leave and will join the Southeastern faculty in the summer of 1984.

The new budget, a record, is slated to receive \$3,558,728 from the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program. Representing 69 percent of the budget, the Cooperative Program makes it possible for the seminary to provide theological education without tuition. Students in 1983-84 will pay a \$250 matriculation fee each semester for educational expenses.

## President planning to take a bite out of pornography

President Reagan pledged more vigorous enforcement of federal antipornography laws at a meeting with two crusading religious leaders who are crusading against pornography and obscenity.

The group, including Southern Baptists Adrian Rogers and Edward E. McAteer, was brought to the White House at the President's invitation by Morality in Media, a New York based ecumenical antipornography organization.

In addition to spending 20 minutes with the group personally, Reagan and his staff arranged for leading officials of the four federal departments and agencies charged with enforcing the laws to spend two hours with the religious leaders discussing ways of fighting the traffic of pornographic materials.

Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1979-80, told Baptist Press he feels the fight against pornography is one of the issues around which Southern Baptists can rally in spite of theological differences. "This is one thing nearly all Southern Baptists are united on," he said.

Although he emphasized he participated in the meeting as an individual and not on behalf of Southern Baptists, Rogers said he told Reagan Baptists would stand behind him if he would take the lead in a new effort to banish pornography.

## Morgan asks continuance of double tax break for now

Southern Baptist Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan is requesting the Internal Revenue Service to delay the effective date of a recent ruling which will prohibit the double tax benefit of ministers purchasing their own houses to allow clergy time to adjust to the additional tax burdens the ruling will place upon them.

Morgan said he thought the new ruling was "sound in law and analysis" but that many ministers will suffer financial hardships under the sudden perspective application of the ruling which is effective June 30, 1983. He is

requesting that IRS delay this date until Jan. 1, 1988.

Revenue ruling 83-3 revokes a 1962 ruling which allowed ministers to deduct interest and taxes paid on personal residence, even though the minister received a tax exempt housing allowance.

## Social Security taxes to increase for pastors

Social Security taxes for ministers will rise significantly under the compromise reform package passed by Congress to aid the finally troubled retirement system, but not as sharply as they could have.

Congress agreed to continue to exclude from Social Security taxation most employer contributions to certain nonprofit pension plans such as those administered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board.

But in a move which will significantly raise Social Security taxes for ministers and other self employed persons, Congress voted to raise self employment taxes from 75 percent of the combined employer-employee rate of the full combined rate. The final Social Security package, passed by the House 243-102 and the Senate 58-14, also omitted a Senate amendment which would have given ministers and churches the option of treating a minister's service to a church as employment for Social Security purposes. Under current law ministers participate in Social Security as self employed persons.

## Stewardship Commission picks Virginia executive

John C. Ivins of Virginia has been elected chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ivins is assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, with responsibility for stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion.

Glen W. Zumwalt, professor of engineering, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan., was elected vice chairman. Donald S. Campbell, pastor of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., was reelected secretary.

## At New Orleans, 18% raises coming

A record \$5.73 million budget was adopted and an 18 percent base salary increase for all New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary faculty members was approved by the seminary's board of trustees.

Cliff Amos was elected vice president for development and Jo Morton Bevington was elected assistant professor of childhood education. Amos has been director of development two years. Miss Bevington joins the faculty in July after serving three years at Biola University, Los Angeles, Cal., where she is assistant professor of education.

M. Thomas Starkes was elevated to the rank of professor of Christian missions and was also designated Chester L. Quarles professor of Christian missions. C. Ferris Jordan was elevated from associate professor to professor of adult education.

Professors in the School of Christian Training were granted rank. SCT director Jerry Breazeale was granted full professor status as professor of New Testament. Charles E. Graham was

elected associate professor of Old Testament. Robert Barnes was elected associate professor of church history and Luther M. Dorr was named associate professor of preaching.

In response to a request from the student body the board approved a \$218,000 proposed expansion of the seminary owned telephone system to include telephones in dormitory rooms and guest housing. The addition will provide for an enlarged computer control system with direct inward dialing.

## Soon save 20 cents with right zip code

Southern Seminary wants to keep "zip" in its mail.

That's why the seminary is reminding Southern Baptists and other correspondents of its 40280 zip code.

Though the new zip code has been in use for two years, the school still receives mail addressed to the old zip.

In a few months the postal service will stop forwarding misaddressed mail.

To avoid a waste of time and 20 cents, remember to use 40280.

## Teacher who was fired isn't going to be rehired

A public school teacher who lost his job for conducting devotional exercises in the classroom lost his final legal appeal when the U. S. Supreme Court declined to review lower rulings upholding his dismissal.

Lloyd Fink, a tenured elementary school teacher in the Warren County School District in northwestern Pennsylvania, was warned by the acting superintendent of schools to stop his practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer and reading devotionally from the Bible twice each school day.

When he insisted on continuing the activities, he was fired. Both the state secretary of education and a state court upheld the dismissal and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court refused an appeal to review the case.

## Thurmond reintroduces school prayer amendment

President Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment on prayer in public schools has been reintroduced in the 98th Congress.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S. C., chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, introduced the measure, promising early action by his panel. Although the proposal was the subject of three days of hearings last year, the judicial committee took no action on it and the measure died.

In a statement on the Senate floor, Thurmond, a Southern Baptist, attacked the U. S. Supreme Court decisions of 1962 and 1963 that struck down state and local laws requiring prayer and Bible readings in public schools.

The proposed amendment is needed, he said, "to restore the meaning of the First Amendment that had existed throughout most of the nation's history," a meaning Thurmond said was "abruptly upset" by the 1962 and 1963 rulings. He said those decisions in effect overturned "the original intent that Congress be neutral as between religious views," a concept the Supreme Court "transformed into a notion of neutrality between religion and irreligion."

## Union University staffer joins Brotherhood journal

Joseph L. Westbury Jr. has been named associate editor of the Brotherhood Commission's World Mission Journal.

Westbury, formerly director of public relations at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., assumed duties Apr. 1. He replaces Bill Bangham, recently named director of curriculum and training for Brotherhood's Baptist Men's department.

A native of Orlando, Fla., Westbury graduated from Union. He was religion editor and a news reporter for the Jackson (Tenn.) Sun, before going to the position at Union.

## SS 'misinformation' being given to ministers

Consulting firms advising ministers to opt out of Social Security by declaring themselves employees of non profit corporations and to exclude the rental value of a parsonage or housing allowance from their net self employment income are giving information contrary to Social Security tax laws, a Dallas, Tex. Social Security official said.

D. S. O'Neil, external affairs office, Social Security southwestern regional office, said consulting firms headquartered in the Dallas area have been giving ministers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee erroneous information in opting out of Social Security coverage and "are asking for a share of the 'tax savings' and maybe offering to sell alternative pension plans."

O'Neil said the Social Security tax law views ministers as self employed and that they cannot be considered employees of the church, denomination or corporation.

## Ken Chafin resigns post with Billy Graham schools

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, has resigned the deanship of the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism, a post he has held 15 years.

In his letter to Graham, Chafin said "the time has come for me to step aside as dean . . ." in order to spend more time with the 6800-member Houston congregation. Chafin, former professor of evangelism at both Southern and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminaries and director of the Home Mission Board Department of Evangelism, has been pastor of South Main 10 years.

Since assuming the deanship Chafin has given at least four weeks each year to conduct the schools, plus time to recruit faculty members and organize the five-day sessions.

Chafin, 57, told Baptist Press the schools "indicate the tremendous commitment Billy (Graham) has to the local churches and their leadership. This really sets him apart from many of the people you see on TV. These schools are continuing theological education in its best form. It helps ministers who are burned out, discouraged, disheartened and gives them a tremendous boost."

Although both Graham and Chafin cited increasing responsibilities at South Main Baptist Church as the primary reason for the resignation, both did say the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention had an impact on the decision.

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

Bryan Parris has accepted the pastorate of Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association. He was scheduled to move onto the field Mar. 28.

Parris, 34, is from Boonville, Ind. where he was pastor of Cypress Baptist Church. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He has held pastorates at Liberty Baptist Church, Somerset; Lytleton Baptist Church, Manchester; and Advance Baptist Church, Henderson. He has also held associational offices.

He is married to the former Frances Elaine Wells of Owensboro. They have three sons, Scott, 12, and Dusty and Jamie, twins age 8.

Richard Lin has resigned effective May 23 as minister of music at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.

Lin, who has been on staff at Highland 15 months, is leaving a teaching position in the School of Church Music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to accept a position at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

George L. Siler has been called as minister to youth by Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. He will begin June 1.

Siler and his wife Betty will graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May with the MRE degree. Both are from Memphis and are graduates of Memphis State University.

Siler was recreation assistant at First Baptist Church, Memphis, three years and has worked at Centrifuge during summers.

At Severns Valley, Siler will direct the church's ministry to youth and will be staff liaison with single adult work.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of Severns Valley.

Alfred Cobb has accepted the pastorate at High Point Baptist Church, Mayfield. He is scheduled to begin his ministry Apr. 17.

Cobb, a native of Graves County, comes from Central Baptist Church,



Parris



Lin

Eureka, Mo. He is a graduate of Austin Peay University, Clarksville, Tenn., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He has pastored churches in Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky.

Cobb is married to the former Leona Davenport. They have three sons.

Cobb fills a position left vacant by the retirement of James Tharp, pastor at High Point 32 years.

George Krieg has accepted a call to pastor Holland Baptist Church, Allen Association. He began Mar. 20.

Jim Gibson has resigned the pastorate at Helselton Baptist Church, Bracken Association. He is moving to Harrisburg, Pa.

Morris Trayner has been called as pastor by Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Stanford. Trayner, of Danville, was pastor at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owenton, 19 years. He is married to the former Roberta Toombs, Danville, a registered nurse.

Tom Tapscott has been called as minister of music and youth by Guthrie Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Tapscott, 36, is a native of Hopkinsville and a graduate of Austin Peay University, Clarksville, Tenn. He and his wife Peggy were scheduled to begin their work at Guthrie Mar. 23.

## congregations

Faith, love and elbow grease saved Spears Mill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, an estimated \$100,000 on

an educational building construction project.

"Operation Cornerstone" utilized donated heavy equipment and volunteer labor by virtually every church member to complete the congregation's \$350,000 concrete block and brick building. A group of 20 from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, pulled in one weekend to complete dry wall work for the project.

The building includes space for classrooms, a nursery, kitchen and fellowship hall seating 300. Michael Young is pastor at Spears Mill.

The Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Paris, will observe the 100th anniversary of the organization of the church's first ladies' circle Apr. 17.

Dixie Mylum, first vice president of Kentucky WMU, will be guest speaker at the morning worship service beginning at 10:45.

Mary Elizabeth Harris is WMU director at First Baptist. Robert Wallace is pastor.

Livermore Missionary Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, presented "The Christos," an Easter passion drama four times between Mar. 30 and Apr. 2. It was the second year for the annual Easter event.

The play, under the direction of pastor Douglas M. Anderson, had a cast of 70. William S. Lovell led the cast as Jesus Christ, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hardison portrayed Pilate and his wife Procula.

Offerings taken at each presentation will go into the world hunger fund of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Flemington Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has redecorated its ceiling and installed new lighting in the sanctuary.

Scottsville Baptist Church, Allen Association, broke ground for a new sanctuary and fellowship hall.

The \$1.05 million project is due for

completion in 12 months. Ronald Bradley is pastor at Scottsville Baptist.

## missions

Seven members of Ballardville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, and one man from Trimble County went on a two week mission to Honduras.

The church commissioned the missionary volunteers Feb. 27 with a message by Bill Kaufman, state Brotherhood director, a commissioning prayer led by A. W. Walker, director of missions, Sulphur Fork Association, and a laying on of hands by the church membership.

Those commissioned for the trip were Hobert and Christine Powell, Arnold Collins, Terry Powell, Michael Thompson, Terry Moore and Owen Whitehouse Jr., all of Ballardville Church, and Bobby Webb, Trimble County.

## deaths

L. Harold Sorrells and his wife Joanne, Sumter, S. C., died Mar. 26 in an auto accident. They were killed in a head-on collision near Spartansburg, S. C., on Interstate 26 that took three lives and seriously injured one other person. They were returning home from the Christian Life Commission discipleship and ethics conference held in Louisville earlier in the week.

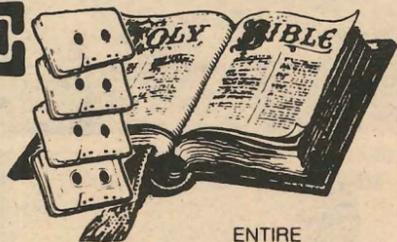
Sorrells was pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Sumter. He was a native of Yancey, Ky. He graduated from Carson-Newman College and received the DMin degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Hopkinsville, Ky. and Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Sorrells was born in North Carolina and was a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southern Seminary.

They are survived by two sons and a daughter. Mrs. Sorrell's survivors also include a brother, T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.

Memorial services were held in Sumter with burial in Pograd, Tenn. The services were held by Sidney Maddox, long time friend of the Sorrells.

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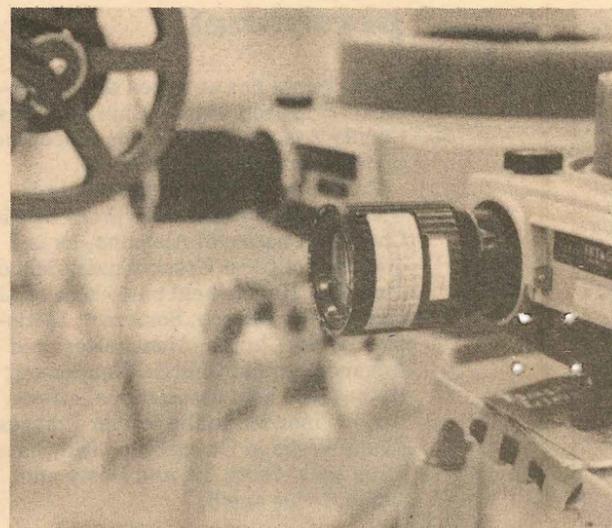
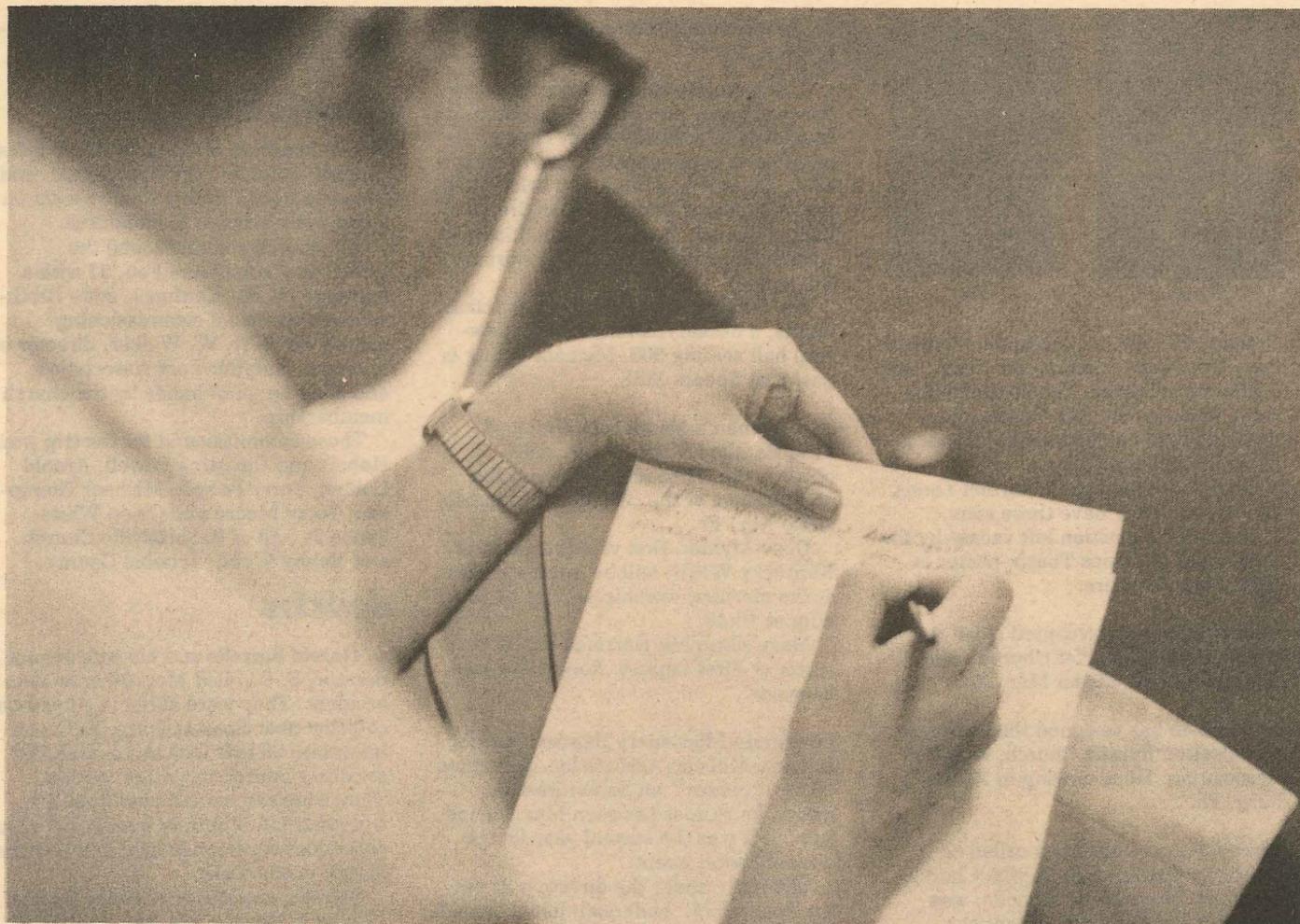
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# Getting the Media music at state comm

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer

Photos [counterclockwise from top left]:

One thrust of communications in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's third state communications conference was writing. Here a workshop participant jots down descriptive prose as an exercise for a creativity in writing workshop.

Audiovisuals and their uses in the church were dealt with in a workshop led by Southern Seminary staffer Andy Rawls.

Displays set up by computer companies exposed workshop participants to the state of the art communications equipment. Burroughs Corp. representatives Nell Main [1] and Kathy Green discuss the capabilities of a new machine.

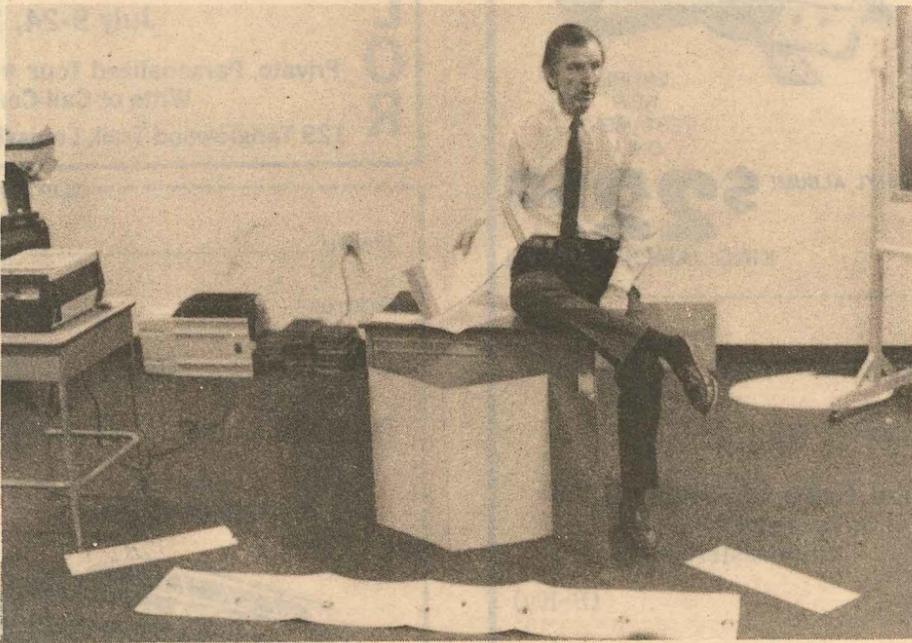
Ray Hayes, a Western Recorder staff member, uses a .22 caliber bullet to illustrate "hitting the target" with an advertising message.

Ella Wooldridge, a participant in a writing workshop, does an exercise.

Funny man Don Blaylock, who in his more serious moments is director of Kentucky's Baptist Student Union work, cavorts for a dinner crowd Friday night, the first day of the two day conference. Blaylock entertained registrants with stand up comedy and mime.

Mancil Ezell, secretary, Church Media Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, coaches a group on how to be more effective in the use of displays, bulletin boards and exhibits.

Lucien Coleman, writing instructor at Southern Seminary, talks about resources for good writing with prospective authors.



Turnout was good and those attending gave rave reviews for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's third state communications conference.

"Evaluations that came in were complimentary," said Jesse C. Stricker, director of KBC's Stewardship Promotion Department. Attendance for the biennial conference, held this year at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, was estimated at 130-135—not one of the state's larger events but for a narrow band of Kentucky Baptists entrusted with the mission of communicating with other Kentucky Baptists, it is certainly one of the most valuable.

The purpose of the conference, Stricker explained, is "to help churches in communication—in all kinds of communication."

This year's conference dealt heavily with electronic media, as it has in past meetings. The first conference in the state, back in 1979, was the brainchild of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, Stricker related, with financial help from Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. Western Recorder and the Stewardship Promotion Department got





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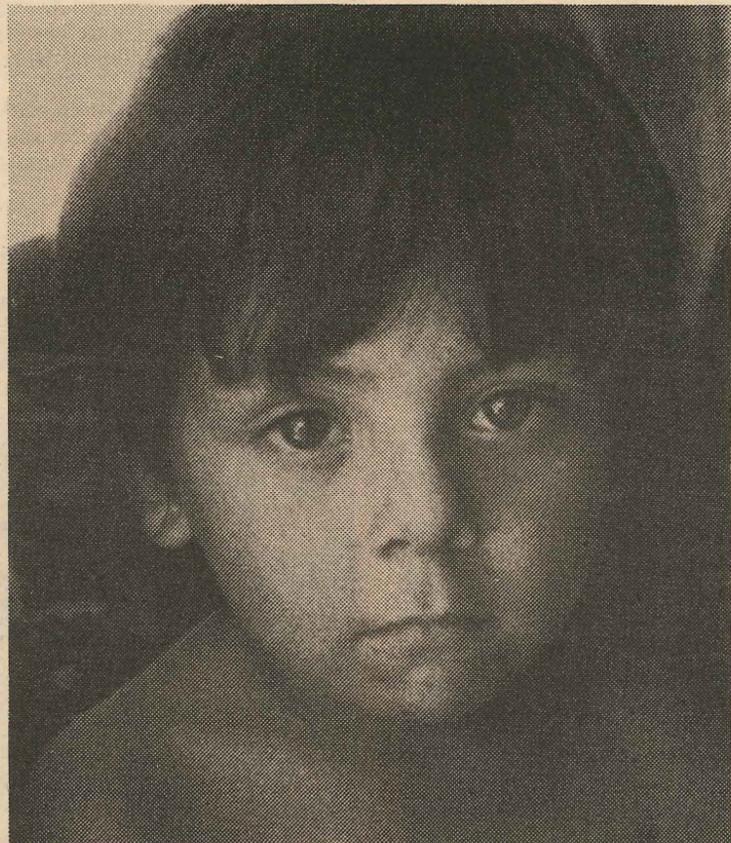
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The last 27 chapters of this superb prophecy were written to convince the despairing that God had not forgotten or abandoned them and to encourage them with the assurance of restoration to their homeland. Consequently, this section of the prophecy is characterized by a spirit of great anticipation.

God commanded the prophet to comfort the people. Even though they had been chastised for their sins, God acknowledged they were still his people and he was still their God. Over a long period they had paid dearly for their disobedience; the songs had died upon their lips, but God had not cast off his people. His love for them had been constant and his grace sufficient. God wanted them comforted with the assurance of deliverance and restoration.

Deprived of cherished liberties, their courage and hope dwindled to the vanishing point. To them deliverance seemed an idle dream. Then God instructed Isaiah to inform them the period of their distresses and conflicts was being terminated, that their sins had been expiated by the grace of God, their iniquities had been pardoned and the time for their deliverance from bondage and exile had arrived.

Out of God's concern everything be made ready for the redemption of those in need of his salvation, he proclaimed that he wanted the necessary preparation for the Lord's coming to be thor-

ough and complete in advance of his arrival.

Nature is a wonderful source of inspiration to God's children. It contributes worthwhile lessons but the flowers breathe a spiritual fragrance of lasting benefit. Flowers are beautiful and the lives of God's children should be beautiful also. He alone can enable them to live beautiful lives. Flowers bring cheer and encouragement to the sick and despondent. At best they are short lived, thus reminding us of the transitoriness of life.

In contrast with the flowers, which will soon be gone, God's Word will stand forever. If it were not eternal, then we would be without security. We, who live in a world where everything changes, should be so thankful we have God's Word which does not change. Let us take from this enduring Word the information, inspiration, assurance and strength we need daily. Let us cheerfully share the good tidings in that Word with those who need it also.

## International Series GOOD NEWS TO FORMER ENEMIES

**Acts 11:2-18** God chose Simon Peter to open the door of salvation to the Gentiles. But Peter was so bound by Jewish traditions and race prejudice it was necessary for God to deal with him in a special manner.

**Acts 11:2-6** Peter's preparation for being a messenger to the Gentiles came through a vision. While waiting for a meal to be prepared, "Peter went up on the housetop to pray." There he fell into a trance, a state in which his senses were sealed to all surrounding objects. In that state he had a vision in which he beheld a sheet let down from heaven. To his utter disgust and horror, within its folds were all kinds of wild and revolting animals, creeping things

and fowls. Everything within him recoiled from such a ghastly sight. The purpose of the vision was to convince Peter that Gentiles, whom the Jews deemed unclean, were as admissible to the privileges of Christianity as the Hebrew people.

**Acts 11:7-10** Upon hearing the Gentiles had received the Word of God through the preaching of Peter in the house of Cornelius, the prejudices of the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were greatly stirred. When Peter returned to explain what had taken place, he made it clear the purpose of his vision was to bring about right relationships manward. He revealed it took both a vision and a command from God to convince him that all restrictions differentiating Jews and Gentiles regarding the plan of salvation were abolished and the gospel of Christ is to be preached to all men. After his experi-

ence, Peter was convinced Gentiles could be saved by grace through faith in Christ.

When the divine command came to Peter: "Arise, Peter, slay and eat," it aroused a protest in him and he replied, "Not so, Lord." What a strange combination of words! In them is an odd jumble of self will and reverence. No Christian is ever justified in saying, "Not so, Lord."

**Acts 11:11-18** Appreciating the perplexity of the leaders in the church at Jerusalem, Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. He revealed that when he went into the house of Cornelius, the Gentile, had he consulted his personal inclinations and prejudices, he certainly would not have gone there, but he had no choice in the matter inasmuch as he was controlled by the inescapable will of God.



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Our churches need to think on their ethical responsibilities in this regard and ministers need to think about the future security of themselves and their families. Many churches continue to increase the number of staff members when often-times they are not making adequate provision for the staff that is already employed (Baptists in 16th place—Heaven forbid).

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Our season record was 29 wins, 9 losses. Highlights of the season included the defeat of Bryan Station 87-81 on the Lexington school's floor. Also, we beat until-then undefeated Cawood in a 108-102 shootout. Cawood was ranked 13th in the state at that time. Our "Mountaineers" made it to the regional where we were defeated in a five point loss to Evarts.

Junior Tony Burns, a mountain boy from Sizeroock, led our scoring with 1002 points for the season averaging 29.5 per game. This is a new Oneida record. Tony has been with us three years and

is a modest young man with a shy smile who loves to play ball. He started the season at 5'10" and has now grown to 6' and is still growing.

Senior Wayne Brown scored over 900 points. He also had a total of 387 assists setting a new Oneida record in that category. A city boy from Hamilton, Oh., standing 5'10", he is one of the quickest guards in the history of our school. He has been with us two years and several colleges are very interested in his playing for them.

I will never forget the first time I saw Wayne. It was two hours after midnight in the summer of 1981. I showed Wayne and his family around and interviewed him between 2-4:30 a.m. The family had to be back at work later that day. I don't often show people around at such an hour but it is a necessity sometimes.

Tony and Wayne were both chosen for the all-tourney team in the district

championship. Also chosen was Jamie Moore, who plays forward. Early last year I had to expel Jamie and I refused to accept him back for nine months. His conduct, attitude and tremendous progress this year have made me very glad I gave him another chance.

Our girls varsity basketball team had their best season ever with a record of 22-11. Chosen on the all-district tourney team were Terry Burns, a sister of Tony, and Hope Moffitt, a junior. This is Terry's second year with us. Hope is a tall Texas girl. Her father and mother are on the road most of the time driving a large truck all over the country. So Hope needed somewhere to live, to have stability, to have roots. Oneida meets a similar need in so many young lives. We are happy Hope chose Oneida. In her quiet and friendly way she has been a real stand-out.

Our swimming team which has qualified for state tourney competition the past two years did not do so this year. But then we had a very young team this year, averaging 13 years in age. Considering their age, they did quite well and this was a building year for the

future.

In the meantime, some of our swim team alumni have been setting records at college. Steve Hughes of Nicholasville, who was on our swim team for three years, recently set a new Berea College record. In the statewide competition of the Kentucky Inter-Collegiate Swimming Association, he won the 200 yard breast stroke in record time and came in second in the 100 yard breast stroke.

Steve was always a dedicated Christian here in our dorms. He wasn't the showoff type. He just lived it. It is not too customary to find a teenage boy on his knees at prayer in his dorm room but I saw Steve so differing times. He was a rather weak swimmer when he first came to Oneida. At his first practice, in his enthusiasm, he very nearly drowned!

In that same statewide competition, alumnus Jim Bausum was third in the 200 yard breast stroke and fourth in the 200 yard individual medley. Jim was here for seven years. During the summer after his junior year, he did mission work in the Dominican Republic.



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### A SERVANT'S HEART

The Christian life is abundant, exciting and full for the man of God with a servant's heart.

Coming to Clear Creek to teach was somewhat of a surprise to Ralph Thomas Holtzclaw, since he thought God would use him primarily in the full time pastorate. With a pastor's heart, Tommy finds himself closely drawn to the Clear Creek family.

He is a native of Kingsport, Tenn., and a 1975 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School. He has also received his BS from the University of Tennessee; his MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and will receive his DMin in May 1983. His wife, Sandra, and he have four active youngsters at home: Hannah, John, Sarah and Joel.

He has pastored in Virginia and Kentucky for seven years. Holtzclaw's ministry as a member of the Clear Creek faculty began in the fall of 1978.

From the beginning, he has felt tremendously privileged and has received great joy at being associated with the great heritage here and with the wonderful students whom God sends here to train. Tommy is truly a gifted

and positive asset to our school and is a people-centered person.

His is a helping ministry. He serves as director of admissions. In addition to this responsibility he also teaches evangelism, missions and biblical introduction.

Holtzclaw states: "There is no greater place on earth than Clear Creek Baptist School. The administration, faculty, staff and students are very close to my heart and I thank God each day for allowing me to serve him in this place and with these wonderful people."

May the Lord bless and reward you fruitfully and richly, Dr. Holtzclaw, as you minister here with a servant's heart.



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### MIREN IN MUD

I must have been about five years old when I discovered what it is like to mire down in mud. It was in the springtime and my father, a dairy farmer, was having a new dairy barn constructed. Loose dirt was piled all around, then came a heavy rain, and the piles of loose dirt became soft mud.

Mr. Kaiser, the builder, was doing some shovel work to drain away the water in the trenches. Curious about the building procedure, I went down to the site wearing some shoes about two sizes too large and stepped into some of the loose dirt (now mud) and mired down over my shoe tops. When I tried to pull one foot out of the mud, it slipped out of the oversized shoe. So I would slip the foot back and try the other. It also slipped out of the shoe. With each movement my feet went deeper and I thought I was stuck for good and tears began to well up.

Mr. Kaiser, busy with his work, did not know that I was in the area until he heard my subdued sobs. Seeing my problem, he came to my rescue and lifted me out. He stood me on solid

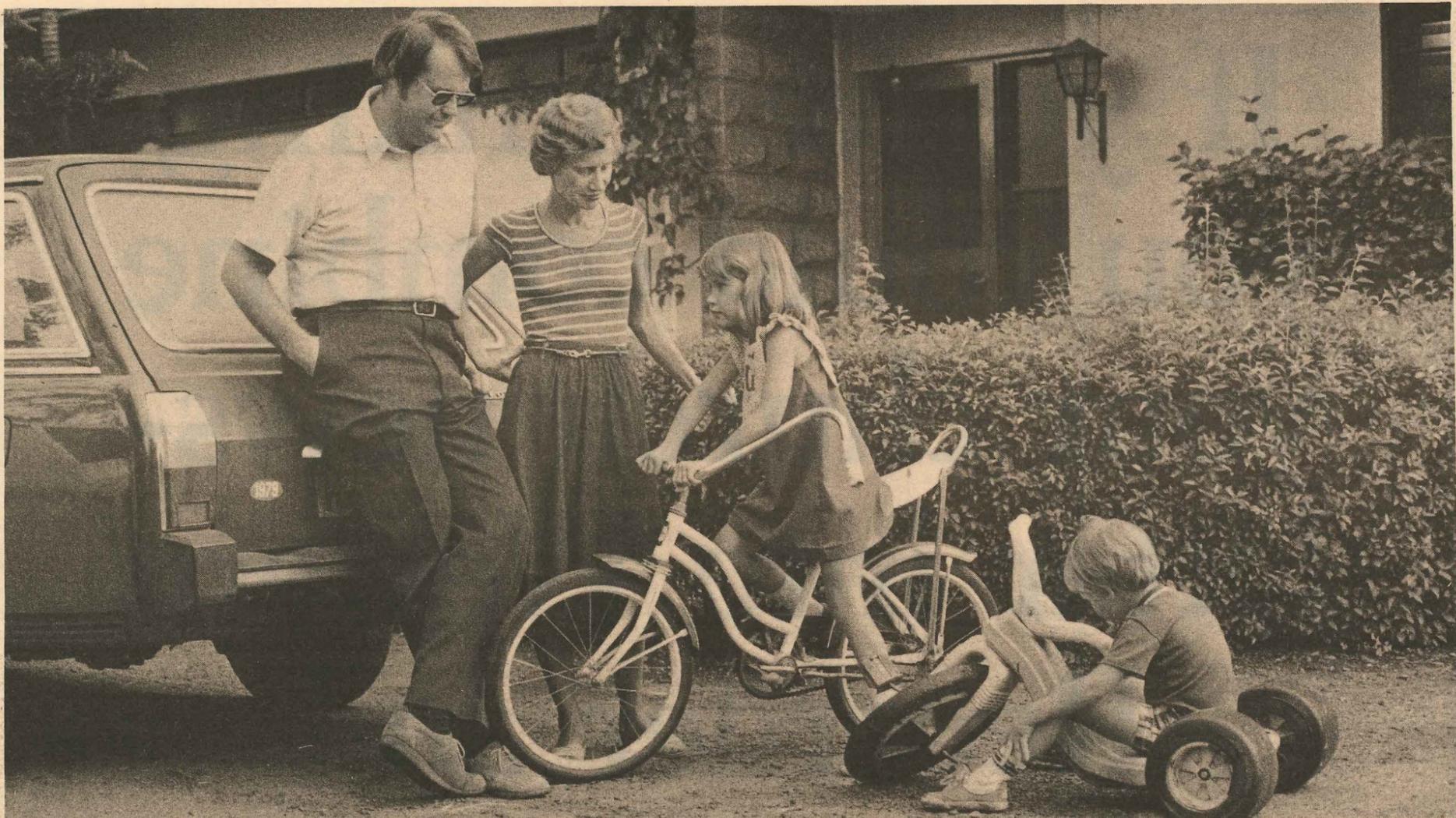
ground, went back and got the shoes, cleaned them off and put them on my feet. What a relief! I was free after being mired in the mud.

Our ministry is to children who have gotten mired in the mud of life's circumstances. They have found themselves in circumstances and responsibilities, like oversized shoes, too large for them. Not having proper care or guidance, they are mired in the mud of life. Each time they try to pull out of the mire, something comes loose.

When they reach back to pick up the pieces, they mire deeper in the mud.

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**HOPE BEYOND DESPAIR**—Last summer, Southern Baptist Convention delegates paused in prayer for this family after hearing news of the death of nine-year-old Sheri Richardson in a school bus accident. Today, Sheri's parents, Jim and Marcia Richardson, continue their work as Southern Baptist missionaries in Nairobi, Kenya

and call on their faith to help them and their children, Amy and Jay, deal with their grief. "I knew all along that God would bring us through, even when I couldn't feel it," says Marcia. "He's still doing it." [BP photo by Warren Johnson]

## 'Going it alone with the Lord'

*"There comes a point at which friends or work or husband or wife can't help. That's when you have to go it alone with the Lord."*

Marcia Richardson

by Robert O'Brien

Jim Richardson had always prayed God would not test the depth of his Christian faith—through family crisis.

But as his car careened at more than 60 miles an hour through congested traffic toward the Nairobi Hospital emergency room, another prayer dominated his thoughts. "Please, God, let her live, let her live, let her live," prayed the Southern Baptist missionary from Roanoke, Va., as he cradled his nine-year-old daughter's bleeding head on his lap.

A jolt still courses through his body whenever his mind replays the scene he watched helplessly in Nairobi, Kenya,

on June 15, 1982—the last day of the school term for Sheri and the last day of her life. He can still see Sheri, dress caught in the door, dragged along the pavement by the Rosslyn Academy school bus.

Jim and Marcia Richardson have not spent much time analyzing why God did not answer the prayers. Instead, they have spent a lot of time exploring the resources of their Christian faith, learning how to let it grow enough to deal with their sorrow.

The Richardsons have fought off depression which led to lethargy and a "constant ache—almost physical ache" as they and seven-year-old Amy and four-year-old Jay struggled to under-

stand. They have not had to do it alone.

They credit a number of things with helping them cope—the love and ministry of both their missionary and Kenyan Baptist church "families," hundreds of letters from people in the United States who read of Sheri's death, mind-occupying work, Bible study, prayer and each other.

"But there comes a point at which friends or work or husband or wife can't help," says Marcia. "That's when you have to go it alone with the Lord. This has taught us to have faith that God will bring us through even when we can't feel it."

Shortly after Sheri's death, Richardson addressed the student body at Nairobi Baptist Centre which he directs in the city's needy Shauri Moyo area to "let them know where we were in our faith at that time."

A few days later, a Kenyan girl who had attended the assembly came to the Richardsons' house to talk and pray. Grieved by Sheri's death and aware of her own need, she accepted Christ as her savior, as Sheri had done about six months before her death.

The Richardsons have sensed a deepened rapport with Kenyans in their community—especially the young people—who surrounded them with love as they grieved. "Before, they were a little standoffish with the 'Mzungu lama' (white mother)," Marcia explained of the young people in Shauri Moyo Baptist Church and the Nairobi Baptist Centre.

"When Sheri died, they hurt and they knew we were hurting, too," Richardson said. "They would come to our house and sit. In a sense, just sitting said, 'Pole' (poh-leh), the Swahili term which expresses heartfelt sorrow."

Throughout their ordeal the Richardsons have impressed their friends with their openness and willingness to vent

their grief rather than allow it to become impacted.

A visible sign of that openness came on a recent evening when the family sat down to watch a videotape and some slides taken of Sheri before her death. Jim's mother, Mrs. Hazel Richardson, and Marcia's parents, Dwight and Elizabeth Jones, watched with them. Mrs. Richardson was visiting from Roanoke, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Eldon, Mo., are in Nairobi on a one year mission volunteer assignment.

Watching the videotape Richardson had taken of Sheri in a school play was not easy. "It ripped us apart," Marcia said. But it, too, played its part in venting their grief and allowing the entire family to share in the healing process.

By mid August 1982, about two months after Sheri's death, the Richardsons began to feel like they had really come through.

Then came early September and the first week of school. Amy, now a first grader, would attend Rosslyn Academy for the first time and ride the bus involved in Sheri's death.

"The experience set us back emotionally," Marcia said. "But we realize there'll be times we feel good and then other times when something will happen to set us back."

Richardson rode the bus the first two days with Amy to check out new safety measures. He did pretty well until he overheard someone asking for a list of fourth graders in the class Sheri would have attended.

He stifled the tears and turned and walked away. But even though the pain lingered—and lingers still—he walked toward hope rather than despair.

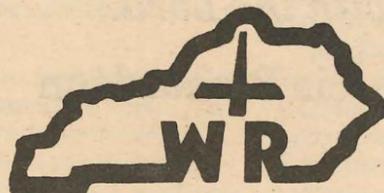
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