



Warf, KBC leader, called to Richmond

Curtis H. Warf, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond. He has accepted and will begin his new duties July 3.

Warf is a native Kentuckian and received his training at Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, 14 years. Earlier pastorates include Plum Point and Friendship in Taylor County, Bethel in Marshall County, Utica and Sturgis, all in Kentucky.

Local associations where he has served and the state convention have often turned to Warf for leadership. He was moderator of Ohio Valley and Pike associations. He has been first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, trustee of Campbellsville College, director of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and a member of the nominating committee of the convention. He also has been on preaching missions to Alaska and Jamaica.

Mrs. Warf is the former Jean Akin of Franklin, Ky. The Warfs have one son, Ben, and one daughter, Beth.

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Physical factors affect temperaments, issue outcomes at SBC, Pittsburgh?

by Dan Martin, News Director
Baptist Press

Messengers to the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will face a number of issues June 14-16 at the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Civic Arena.

Theology, politics, money, personalities, institutions, philosophy and geographical scope are among them.

Even with the volatile issues, the debates are expected to be cooler and the divisions shallower than in the past two conventions. But while denominational heat may be turned to simmer, other factors may bring tempers to a boil.

The key irritant may be the host city itself. Lodging, transportation and food service problems may cause messengers to arrive frustrated, antagonistic and hostile.

The number of hotel rooms available in the city is far below the minimum required for a convention the size of the SBC. Many messengers may arrive in Pittsburgh angry, for they did not get the hotel they wanted, they got one far away—some are as much as 40 miles from the city center—or they didn't get anything at all.

Another potential sore spot is registration procedures. After allegations of voter irregularities in the 1979 annual meeting, procedures were tightened. As issues have become more volatile, tempers have flared when persons without proper credentials were not allowed to register.

According to Lee Porter, registration secretary, only three forms of credentials will be acceptable: the messenger card, properly filled out; a telegram from the church; or a letter featuring the church letterhead and the signature of the clerk or moderator.

Current president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., does not appear likely to have the anger and frustration directed at him; at least, not his nomination for a second one-year term. He is expected to win reelection without opposition.

Messengers also will elect first and second vice presidents. Rumors persist the current first vice president, John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will be nominated for a second term, a departure from tradition. Such a reelection is not unprecedented, however.

Also mentioned as a possible first vice presidential candidate is M. Vernon Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., and immediate past president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He has been strongly aligned with the moderate faction in the SBC.

Gene Garrison, second vice president and pastor of Oklahoma City First Baptist Church, is not expected to allow his name to be placed in nomination for a second term. Currently, Garrison and the church are embroiled in a controversy over ordination of women as deacons.

Names mentioned for second vice president include Tal D. Bonham, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich., current national president of Woman's Missionary

Union.

This year the Cooperative Program operating budget may face at least two line item challenges. One may be to "defund" the Public Affairs Committee, the SBC organization which relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The BJCPA strongly opposed President Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment on school prayer, pointing out the committee is not opposed to voluntary school prayer, but to state mandated and written prayers.

The convention in 1982 went on record supporting the Reagan proposal. At least one church, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., has asked that the BJCPA be defunded.

Another budget item which may be challenged is Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's allocation. The challenge may come from David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Baptist Association, Heber Springs, Ark., who has been critical of the seminary for its handling of the Dale Moody issue on apostasy.

Another of the 17 proposals likely to draw spirited debate is a recommendation the convention holds its 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas.

The report of the committee on boards, chaired this year by Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., may or may not draw fire. In the past two conventions the report has been opposed in floor fights. Although moderates see the report as "very slanted toward the inerrancy viewpoint" indications are there will be no organized opposition.

Recommendations to change four bylaws will be proposed. Modifications

include requiring the release of the names of those appointed to the committee on committees and those nominated by the committee on boards at least 45 days in advance of the convention.

Another recommendation revises the guidelines for the convention site. It sets minimum guidelines at 6500 hotel rooms, with a minimum of 3000 within two miles of the convention center; seating capacity for 16,000 messengers; and at least 50,000 square feet of exhibit space. The recommendation also eliminates block room reservations.

As in past years, resolutions also are likely to draw spirited debate.

All our news is tied to the gospel, says Franklin Paschall

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Speaking in Louisville May 20 on the subject "The Gospel for Our Time," former SBC president H. Franklin Paschall observed that "the bottom line" of the gospel of Jesus Christ "is all the good news we have."

The pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church declared that in the gospel of Jesus Christ "every day is better" than the day before.

"It is good news that never becomes old news," Paschall added. "When everything else is diluted and dilapidated the gospel is glorious still."

Paschall, a native of Hazel, Ky., is former pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Addressing 294 candidates for graduation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Paschall, himself a Southern graduate, admonished, "You are not ready to go out and minister until you rely on the gospel" of Jesus Christ.

Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1966-68, hinted at more recent debate within the convention over theological interpretation. He said, "I simply take the Bible seriously. I know there are various levels of interpretation. I believe God can and does speak through all of the Bible."

Drawing a 45-minute address to a close, Paschall exhorted, "You ask me how I know Jesus Christ lives. My mother and daddy told me he lives, but that's not enough. The Bible tells me he lives, but that's not enough."

"He lives within my heart," Paschall concluded. "That's enough to make the gospel mine."

Prior to his address to the graduating class at Southern, Paschall told a packed house, including some observing by closed circuit TV in an overflow hall:

"I love this place and I owe a whole lot more to it than I could ever repay."

"This place (Southern Seminary) is central to a lot of us, and what goes on here is of tremendous importance to the cause of Christ."

This was the 151st commencement exercise at Southern Seminary and the third presided over by Roy L. Honeycutt, the school's president.



In the good ol' summertime

Bryan Berry carefully worked on a project in his four-year-old department during 1982 vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn. More than three million Southern Baptists will likely attend vacation Bible school this summer.



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C. R. Daley

The lament of the land

Among the desperate needs of this generation is a theology of the soil. What we are doing to the land which the creator has entrusted to us is not only short sighted but sinful. Conservation of the earth's topsoil is a spiritual obligation as well as an economic imperative.

My love and respect for the soil were either born in me or acquired very early in life. I realized in my early years on a farm that the soil stood between my family and starvation and, for that matter, it continues to stand between every person in the world and starvation.

There's something holy about dirt as there is about every gift of God. To me every clod speaks of God and every sprouting seed is a sermon on death and resurrection.

I have a deserved reputation of loving to fish and to hunt but gardening I love even more dearly. If it comes to a choice between catching a bass or growing a rose, the rose wins hands down.

It's easy for me to be romantic about the wonders of soil and plant life until I realize what is happening to the good earth. The raping of the earth which is a way of life in America and the rest of the world is sad and made even sadder by almost no sense of guilt or repent-

ance. Indeed, we do it in the name of progress and productivity.

Consider the facts! The earth once had on the average a foot of topsoil; the United States now has six inches. Subsoil beneath the topsoil is mostly nonproductive. The state of Iowa alone loses 260 million tons of soil every year or enough to fill a five ton truck every second. Every pound of corn produced in Iowa costs six pounds of wasted soil. All conservation practices replace but a fraction of this lost topsoil.

Tennessee loses 14.1 tons of topsoil per acre per year from water erosion and wind erosion alone claims an average of 14.9 tons per acre every year in Texas. Nationally water erosion removes two billion tons of topsoil annually or enough to make 781,000 acres.

Erosion is not the only enemy of the soil. Urban expansion, housing subdivisions, energy production, highway construction, playgrounds and other invaders join erosion to remove three million acres of farmland from production each year.

At the present rate of loss of farm land a crisis is not far off. While we are worrying over how long the world's oil resources will last, we could overlook the fact we might have fuel to ride on

longer than we have food to eat. Some experts predict the loss of farmland could produce a more serious crisis by the end of this century than the oil crisis of the decade of the 70's.

A related tragedy is the rapid decline of family farms and the flight of farm families to urban areas in search of employment. Half the nation's farmland is already being cultivated by non-owners and at the rate of financial failure of small landowners, most farmland will be owned by huge agribusinesses within the foreseeable future. This would make American agribusiness the Arab oil sheiks of the next generation.

This will change the face of rural America. These changes should concern Southern Baptists. Flourishing rural congregations which once constituted the heart of the Southern Baptist movement will wither away and eventually be no vital force in world outreach.

Then the lament of the land expressed in Hosea's words will be as timely as it was in the prophet's day.

"Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying" (Hosea 4:3).

A heartwarming story of miracle healing

Behind the scenes there are many heart warming stories that more than offset reports of Baptist doctrinal squabbles, conflicts between churches and pastors and other depressing news. Most of these never make the news but here's one from Whitesville Baptist pastor Chester Culver which must be shared.

In June 1971 Dr. L. R. Thomas of Lexington discovered that the six year old daughter of the Culvers had papillomas (a rare form of tumors of the skin or mucous membrane) in her throat and mouth. The tumors were already impairing the child's breathing and speech and, according to the doctor, would be fatal unless successfully treated.

The nearest doctor who knew how to treat the disease was Dr. F. R. Kirschner in Kansas City, Kan. An appointment was made with Dr. Kirschner for Sept. 14, 1971.

While the cost was no object when it came to saving their child's life, money was a problem

for the Culvers. Here the story takes a heartwarming turn. Houston Lanier, now retired from directing Kentucky Baptist mission work in eastern Kentucky, was a missionary in Laurel County, Ky., at the time. His son, Paul, was a student at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond and a member of the nearby Kirksville Baptist Church where Culver was pastor. Paul told Culver his father was once a missionary in the Kansas City area and told his father about the Culver child.

Houston Lanier immediately contacted several churches in the Kansas City area and the first to respond was Nall Avenue Baptist in Prairie View, Kan., which is located only a few minutes drive from the University of Kansas Medical Center where the treatment was to take place. The church converted two Sunday school rooms into an apartment for the Culvers and the G. A.'s stocked the nearby church kitchen refrigerator and pantry with enough supplies for

two weeks.

In the meanwhile the Kirksville congregation where Culver served raised \$823 and personal gifts provided fuel and other costs for the trip.

Before the operation Dr. Kirschner prepared the Culvers by saying their daughter had the worst case of papillomas he had ever seen and, if the tumors were lower than the voice box, it would be fatal. As it turned out the growths had stopped at the voice box and the operation was altogether successful.

Within a short time the child was breathing normally, talking clearly and never missed a day at school after coming home. Understandably, the Culvers regard it as a miracle.

The child is now a beautiful 18 year old young lady who graduated from high school on May 20. She is in perfect health and on May 8 was recognized for perfect Sunday school attendance for 900 successive Sundays.

Could you live on \$200 per month?

guest editorial

by D. William Dodson Jr.
Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Convention

Approximately 10,000 retired Southern Baptist pastors, missionaries and widows receive less than \$200 a month in Annuity Board retirement benefits.

These servants served sacrificially for the Lord, their churches and their denomination in proclaiming the gospel. Now many of them must look to government assistance programs to have enough money to survive. As a result, many of them try to get part time jobs wherever they can find them and work long past

their retirement age.

Basically, many of our retired Southern Baptist pastors and widows receive less than adequate retirement benefits because some did not enter the Southern Baptist Retirement Program early enough, while others' retirement contributions were not sufficient to provide necessary retirement benefits.

Kentuckians will be interested in some localized statistics which dramatize the scope of our challenge. Kentucky has 527 annuitants listed with SBC Annuity Board. Of these, 428 receive \$200 per month or less, with 265 receiving less than \$100 monthly.

The endowment department of Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board is engaged in a Bold Mission Thrust emphasis in securing endowment funds to supplement these poverty-level incomes.

Additional help is needed now to assist retired pastors, missionaries and widows who exist on less than adequate incomes. You may contact Kentucky Baptist Foundation office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, or the Annuity Board Endowment Department, 511 North Akard, Dallas, TX 75201, for additional information.

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There's God in those hills

*I don't know what your idea
of an eastern Kentucky mountaineer is
but if you've never lived there
it's wrong.*

Earl Waugh

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Mountain missions possesses possibly the greatest potential of any challenge to Kentucky Baptists, yet the laborers are few. Perhaps this is a result of the unique difficulties characteristic of the work in eastern Kentucky.

During my trip into the mountains I interviewed three men who have invested their lives and ministries in the mountain folk: John Pate, Pike Association missionary; Cohen Campbell, Calvary Baptist Church, Betsy Layne, pastor; and Earl Waugh, First Baptist Church, Allen, pastor.

According to Pate there are 80-90,000 people in the associational area but only 20 Southern Baptist churches and five missions.

"People back in the hills and hollows aren't going to come from out of there to churches on the federal highway," Pate commented. "The only way to reach them is to establish churches back in those hollows."

Pate went to the mountains five years ago from Evansville, Ind. "I've had to eat a lot of prejudices in the last five years. I've had to learn where these people had come from."

He noted the pace is slower in the mountains than in a metropolitan area but, "There are the same kinds of pressures."

"One of the biggest things you have to face is that things move slowly," he continued. "It's difficult. People are difficult to change. They're set in their ways."

The predominant religious background in the area is Old Regular Baptist. "They are strictly antimissionary," Campbell interjected.

Pate continued, "They don't even have Sunday school. They're anti young people. They think people ought not be in church till they're adults. Still they have kept the scriptures alive for the past 200 years in the mountains."

Campbell added that after the Revolutionary War religious oppression forced people to move to the mountains. With them they brought resentment against educated and paid clergy. They found freedom in the mountains.

"They believed the Bible," Campbell noted. "They clung to it and kept it alive."

With time, Pate continued, people from different cultures moved into different hollows and never mixed. "This is where clannishness got started," he said. "This presents problems in the church. Sometimes problems in hollows get in churches."

Campbell went on with mountain history. Changes came about in the post war years. With World War II people left the mountains and were exposed to another part of the world and then came back.

The young people had to go to Louisville, Detroit or Cincinnati to get jobs because there was nothing available in

the mountains. In later years with the coal boom these people could stay and those who had moved away were able to come back.

"Even though the mines are down now," he pointed out, "the economy here is still as good or better than anywhere else because now it is interwoven with other things."

Pate enumerated other problems. "We have to contend with transportation. Pike is the second biggest county east of the Mississippi."

"Also, the area is politically-oriented — school board elections, etc. There are seven county schools and they are very competitive. Those kinds of conflict get into the church."

"You almost have to plan church around school activities," Campbell added.

"The Church of Christ is strongest in Pike Association," Pate remarked. Free Will Baptists are the second largest denomination in the area and there are strong Pentecostal elements.

"They're not free thinkers," Campbell observed. "They have tendencies toward Free Will and Old Regular Baptists. If you win them to Christ, they take off to that area."

He pointed out that there are more conversions than baptisms. "That's the way they grew up and they don't want to break away," he explained.

Pate expounded on this. "Old Regular Baptists don't want to hurt Grandma or Grandpa. Parents whose children are won in VBS often won't let them be baptized. Even young adults won't get baptized because they don't want that label."

"We don't want to create family problems," Campbell stressed. "Especially for young people still living with their parents. It's still difficult even when they're out on their own."

As a mountain native himself, Campbell admits he has an edge in working with the mountain people. "I've had no seminary, no college. I haven't been away to school to learn to preach. That gives me a head start over somebody who has to earn their confidence."

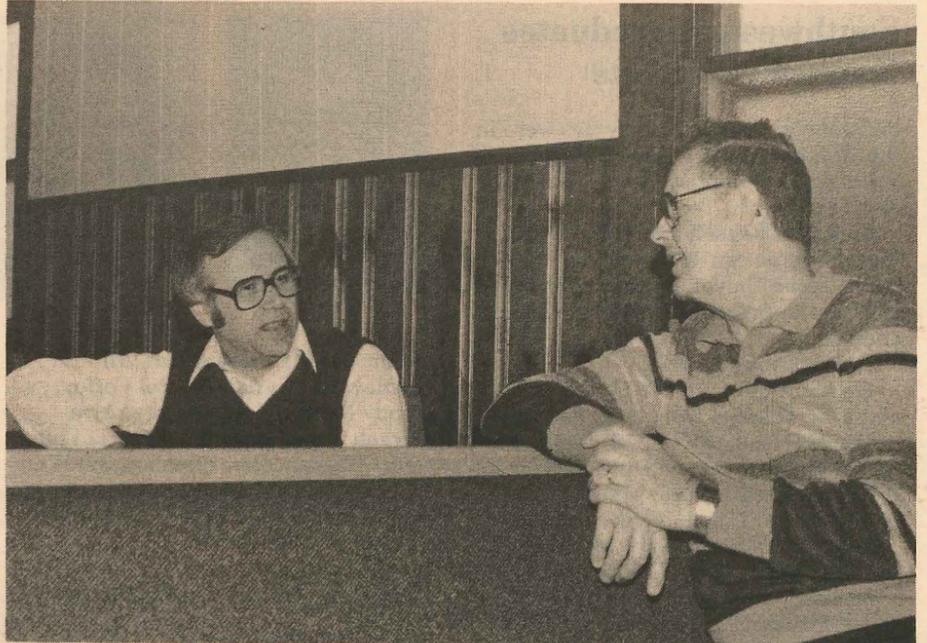
"I'm home," he continued. "If we of the mountains won't stay home and take care of our people we can't expect outsiders to do it."

"If you get a person from an area in the mountains to come be their pastor he's years ahead of someone from the flatlands. You could bring in Criswell and local people wouldn't come."

"They wouldn't be impressed," Pate added.

He also noted, "I'm still aware I'm not one of the family. I'm treated well but I'm still a guest."

Earl Waugh's church sponsors a mission at Daniel's Creek. According to Waugh, they have reached one person in every family in Daniel's Creek with



First Baptist Church pastor Earl Waugh [l] and Pike Association missionary John Pate discuss special problems and needs of mountain missions.

VBS and Sunday school.

Waugh, a West Virginia mountaineer, has been at the Allen church 18 years.

Waugh estimated 50-90 percent of the people in the area are unchurched. "There are areas in Pike County where 80-90 percent are unchurched."

This is not to say the people are not religious. On the contrary, according to Waugh, they are very religious in thought. "They don't say they're not Christians. They're just not affiliated with a church."

"Things have changed greatly," Waugh reflected. "In my first years here it was good to hold your own because when children grew up they left. Now the emphasis on coal has brought them back."

Pate noted the 34-50-year-old age bracket was the fastest growing element of the population. "There's a real potential here for new work. There are a lot of lost people around."

Pate and Waugh discussed ministry in the area. Pate suggested, "Any outside group must know local situations. They're not there to take over and do things their own way. The people are sensitive. They've been exploited."

"They're good people who need the Lord," Waugh explained.

"One of the greatest needs is financial help for starting new work," Pate stated.

"We need money just to keep pastors on the field. We also need money to buy pastors vans so they can get back in hollows and reach those people or buy mobile homes for the pastor to stay in."

"There needs to be a different attitude," Waugh declared. "A lot of pastors in central and western Kentucky think of eastern Kentucky as the end of the road, the bush country of Kentucky. Who wants to go over into the mountains and pastor?"

Pate quickly added, "Look through seminary graduates applications. You won't find regional preferences for eastern Kentucky."

"I don't know what your idea of an eastern Kentucky mountaineer is," Waugh chided, "but if you've never lived there it's wrong."

"They're not poor, ignorant, poverty-stricken people. They may not have much of an education but they have learned how to operate a business."

"A lot of people take a parental attitude toward eastern Kentucky but these

people can do it on their own. Our young people are just as talented. There are a lot of capable people here."

Pate concluded, "Appalachia is expected to be one of the fastest growing non metropolitan areas in the country in the next decade. Our area has one of the highest potentials for new missions work."

Over the past several weeks we've covered quite a few miles from inner city to eastern mountains. Along the way we've encountered people in need of ministry and the often unsung heroes of Kentucky missions.

Yet their work cannot go on without the support of Kentucky Baptists.

In Acts the barriers to the early church fell first in Jerusalem (Jews) then in Samaria (Samaritans) and then in the uttermost parts of the earth (Gentiles).

Likewise, if we are to have a truly global missions vision we must first take down the barriers to the poor people in downtown Louisville and to the mountain folk in eastern Kentucky and to all who need Christ throughout our state.

Kentucky is a mission field and you are a missionary. Giving to the Cooperative Program or Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus offerings does not free us of the imperative of the Great Commission—GO YE.

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christian education

Southwestern graduates Kentucky students

Six students with Kentucky ties were in the 75th anniversary graduating class of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., May 13.

President Russell H. Dilday Jr. conferred degrees on 402 students. Wayland Baptist University president David L. Jester delivered the commencement address.

Those graduated are:

Wayne Allan Day, MRE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lynn Day, Paducah; Janice Faye Duvall, MRE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duvall, Marion; Duane August Floro, MDiv, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Floro, Erlanger; Stephen Andrew Lamb, MRE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lamb, Erlanger; Berrimond Scott Pond, MRE, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cartwright, Lexington;

Robyn Hogan Viniard, MCM, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Viniard, Fancy Farm.

Georgetown alumni get achievement awards

Four Georgetown College alumni, native to central or nearby central Kentucky were chosen to receive the school's 1983 alumni achievement awards.

This year's recipients are the 28th annual selections by Georgetown College graduates for these honors.

The honorees are: C. Shannon Stokes, sociology professor, Pennsylvania State University; Tony Mobley, dean of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Indiana University; Neville Claxon, retired missionary to West Africa, and Joe E. Johnson, nationally recognized life insurance salesman.

Clear Creek graduates class of 53 May 6

The 37th annual commencement exercises of Clear Creek Baptist School were held May 6 at Binghamtown Baptist Church. Fifty-three graduates were awarded degrees, diplomas and/or certificates in Bible, theology, religious education and church music.

Leon D. Simpson, who is completing his first year as president, chose to speak to this, his first, graduating class.

Graduates with Kentucky affiliations were Lynn Dotson, Pamela Dotson, Diana Lanham, Paulleta Dick, Pam Wolgamott, Vicky Sullivan, Barbara Tirey, Sharon Grantham, Johnny

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190 degrees conferred by Cumberland College

Over 190 students received their degrees during commencement exercises at Cumberland College, Saturday, May 15, according to college president Jim Taylor.

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was presented to Mary Asher Wilson of Pineville.

Baccalaureate services were held Saturday in First Baptist Church, Williamsburg. Baccalaureate speaker was J. Dan Cooper, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.

Graduation ceremonies were held in Gatliff Gymnasium. Tom Cloer Jr. was

keynote speaker.

Southwestern recognizes Lexington native

Larry D. Brandenburg, Lexington, won the Edwin McNeely Music Award during the annual awards day at South-

western Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The award, which includes a scholarship, goes to a music student who is particularly effective in leading congregational singing and public worship.

Brandenburg is a graduate of Campbellsville College.

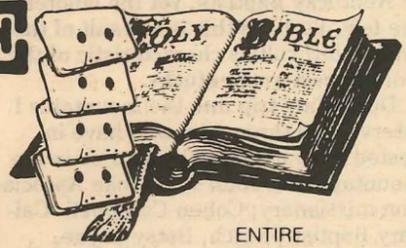
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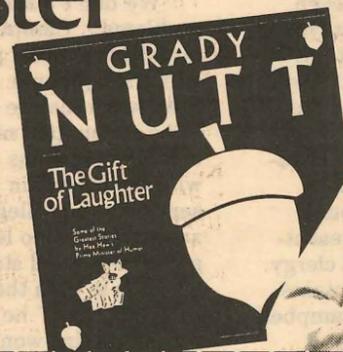
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personnel

Ronald A. Burkett is under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to pastor Lower Burrell Baptist Church northeast of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Burkett, 36, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in Louisville he was active in pulpit supply and was deacon and moderator at Westport Road Baptist Church. He has pastored Haddon Heights Baptist Church, Oil City, Pa., and Fannin (Miss.) Baptist Church.

A native of Mississippi, Burkett is married to the former Sharon Minks. They have two children, Michelle and Ron.

David Michael Harmon assumed duties May 1 as minister of music and education at Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington.

He has been minister of music and education at Graefenburg Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, since 1978. Prior to 1978, he was minister of music and youth at West End Baptist Church, Paducah.

A native of Paducah, Harmon holds the BS and MA degrees from Murray State University. He holds the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Donna Canupp of Louisville. She is employed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources. They have two children, David and Derek.

Leslie M. Huff has been named executive director of Green Valley Association. He began May 2, filling a vacancy created by the recent retirement of R. G. Shelton.

Huff, from Nashville, Tenn., has 28 years of pastoral experience including Kentucky pastorates at Colesburg; Beth Haven Baptist Church, Louisville; and Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro.

He is a graduate of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received the DMin degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla., in 1978.

He is married to the former Peggy Nadine Earles of Leitchfield. They have two married children.

Ron Stone resigned May 8 as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Winchester. He will be new pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ga.

Stone has pastored Central Baptist 11½ years. Sunday school attendance increased from a weekly average of 381 to 644 during his pastorate and more than 1300 persons have joined the church, which has a current membership of 2100.

Stone, 42, has been active in Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention denominational life. He has been on the KBC executive board and the state convention nominating committee. He was chairman of the campus ministers committee and the administrative committee. He has been on the SBC committee on boards and is currently a trustee of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Stone's last Sunday at Central will be May 29.

Paul Williams, an associate in the Tennessee Baptist Convention Sunday School Department, has accepted a call as associate pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville.



Burkett



Harmon



Huff



Stone

Williams will assist the preaching ministry, direct the deacon family ministry program, serve as chairman of the church council, direct the church's counseling ministry and supervise a staff of age group coordinators and assistant coordinators.

Williams has been associate department director and director of adult work for the Tennessee department since mid 1982. Prior to that he pastored two Tennessee churches, including a 14-year stint at Engelwood Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., and was a staff member at another.

A native of Tennessee, Williams is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. He has attended University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Highview, with Kentucky's largest Sunday school enrolment reported in the 1982 Kentucky Baptist Convention, annual, has a Sunday school of 4503 and a resident membership of 3630. William L. Hancock is pastor.

Jay Robison, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be summer youth director at First Baptist Church, Leitchfield. Robison began full time service May 22.

George W. Smith is pastor at Leitchfield First.

associations

Bracken Association recently completed a world missions conference with 21 churches participating.

congregations

Edgewood Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, will celebrate its 25th anniversary May 28-29.

Festivities will include a reception for former pastors and members on Saturday evening, 7-9 p.m., a pot luck dinner after morning worship on Sunday and an afternoon service highlighted by messages from former pastors.

Kuttawa First Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary May 29.

The centennial celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with a fellowship meal at noon and an afternoon service including recognition of former pastors and presentation of the church's history.

First Baptist Church, Mayfield, closed a three month celebration observing the 75th anniversary of the church's music ministry May 22.

Events during the celebration included concerts, recitals, a handbell tour and musicals. Several guest musicians and speakers participated in the anniversary services.

Guy C. Futral Jr. is pastor of Mayfield First. Mark S. Maslin is minister of music.

Kelly Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association, voted Apr. 20 to adopt a program of support

of mission work in Northwest Baptist Association in Ohio. The program, to be channeled through First Baptist Church, Antwerp, Oh., includes a cash grant, continuing financial support and work teams.

Cerulean Baptist Church, Little River Association, will observe its 125th anniversary June 5.

The church, organized in 1858, built its first building two years later. The building burned in 1867 and a second building was built. That building was replaced in 1901 by the present structure.

Steve R. Murphree is pastor of Cerulean Baptist Church, the congregation's 28th.

Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, honored seven retiring deacons May 1, naming each deacon emeritus. Combined ministry of the deacons totaled 209 years.

Henry Settles was ordained in 1940, Hugh Redmon in 1945, Wallace Cauty in 1963, LeRoy Peyton in 1947, Leo Cline in 1949, Jesse Shultz in 1952 and Lenos Shemwell in 1966.

C. Richard Dendler is pastor of Hall Street Baptist Church.

Faith Baptist Mission, Caney, Ky., a mission of First Baptist Church, West Liberty, is planning a building dedication service Saturday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

revivals

Meadowview Baptist Church, Campbellsville, held a revival Apr. 24-27. Webster Carroll, veteran missionary to Uganda, led the revival. Russ Mobley, drama professor at Campbellsville College, led music. There were seven professions of faith.

Covington Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, reported three professions of faith and three rededications from a revival Apr. 24-29. Pete Lumpkins, Hillsdale Baptist Church, Louisville, was evangelist, and J. C. Morris was music director.

Al Claybrooks is pastor at Covington.

First Baptist Church, Morehead, Bracken Association, recently held a weekend revival led by a youth team from Cumberland College.

Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association, recently held a weekend revival led by a youth team from Georgetown College.

Central Baptist Church, Corbin, reported a record Sunday school attendance (1206) and 56 additions, 43 by baptism, during a revival held May 1-5.

Don Short was evangelist. Don R. Mathis is pastor.

Union Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, reported 12 professions of faith, 18 rededications, five

transfers of membership and one decision for full time Christian service after a recent revival.

Charlie Flener, Jefferson County Police chaplain, was evangelist. David S. Carter is pastor.

Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, held a revival Apr. 17-22. Carrol Bruce, pastor of Fairfax City Baptist Church, Fairfax, Va., was evangelist.

Henry D. Johns is pastor at Versailles Baptist Church.

Magnolia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held revival services recently. Kenny Mahanes, son of pastor Lloyd Mahanes, was evangelist. Former member Eddie Russell was music evangelist.

Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, was in revival Apr. 24-29. Rick Shannon, pastor of Mill Creek Baptist Church, was evangelist and Mike Riley, minister of music at Mill Creek, music leader.

Clear Springs Baptist Church, Russell County Association, reports 14 professions of faith and 11 baptisms following a revival in April. O. D. Cooper, former pastor, was evangelist. Cleveland Johnson is pastor.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Russell County Association, reports four professions of faith, two rededications and six additions by letter during a revival Apr. 11-17. J. D. Reins, Monticello, was evangelist. Denny Withers is pastor.

Fairview Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, reports 28 professions of faith, 30 rededications and seven other decisions during a recent revival. Wade Clemons was the evangelist and Rodney Vanhooose music leader.

Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, reported 15 professions of faith and seven additions by letter after a recent revival.

Richard Harris, director of mass evangelism, Home Mission Board, was evangelist and Pat Roper, full time music evangelist from Greenville, S. C., was music director.

Hoge Hockensmith is pastor.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, reports 12 professions of faith and 11 additions by letter, plus numerous rededications and other decisions, after a revival Apr. 10-17.

Larry Vane, chaplain of Hardin-Larue jail ministry and LaGrange Reformatory, was evangelist. Dianne Cottrell, minister of music and youth at Immanuel, led music.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, reports five professions of faith and other decisions as a result of a youth revival Apr. 29-May 1. A BSU team from Murray State University led the meetings.

Bobby Hancock, son of former pastor Bill Hancock, was evangelist. James Stanhope is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, received eight decisions during its spring revival. William Turner, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, a former pastor of the Latonia congregation, preached the week long series of meetings. James Cordell, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Somerset, led the music.

8 hours away

**Seminarians
take to the
highways
to provide
much needed
ministries**

"I don't see how you guys can handle gearing up for a trip like this every week."

Royce Pile glanced up, a wisp of hair falling across his forehead, slightly out of breath from the rush—the guys like to leave at exactly 2 p.m. He lifted a suitcase into the luggage compartment in the rear of the van. "You get used to it," he replied.

It would be a full nine hours, up Interstate 65 through Indianapolis, across northern Indiana and three hours up into the heart of Michigan's lower peninsula before Pile would pull into the driveway and enter a darkened parsonage, open five days' mail and unwind a few minutes before getting down to the weekend's work at First Baptist Church, Sanford, Mich.

Pile is one of the senior members of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's "van ministry." Since September 1980 Pile has logged 90,000 miles and 1800 hours in his first pastorate.

Pile, a Kentucky native who grew up in Shepherdsville, discovered Michigan after trying unsuccessfully to land a church position in his home state. He filled the pulpit at Sanford his fourth Sunday on the van. Starting with six regulars, he visited around the rural community and brought average attendance up to about 30 where it held until about a year ago when three families numbering 18 persons left in a month. Back down to a dozen regular attenders, the church began a slow but steady progress, Pile claims, continuing till now.

A drive of 450 miles spans a whole world of differences. The deepening green of early spring growth does not yet quite cover the white blanket of flowering dogwoods pervading southern Indiana forests; later sprawling farmland stretches from both sides of the highway to the horizon; leaving the Hoosier State the grays of winter begin to dominate acres of unsettled woodland. Lawns in Michigan appear to be in need of their first mowing. The van passes two deer grazing along the highway—it is rare when the van crew does not spot some kind of wildlife. The local radio stations broadcasting Reds baseball fade away and sportscasters boasting about the Tigers take over the air.

And as the seminary students leave



behind the climate, the scenery and the sports of Kentucky, they also leave behind much of the influence of Southern Baptists. From Kentucky, a state of 3.2 million where Southern Baptists claim 750,000 members, they minister in a state convention with 7000 members in a state where two-thirds of a nine million population claim no church affiliation.

The van ministry began about six years ago as an offspring to a sister convention relationship between Baptists in Michigan and Tennessee to supply a means for pastors willing to take part in the pioneer mission work in the north.

The term "van ministry" used to identify the work is really a misnomer, says Walter Jackson, director of supervised ministry studies at Southern Seminary. What is really in progress is a number of individual projects now in three different states with only one thing common to all—the mode of transportation—the van.

For the first five years, two vans traveled weekly to Michigan with a total of about 12 students involved at any given time. In those formative years,

Jackson reports, students either began churches or rescued congregations about to fail in 30 different places. Employees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were sold enough on the program that in January they dipped into their own pockets deep enough to pay rent on a third van.

Currently 18 students fan out in different corners of Michigan in three groups. Another van, furnished by the Florida Baptist Convention, takes four students to Pennsylvania and one more takes four more students to the east side of Indianapolis for church planting work. Negotiations are in process to begin similar ministries in Toledo and Cleveland, Oh., Jackson says.

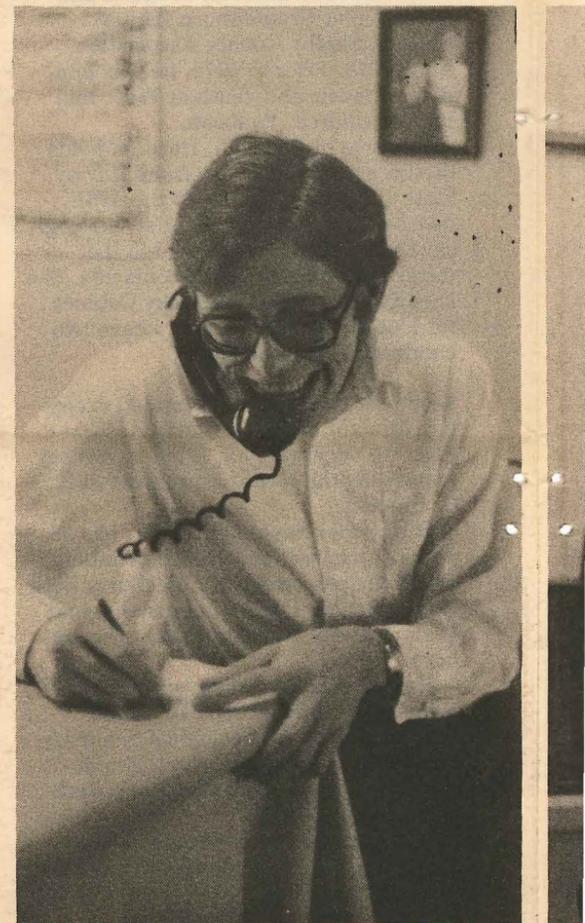
The primary focus of the van programs is church starts, Jackson says, with a secondary thrust to sustain struggling churches. Some students, finally, supplement staffs of growing churches which create more demand than a single staff person can adequately handle.

Pile claims he is somewhat atypical of the Michigan group. Most of the workers lasting as long as he has are native Michiganders. After Pile got some ex-

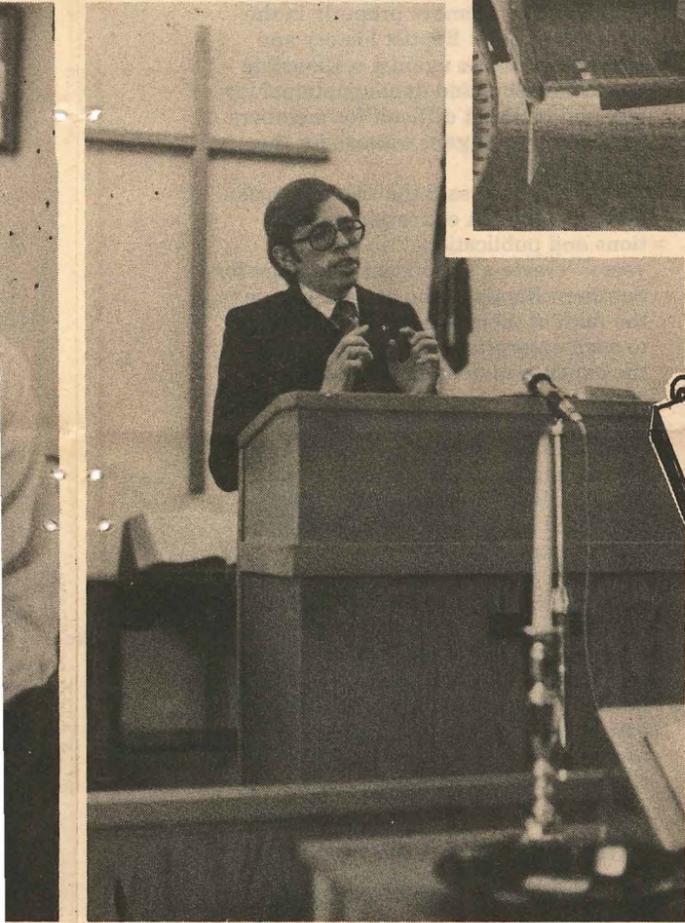
perience under his belt and got into his seminary career, he admits he probably could have found a ministry closer to home. But, he points out, "There's a challenge here I don't think I'd find in the south."

Pile's church sits 10 miles out from Midland, Mich., the home of Dow Chemical, where "a lot of big fine churches with nice programs" attract a lot of Sanford people. To the north, however, it is 35 miles to the nearest Southern Baptist work and to the west it is 30. The area is well churched, but there is a large segment of Sanford's 800 citizens not being reached by the town's nine churches. "For the most part your religion in Michigan is pretty conservative," Pile explains, and pretty unresponsive to the heavy drinking and lifestyle problems associated with a high divorce rate which affects a high percentage of the population.

"Baptists," for the most part, means the General Association of Regular Baptists, American Baptists, Conservative Baptist churches or some Independent Baptist congregations. "I think if people up here get to know Southern Baptists, they will like them."



Baptist news in brief



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text and photos by Bob Allen

Pile is making plans, with the help of mission teams from Kentucky and Tennessee, to reach 2400 homes and hold six backyard Bible clubs this summer.

Pile plans to remain active in Michigan for the remainder of his seminary years, and will likely stay beyond graduation. In an average year, Jackson says, three graduating students will retain their Michigan pastorates full time with help from the Home Mission Board's pastoral assistance program.

While the van students are still in school, the bills are paid cooperatively by the sponsoring state convention, which will provide the van, insurance and usually travel expense money; the seminary, which dishes out "student support grants" funded in part by the alumni fund to almost all the students; and, when it can afford it, the church calling the pastor or staff member.

Each church taking advantage of a van student interviews and calls its minister using the same process any church anywhere would use. "The only purpose of the van," Jackson says, "is to bring Michigan, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Indianapolis as close as St. Matthews."

We have been on the road since two o'clock. It's beginning to get dark. The driver flips across the radio dial to find a clearer radio station than the one that has been fading out for several miles now. A ball game. Who is it? The Tigers! What? The Angels! What is this? The American League?! I knew at that point my travels were taking me into a strange and different land.

Eight hours of highway time separate seminary student Royce Pile's final class on Friday afternoon and the beginning of his weekly work routine as pastor of First Baptist Church, Sanford, Mich. It is demanding, but is clearly a labor of love. [Facing page, far left] Pile entertains one of his youngest prospects. [Across center] he prepares sermon notes. [Facing page, bottom] Pile jokes with a telephone contact. [This page, left] He delivers his weekly sermon during morning worship. [Above, left] Pile talks with Mike Walls about needed work on the church parking lot. [Above, right] He meets with Kenneth Nicola, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in nearby Midland.

baptist news in brief

Moody won't be sent to teach in Hong Kong

Administrators at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board decided May 12 not to send seminary professor Dale Moody as a volunteer teacher to the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary.

President R. Keith Parks said staff members felt it would be disruptive to the mission program "to export the current controversy" concerning Moody's views on apostasy, or falling from grace. Parks said the decision was not based on any attempt to judge Moody's theology. Moody has taught at Baptist seminaries overseas in the past.

Moody told Baptist Press, "I can't give them a year of my life if they don't want me to. When you're not wanted, you're not wanted. They (the Foreign Mission Board) simply did what the seminary (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.) did."

After a long running controversy over Moody's beliefs on apostasy—including a resolution passed by the Arkansas Baptist Convention calling for him to be fired—the Southern trustees declined to renew the 67-year-old professor's contract beyond the present semester but authorized a one-year, paid leave of absence.

Moody has said he accepts the Baptist Faith and Message statement, the Southern Baptist Convention-adopted standard by which the Foreign Mission Board evaluates those desiring to serve overseas. But he has criticized Southern Seminary's Abstract of Principles, which contains 20 doctrinal statements. One says once a person is saved by the grace of Jesus Christ, his salvation is eternal. Moody claims this statement cannot be supported by scripture.

For a number of years, Southern Baptist seminary teachers have been invited to teach at Baptist seminaries overseas when such a need existed. Applicants must go through volunteer processing by the board staff. If they are recommended by the staff, final approval comes from the elected board.

The Hong Kong seminary, in projecting its need for volunteer teachers more than a year ago, made initial contact with Moody as a possible teacher for the 1983-84 academic year. This was before the Arkansas convention action focused publicity on Moody's position.

In this case, Parks said Moody's application had been rejected and will not be presented to the elected board.

"We love this man and think he's a great teacher," Parks said, "but in view of the current controversy do not think it is wise to send him to teach overseas."

Washington out as SBC site, Louisville in?

Plans to present the nation's capital as an alternate site for the 1989 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention apparently have been scrapped, after officials of the D. C. Convention Bureau filled the available dates with another convention.

Vernon Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., told Baptist Press he planned to present Washington as an alternate site to Las Vegas, which will be proposed to messengers at the 1983 annual meeting by the SBC Executive Committee in Pittsburgh.

While the move to present an alternate site has some denominational political overtones, Davis said it was

being presented because some Southern Baptists—fundamentalists and moderates alike—do not wish to go to Las Vegas because of gambling and the city's image as vice ridden.

Davis said he also believes the move would have brought the convention back into the east, which is the area of greatest Baptist strength. He said two-thirds of church members and 60 percent of Cooperative Program giving come from east of the Mississippi, "yet we continue to go outside the heart of Southern Baptist territory" to hold the conventions.

While the proposal to substitute Washington as the site has died, reports indicate Louisville, Ky., will be presented as a site for the 1989 convention. The city was proposed as a possible site to the February 1983 meeting of the Executive Committee but was turned down because it does not meet current guidelines for a convention city.

Current guidelines call for a hall capable of seating 16,000 persons, 50,000 square feet of exhibit space, and 6000 hotel rooms within two miles of the meeting hall.

Inerrantist faction expects no new gains in Pittsburgh

The inerrancy faction of the Southern Baptist Convention is expected to conserve previous gains but launch no new strategies at the 1983 annual meeting of the 13.9 million member denomination.

"We really don't have much agenda for Pittsburgh," said Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas and a leader of a movement to turn the convention and its agencies to a more conservative stance. "We hope Pittsburgh will be a reasonably peaceful convention."

With an incumbent president generally sympathetic to their views, a very conservative slate of nominees to serve on SBC boards, and previously-passed, strongly conservative statements on abortion, doctrinal integrity, belief and support of the Constitutional amendment on school prayer already in place, the inerrancy faction is not expected to launch any new battles but merely to react to challenges to these gains.

Incumbent president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., who says he is a believer in the inerrancy of the Bible but has tried to be open to all elements of the denomination, is expected to win unopposed reelection to a second term.

He will be supported by the inerrancy camp, as will be John Sullivan, current first vice president and pastor of Broadmoore Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., who may be nominated to a second term, a departure from SBC tradition, which generally allows vice presidents only one term.

The faction also is expected to support Tal Bonham, executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columb, as second vice president. Gene Garrison, current second vice president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is not expected to run for a second term.

Another item expected to gain the group's support in Pittsburgh is an effort to discipline the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., which has continued its opposition to the prayer amendment.

Although there is no formal agenda, the faction is also expected to support a resolution on support of Israel, to oppose proposed bylaws changes which would require disclosure of the names of appointees 45 days in advance of the

convention, and to support any effort to further clarify the Dale Moody issue at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

"We don't have anything to do with it, but there is indication the Dale Moody thing at Southern might not be dead," Patterson said. He referred to a controversy concerning the views of Moody, a veteran SBTS professor, on apostasy, or falling from grace.

Missions day camp set for SBC in Pittsburgh

The Brotherhood Commission will sponsor a mission day camp for children in grades one through six during all daytime sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

Boys and girls who have completed the first grade may participate in the camp. Activities include mission emphases by home and foreign missionaries, games, sports, crafts and nature study.

Cost of the camp is \$7 per day per child or \$20 for three days. For two children in the same family the three day cost is \$40 and for three children in the same family the three day cost is \$55. Prices include lunch Tuesday and Thursday and refreshments each day.

Messengers wishing to enrol their children in the day camp should visit the missions day camp booth in the lobby of the convention center.

HMB Committee names missionaries

Members of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board executive committee, during their May meeting, elected a new staff member and approved seven missionaries, 13 missionary associates and 23 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

Among those named missionaries were Patricia and Raymond Bailey of Louisville, Ky. They will move to Illinois to begin missionary work at Cook County hospital in Chicago. She attended Sul Ross State College in Texas, Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and University of Louisville. She is presently executive director of Kentucky National Association of Social Workers.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Texas Tech University, Lubbock; and Southern Seminary. He is presently professor of communication and preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Named missionary associates were Debra Ann McCuiston and Wayne and Cindy Parker, all of Louisville.

Miss McCuiston will move from Kentucky to Maryland in Christian Social Ministries. She is a graduate of Arkansas State University and Southern Seminary.

The Parkers will move to Big Rapids, Mich., as church planter apprentices. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Southern Seminary. She is a nurse in Louisville.

Speaker suggests history as key to present, future

A knowledge of church history is important for Southern Baptists, according to Charles W. Deweese.

Deweese, director of editorial services for the Southern Baptist Histori-

cal Commission, told 600 participants at church history workshops in Brentwood and Knoxville, Tenn.: "If we never evaluate our church and denominational history, we really don't have a good standard for dealing with today and moving into tomorrow."

The church historian commented the "study of religious history has a biblical basis. Large portions of the Bible are historical accounts. Further, the teachings of Jesus reveal his exceptional knowledge of the history of Israel."

The study of church and denominational history will help Southern Baptists sort through challenges and controversies, Deweese added. He identified several factors which he said compel Southern Baptists to know their heritage.

"The acceptance into Southern Baptist churches of large numbers of members who know little or nothing about our denominational and local church heritage is a major source of concern," he said. "The failure of many churches to educate members properly in the richness of basic Baptist history and convictions works against responsible churchmanship and denominational loyalty and makes it difficult for members to bear an intelligent witness for the Baptist faith."

Deweese also said the rise of "quasi-Southern Baptist educational institutions and publications" in the past years "create a significant challenge for Southern Baptists who are not firm in the faith of their fathers. Commitment to such enterprises frequently occurs at the expense of denominational support."

He pointed to the rise of the "electronic church, with its call for an easy, non demanding discipleship" as a threat to Baptists who are not solidly committed to the bold convictions of their heritage."

As a final factor, he referred to current controversies within the 13.9-million-member denomination. "Knowledge of Southern Baptist heritage will aid our assessment of controversies and help keep us from being pulled into extremist positions that violate the fundamental principles of the Baptist reason for being," he said.

House freeze vote lauded by CLC staffer Ron Sisk

A specialist on peace with justice has praised the passage of a House of Representatives resolution calling for a mutual verifiable freeze on production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Ron Sisk, director of program development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, also lauded President Reagan's positive response to a recent Soviet offer to reduce its nuclear warheads in Europe.

"The House passage of a resolution favoring a verifiable freeze on nuclear weapons demonstrates a willingness at the highest levels of American government to bring the current mad arms race to an end," Sisk said. "Nothing is more important for our society and freedom than first to halt and then to reverse this headlong rush toward nuclear oblivion."

In spite of long and often heated debate over the resolution, which was passed 278-149, Sisk said the goal of the resolution "is one which Southern Baptists of all political persuasions can support wholeheartedly both with our prayers and our votes."



sunday school lessons

H. C. Chiles
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977

LESSONS FOR MAY 29, 1983

International Series
PAUL IN ROME

For years Paul had wanted to go to Rome but his wish had not been granted. He yearned to see the Christians in Rome and to impart to them such spiritual help as would establish them in the faith and strengthen them for better service for the Lord. He believed from that strategic center he could reach all parts of the Empire with the gospel. **Acts 28:11-16** When the Lord finally opened the way for Paul and his group to go to Rome, the trip was quite different from what the apostle had anticipated. His journey was one of thrilling adventure and grave peril, such perils as few have ever survived, but the Lord was with him all the way.

Embarking from Melita (Malta) on an Alexandrian ship, it sailed along the coast of Sicily until they arrived at Syracuse, where they remained three days. From there the ship went to Rhegium and then to Puteoli where Paul enjoyed seven days of fellowship with Christians. A delegation of Christians from Rome met the group at Appiiforum, a town 40 miles from the capital city, and others met them 10 miles closer at Three Taverns. This friendly gesture of love and loyalty encouraged Paul very much and was appreciated immensely by him, so he "thanked God, and took courage."

Acts 28:17-23 When Paul finally entered Rome, he was not incarcerated in the common prison but was permitted to dwell in a private house chained to a soldier or guard. Paul's faithful preaching of the gospel resulted in the salvation of numerous guards. In the course

of their duties many of these guards who had become Christians went into various parts of the Empire and spoke most favorably about Christ, their Savior and Lord. Thus the Lord gave his faithful servant the opportunity and honor of witnessing through others where none had ever spoken about Christ. The Lord sent many people to Paul in order that he might tell them how to be saved. All visitors had unrestrained access to Paul and from him they received a cordial welcome.

Life and Work Series
THE CHARACTER OF PEOPLE

The Bible reveals what God wants his people to be and to do. The writings of Isaiah challenged and encouraged the people of his generation, and of the succeeding generations who read them, to comply with God's wishes for them in the realms of being and doing. **Isaiah 56:3, 6-8** Through Isaiah God made it clear the divine blessings were not intended for Jews only but they were available to all who voluntarily join themselves to the Lord. Even the eunuchs, who had been abused by others and were deprived of the privilege of fatherhood, were assured by Jehovah that, if they complied with the divine will, their names could and would be ascribed on the wall of the court of the temple. The glorious opportunity of receiving salvation from God and victory over Satan was extended to Gentiles as well as to Jews.

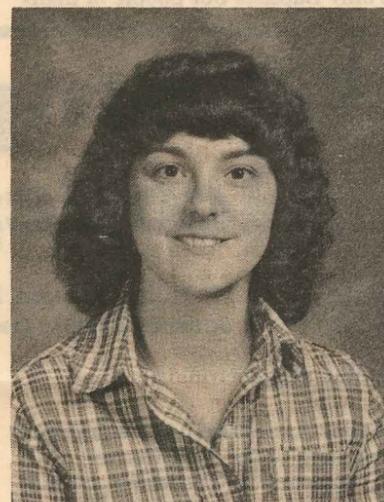
In Isaiah's day, as during the earthly ministry of Christ and in our time, there are those who are so selfish and mercenary they seek to turn God's house into a place for personal pleasure and

profit instead of restricting its use to a house of prayer and fellowship with God. God welcomed all true worshippers to his house, and when he let it be known he would accept the offerings and sacrifices of such his obedient children were made joyful indeed, whether they were Jews or Gentiles. **Isaiah 58:6-9** The people complained God had not taken note of their fasting or abstaining from physical nourishment to the extent to which they thought they were due recognition. Through Isaiah God dealt with the hypocrisy of the Jews with reference to fasting, while failing to meet the physical needs of others. God was displeased because the Jews did not combine works of righteousness with fasting. Unless fasting is done with a spiritual object, such as bringing one into closer fellowship with God, and accompanied

by righteous actions it cannot be pleasing to God. He is concerned that conduct and almsgiving shall be in harmony with the fasting. The spiritual accompaniments of fasting are repentance, prayer, and charity or helpfulness. Doubtlessly the fasting which pleases God is that wherein the child of God becomes so obsessed with doing the will and work of God he forgets his physical hunger. When people are humble and sincere in their fasting and not concerned about what others see in them, think about them or say about them, they can fast for the glory of God.

When we take note of the presence of the burdened, the oppressed, the poor, the indigent, the aged and the feeble, it is easy for us to understand the practice of all Christian charity is incumbent upon all of us.

Meet Cumberland College Student...



Lisa Jo Depew

When you first talk to Cumberland College senior Lisa Jo Depew, you get the correct impression that this young lady is quiet and unassuming, but you can also feel the intensity and determination that have made her a High Honor student (grade point average 3.80 or better) in her Elementary Education major and led her to Honors Research in her minor field of history.

Lisa's abilities and responsible attitude have been noted by her fellow students. They elected her to serve on the Student Government Association Senate and her peers elected her President of Phi Alpha Theta, Cumberland's History Honor Society which has won the nation-wide Best Chapter Award for five of the last six years. She also joined the Student National Educators Association to better prepare herself for a career as an elementary school teacher.

Lisa's eyes light up and she becomes vibrant as she talks of becoming a teacher. "I worked as a teacher's aide in two summer programs and discovered that I loved teaching and helping children. It is very rewarding to watch young children grow and learn."

Lisa, herself, has grown since coming to Cumberland. "I have grown not only in my adult and academic life, but also in my Christian life and I feel that my time at Cumberland has prepared me for the remainder of my life."

Cumberland's Christian atmosphere and family-like faculty-student relationships are important to Lisa. "I came to Cumberland because I was impressed by the atmosphere which was one of ease with teachers wanting to teach and help the students in anyway they could. I feel free to see a faculty member whenever I need help. They do help and care about us as individuals."

This close relationship and Christian atmosphere have been a great influence on Lisa and have helped her in her Christian growth as reflected in her church activities in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Manchester where she is church organist, youth choir pianist, and Sunday School teacher of the primary class.

We at Cumberland College believe that providing Christian educated teachers like Lisa is vital if we are to maintain a democratic Christian society.

We are proud of Lisa and the many other dedicated Christian students in our Cumberland College family. We would be proud to have others like her.

President Taylor,
 Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Lisa.

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CELEBRATION - 1987

In 1987, Kentucky Baptists will celebrate 150 years of history together. Because a good many of us will not be around to celebrate the 200th and so many of us were too young to appreciate the 100th, this will be our only opportunity to celebrate such an experience in the life of Kentucky Baptists.

It is obvious that the Lord has blessed and affirmed the ministry of Kentucky Baptists. While none of us can guarantee that we will be around in 1987, as much as within me lies, I want to do everything possible to help facilitate a year of celebration that will not only review our significant history, but will remind us, at the same time, of God's concern with our future. Surely there should be born some new dreams and some new visions, some to be climaxed in that year and others to be launched.

Planning for such will need soon to begin and will require significant time and effort on the part of many. Even the experience of planning and preparation may bring us all into a closer fel-

lowship while moving toward some exciting new goals yet to be identified.

Could it be that God has something very special for Kentucky Baptists to do at this point in our development—something that would bring us to a new level of useful servanthood? Something which might spill over beyond our state? But that sounds so dramatic and idealistic! Perhaps, after all, we should not dream dreams. Perhaps we should accept things as they are. Indeed, all of us are tempted to bridle our dreams and disavow our visions. But surely if there has ever been a time when we should dream dreams, it is now. For Southern Baptists have had placed in our grasp remarkable spiritual, material and human resources as yet still largely untapped!

What a tragedy if at such a time we may not find the humility to merge our resources with our dreams and visions.

Perhaps the fact that we have something significant to celebrate in 1987 will ignite a new flame in Kentucky Baptist hearts. May it be a purifying flame which brings renewal and revival!



oneida journal

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THE MAGNET OF LOVE

Oneida has been a Baptist school from the day it was first conceived in the heart and mind of James Anderson Burns. The word Baptist formed the middle word of our school's name from the very beginning. The school's charter was signed in the old log Riverside Baptist Church, a crude house of worship a half mile west of our campus on the waters of Goose Creek.

Over half of those first trustees had to make their "X" mark on the school's charter as they could neither read nor write. Their leader had only 17 months of formal education. Yet these illiterate and near illiterate men started a school that serves today. Baptist people of Kentucky and many states were inspired by the boldness of their faith and helped to turn their vision of love and Christian education into reality.

Not only Baptists but people of many

persuasions shared and still share. Baptists have, naturally, been our most generous supporters. But it is also a fact that our work could not have been carried on, would not be alive today, without the generous help of Presbyterians, Methodists and even Catholics. Whatever their denomination, each, too, has claimed Jesus as both Savior and Lord and that is all that it takes to make them our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Among the faithful and generous have been two dear sisters, saints of God, in Elkhorn, Wis. Accompanying a recent \$75 check were these words: "My dream of seeing Oneida will not be achieved though I have been interested in the school since I was a teenager. I am now past 90 years of age. Keep up your good work."

A monthly donor recently wrote from Oxford, Oh.: "Just got back from our yearly prayer retreat of the Southwest-

ern Ohio Women of the Church of God. I am so proud of Oneida Baptist Institute. I've heard you say, 'God is our foundation.' That is the reason for the success and growth of the school." With the letter was her usual \$20.

A retired Presbyterian minister in Weaverville, N. C., regularly blesses us with a \$30 gift and a copy of the bulletin of his church. He lifts us up in prayer and often writes words of blessing and encouragement.

For about five summers hundreds of Methodist young people lived on our campus, while they helped repair the homes of the poor of our county. Many of these are today faithful supporters of this Baptist work. One of their leaders wrote: "Your assistance provided the support which was needed for us to be in effective ministry to both families and volunteer youth. Thanks so much for letting our groups stay at your school. Without a place to house the volunteer groups, our ministry of repairing homes would not be possible. Thanks also for being a resource in leading a weekly evening session. Our volunteers all expressed appreciation for the stories and information that you relayed to them."

Yes, these paying guests also fell in love with our work. One of them, now a missionary in Australia, sends generous gifts and warm letters like: "It looks as though we'll be in Australia a few more years, so no visits to OBI in the near future. However, I do plan to return sometime. With inflation and all that, I suppose it is harder to make ends meet, but if anyone can do it, you can. I am enclosing a check for \$200 from my wife and myself to help things along."

A Catholic couple (he an AP White House photographer for over 30 years) from West River, Md., write: "We think of Oneida often and the wonderful work you do. Say a prayer for us and we'll do the same." With their letter was \$25.

Sending \$100, a Catholic gentleman writes from Frankfort: "The program that you administer for the benefit of many boys and girls is outstanding. We wish you every success."

A Catholic organization regularly gives us a \$1000 yearly scholarship. Their last letter said: "We wish to compliment you in your good work. We are hopeful this will be a continuing scholarship."



campbellsville college today

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A SPECIAL ERA

Campbellsville College has lost a prince in the passing of Dr. Paul Horner. Without question, his death has closed an era as teacher, friend of students,

preacher, Bible scholar, field representative and administrator. His life for over 30 years was linked inseparably with Campbellsville College.

Now he is gone. Death has come and God has called Paul Horner home.

But his influence—his life—continues on. In the lives of thousands whom he taught and influenced, there will be a spark of the kindly professor glowing. He made the biblical truth come alive for many, and they were inclined to leave his Bible classes with a warm, loving understanding of God's Word. To many he was the very personification of the Christian college.

Friends and former students are responding generously with contributions to the Paul Horner Scholarship Fund which was created a few years ago upon his retirement from active teaching. By this means, hundreds of other students will be helped in the years to come—and his life and work will continue to be

multiplied. These funds are being invested as permanent endowment from which the earnings will be distributed as scholarships for deserving students at Campbellsville College. At Dr. Horner's death the family requested that memorials be in the form of contributions to the fund.

I invite every reader who knew him to join us in this scholarship fund as a memorial to Paul Horner. Make your gift to Campbellsville College Horner Fund. Of course, these gifts are tax deductible. Write me at 200 College Street West, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

May God bless you as you help us move on to the next great era.



clear creek comments

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TOUCHING SHOULDERS

This past week, May 16-22, was a week set aside to honor our Baptist Associations in our Southern Baptist Convention. We appreciate so very much the friendship, strength and support of our associations. In fact, associations remind me of good friends.

Over the years many friends have come to me unsought without advance notice—suddenly I realize a friend has appeared. Aristotle said a friend is a single soul dwelling in two bodies and I have heard it said that a friend is anyone who draws you nearer to God.

This past year, I have touched shoulders with our many Clear Creek families. I have seen their dedication and commitment to Christ and to one another. They leave beautiful homes, large salaries and an easy life. Here at Clear Creek the income is small and the houses and apartments are just adequate. Also, I have seen their hard knocks in life. Through all this, one thing I know—while God evidently does not intend for us all to be rich or powerful or great—he intends for every per-

son on earth to have friends.

Friendship is composed to two elements, one of which is truth. A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere; before whom I may think aloud. There is no mere politeness or contrived civility, no hypocrisy or facade with a friend; rather there is a sharing of mutual respect and acceptance.

A second element in friendship is tenderness. When someone becomes dear to me, I have discovered again that "the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). Our Lord stated in Rev. 3:20 a wonderful truth which applies to friendship as well as salvation. A friend can stand and knock—love causes us to open the door.

Prov. 18:24 teaches us to have friends—we must show ourselves friendly to others—and remember that our savior was called a "friend of publicans and sinners" (Matt. 11:19). John 15:13 expresses the love of friend for friend and causes us to rejoice that Jesus is "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).



homes for children

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ONE OF A KIND

A well known bank recently advertised their superior services with the slogan: "Not one of a crowd but one of a kind." This slogan, designed to single out one financial institution as unique, also serves to single out how Baptist Homes for Children feels about each youth in our care because the children who live in our Baptist homes are not considered as "one of a crowd" but each youth is provided for and ministered to as "one of a kind."

This is in keeping with the plan of God and the teachings of the Bible. Although each person is made in the image of God, each one is unique with an individual personality. Jesus shows us this truth in his parable of the talents. Paul taught this truth when he described the various parts of the body, each with a different function but all fitting together into one whole.

Each youth in our care comes out of different circumstances and experiences, with different hurts and needs. They come out of sorrow, neglect, fear, anger, abuse and uncertainty. Although

their needs may be similar, the process of meeting those needs must be tailored to the individual. Therefore, houseparents and others who work with the youth relate to each one as an individual, not as one of a crowd. Taking into consideration the individual as "one of a kind" and therefore unique, the team of workers develops with the youth a plan of growth. This plan is written out and the youth begins a journey through a series of stages or levels.

With the guidance, love and nurturing of the houseparents, each youth works on his/her plan of growth. Each stage or level sets certain learning goals, assigns certain work responsibilities and provides for certain privileges. Some of the privileges are automatic while others are earned. The entire growth plan, though customized for each individual, encourages growth in five areas: physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual.

Yes, each youth is "one of a kind," made in the image of God, created for a purpose, endowed with talents and special to God, to us and to himself/herself.



A. V. Washburn [l] and Phil Harris are more likely to be found running or actively engaged in church work than sitting on a bench. In 1977 Washburn retired as director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and Harris as director of the board's Church Training Department. Both have continued to be active in denominational responsibilities. [BP photo by David Haywood]

Retired but not resting: Harris, Washburn remain active in ministry

by Linda Lawson

Christians retire from their careers, not their responsibilities.

That is how A. V. Washburn and Phil Harris, who retired in 1977 as directors of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School and Church Training Departments respectively, explain their lives which include teaching, leading conferences and working in their churches.

They remain active in their churches in Nashville, and each served as guest director for a Metro Sunday School Enrollment Training Clinic in Raleigh, N. C., last month. They also keep physically fit by continuing a long time practice of running two miles a day.

"I have a philosophy that a person, regardless of age, ought to continue to grow in body, mind and spirit," Harris said.

So at retirement "I told the Foreign Mission Board I'd give them five years of my life." He and his wife Mariam have worked in Brazil, Argentina, Taiwan, Hong Kong and West Germany. Between trips he has chaired the evangelism committee at First Baptist Church, Nashville, and the Senior Adult Committee for the local YWCA.

For the next five years, Harris has committed to teach at colleges and seminaries and to return to Brazil to help in the area of church growth.

A. V. and Kate Washburn spent one year in Scotland working with churches to strengthen their Sunday schools. When they returned home, Washburn received a challenge from his pastor, David George at Immanuel Baptist Church, "to become Sunday school director and to do some of the things at Immanuel that I'd been telling others to do."

After two years on the job, Washburn quips, "It's easier to write a book than to fill it out." At the same time, the Sunday school at Immanuel has experienced a five percent gain in Sunday school enrolment this year.

Washburn has only positive things to say about 8.5 by '85, the SBC effort to increase Sunday school enrolment to 8.5 million by 1985. "I'm excited about it and glad to be a part of it," Washburn said.

Turning reflective, the 45-year deacon said he believes one problem with the "million more in '54" campaign (an effort to enrol one million persons in Sunday school in 1954) was that "many persons were enlisted that churches weren't prepared for. We suffered some from overextension. The basic plans of 8.5 by '85 take that problem into consideration."

Washburn is "more convinced than ever, if that is possible," that Sunday school is the key to church growth. "Personalizing ministry can best be done through the Sunday school," emphasized Washburn. "The more we get into computers and the loss of individuality is accentuated in society, the greater is the need for the small group in churches."

Harris also praised developments in Church Training since his retirement.

Among their priorities for the future, Washburn and Harris both list traveling and family times, along with leading conferences and working in their churches.

Harris said he is sustained by a four-step philosophy of life: "Abiding faith in God, fellowship in the gospel with people, an optimistic spirit as demonstrated by a positive attitude and a sense of humor.

"Don't feel sorry for me," he laughed. "While you're working, I may be in Wiesbaden (West Germany) riding down the Rhine."

Southern Baptist Convention

Pittsburgh Civic Arena

June 14-16, 1983

Theme: Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

Tuesday morning, June 14

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Adult Choir, Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh., Wendell Boertje, director
- 9:30—Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Harold R. Price, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, Pa.
Prayer—Roy DeBrand, pastor, First Baptist Church, Americus, Ga.
- 9:40—Registration and Constitution of Convention Committee on Order of Business—Bruce McIver, chairman, pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
- 9:50—Welcome—C. Edward Price, retired officer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 9:55—Response—Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary-treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 10:00—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, professor of preaching, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:15—Announcement of Committee on Committees, Resolutions and Tellers
- 10:20—Executive Committee (Part 1)—Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:15—Presentation of Gavels
Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:25—Congregational Singing—Harold R. Price, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 11:30—Music—"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Eules, Tex., Robert Wagoner, director
- 11:35—President's Address—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Eules, Tex.
- 12:00—Benediction—James Randall Draper, gift manufacturer, Bedford, Tex.

Tuesday afternoon, June 14

- 1:30—Evangelistic Singers—William J. Reynolds, associate professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 2:30—Congregational Singing—Robert Wagoner, Eules, Tex.
Prayer—William J. Lotz, layman, Boones Mill, Va.
- 2:40—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 2:55—Messenger Information Survey—Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary, manager, Research Services Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:05—Election of Officers
- 3:25—Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:35—Congregational Singing—Robert Wagoner, Eules, Tex.
- 3:40—Executive Committee Report (Part 2)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:05—Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:35—Business
Election of Officers (Second)
Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
Miscellaneous Business
- 5:20—Benediction—Roy Owen, executive director, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, Rapid City, S. D.

Tuesday evening, June 14

- 6:50—Music for Inspiration—"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Eules, Tex., Robert Wagoner, director
- 7:15—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer—A. A. Hyden, vice president of student affairs, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.
- 7:30—Foreign Mission Board Report—R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 8:30—Business and Election of Officers

- 8:40—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 8:45—Music—Clinton Nichols, associate professor of church music, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary
- 8:50—Bold Mission Thrust Report—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:00—Benediction—Richard W. Lubbert, minister of outreach and pastoral care, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Wednesday morning, June 15

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., Charles H. Worley, director
- 9:30—Congregational Singing—S. Milburn Price, dean, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
Prayer—Brian L. Harbour, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.
- 9:40—Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 9:55—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:10—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., president, Louisville, Ky.
- 10:20—Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Tex.
- 10:40—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Russell H. Dilday, president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:50—Brotherhood Commission Report—James H. Smith, president, Memphis, Tenn.
- 11:00—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans, La.
- 11:10—Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:20—American Bible Society Report—Alice E. Ball, general secretary, New York, N. Y.
- 11:25—Business
Election of Officers and
First Report of Resolutions Committee
- 11:55—Congregational Singing—S. Milburn Price, Louisville, Ky.
- 12:00—Music—Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., Charles H. Worley, director
- 12:05—Scripture and Prayer—James Wideman, pastor, Scriven Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, N. H.
Convention Sermon—James L. Pleitz, pastor, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
- 12:30—Benediction—Joseph Napier, layman, Pensacola, Fla.

NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday evening, June 15

- 6:30—Music for Inspiration—"The Singing Churchmen of Maryland"—James C. Allcock, director, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville
- 7:00—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer—Mark Lee McNeil, pastor, Derita Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
- 7:10—Presentation of Past SBC Presidents—James T. Draper Jr., Eules, Tex.
- 7:25—Special Recognition of Grady C. Cothen—Alton H. McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
- 7:30—Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, president, Atlanta, Ga.
- 8:30—Benediction—Russell Fitts, pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

Thursday morning, June 16

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Combined Choirs of Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, Karen Petro, director
- 9:30—Congregational Singing—Gilbert Wilder, music secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus
Prayer—Dale O. Steele, pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.
- 9:40—Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:50—Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Frank Pollard, president, Mill Valley, Cal.
- 10:00—Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:05—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 10:15—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:30—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
- 10:40—Congregational Singing—Gilbert Wilder, Columbus, Oh.
- 10:45—Business Session
Resolutions Committee (Final)
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30—Benediction—Rodney V. Byard, assistant to the president for communication, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Thursday afternoon, June 16

- 2:00—Music for Inspiration—John and Mary Giger, concert artists, Dallas, Tex.
- 2:30—Congregational Singing—Doyal V. Spence, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
Prayer—Joseph A. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Wales, Fla.
- 2:40—Introduction of Fraternal Messengers
- 2:50—Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:00—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 3:10—Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:20—Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:30—Baptist World Alliance Report—Gerhard Claas, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
- 3:40—Congregational Singing—Doyal Spence, Roanoke, Va.
- 3:45—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 4:00—Business Session
- 5:00—Benediction—William Lacy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.

Thursday evening, June 16

- 6:45—Music for Inspiration—Russell Newport, layman, Springfield, Mo.
- 7:15—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer—Terri Jean Draper, teacher, Eules, Tex.
- 7:25—Introduction of Local Committee
- 7:30—Radio and Television Commission Report—Jimmy R. Allen, president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 7:45—Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
- 7:55—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 8:00—Special Emphasis—Fred Roach, president, Centennial Homes, Dallas, Tex., testimony, The Laity—Ministers in the World
- 8:10—Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.
- 8:15—Introduction of Speaker—Neal Jones, pastor, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.
- 8:20—Unity of the Spirit—In Ministry—Charles W. Colson, president, Prison Fellowship, Washington, D. C.
- 9:00—Benediction—Bailey Ray Draper, printer, Eules, Tex.