



## Tax rate change may cost pastors

by Ray Furr, Associate Director of Public Relations, Annuity Board

Unless churches grant generous increases in salaries for 1984, ministers will have substantially less take home pay due to a tax rate change in the new social security law.

Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan said the changes in the social security tax will have a "devastating effect on the minister's annual compensation and churches should consider appropriating a social security allowance for the minister in 1984."

Morgan said the minister is, by law, considered self-employed for social security tax purposes. "Under the social security amendments of 1983, the tax rate for the self-employed rises to 14 percent in 1984, a 4.6 percent increase over 1983. The tax hike means ministers would pay more than twice as much as that of the employee." A tax credit of 2.7 percent will be allowed in 1984, but will drop in increments until 1989 when there will be no credit.

"Some of our pastors will pay \$700 per year in additional taxes," Morgan said, suggesting congregations could alleviate some of the added financial burden by establishing a "fair social security allowance which would pay the amount equal to the additional self-employment tax the minister must pay over the employe."

Such allowances would be subject to social security and federal income taxes, so "the church may want to consider paying an allowance that will also compensate the minister for additional tax due on the social security allowance," he noted.

Also included in the new law is the mandatory social security coverage of all employes of churches. Effective Jan. 1, 1984 all churches must withhold 6.7 percent of the employe's income and pay seven percent social security taxes on all the wages paid to all employes other than the ordained minister.

Morgan said many church leaders do not understand churches no longer have the option to participate in social security. "The new law means all churches must withhold and pay on both full time and part time employes."



## Can books be far behind?

The college department at Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., is one of many church groups who will participate in this year's On-to-College emphasis, sponsored by National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board. This year's theme is "Growing in Christ on Campus." Churches are encouraged to set aside a time to recognize college students, providing them with opportunities for spiritual growth.

## Draper oks amendment on public school prayer

by Craig Bird, Feature Editor, Baptist Press

Because "we've got to get some relief on the prayer issue," James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has endorsed President Ronald Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment on prayer in public schools, as revised.

"I'm not a constitutional lawyer but I am satisfied with the language of it," Draper told Baptist Press July 19. "I don't know if it answers all the questions or not—but for me it is fine and I support it."

Reagan's amendment, which read, "Nothing in this Constitution shall be required by the United States or by any State to participate in prayer," was revised July 12 to include a final line: "Nor shall the United States or any State compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."

Draper, who emphasized his support of the amendment was "personal" since no Southern Baptist, even the elected president of the 13.9-million-member denomination, is empowered to speak for all Southern Baptists, maintained, "I still think the best way would be for the Supreme Court to get honest and say 'you guys are messing up what we said.'

"In 1962 we said you can't prescribe prayer but we didn't say you can't pray in school—then it (the battle over prayer in public schools) would be over and we wouldn't have to go through all this."

There have been different opinions of how limiting the last sentence of the proposed amendment would be. Draper feels it "stipulates nobody—and my interpretation is no teacher, no school board, no principal, no official of the state—paid by public money, would be allowed to prescribe or require a certain type of prayer."

"People could pray out loud but no one could force other people to pray out loud."

The interpretation is shared by Jerry Falwell, president of Moral Majority. However, Robert Grant, chairman of Christian Voice, another major Religious Right organization, said he reads the proposal to say Congress and state legislatures would be prohibited from writing the prayers but local school boards would not.

John Baker, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, an agency partially funded by the SBC, said the "new words contain legal loopholes which could lead to serious inroads into the principle of the separation of church and state."

## State WMU leader sets retirement

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kathryn Jasper Akridge has become the second Kentucky Baptist agency head in as many weeks to publicly announce her impending retirement.

Mrs. Akridge submitted her resignation as executive director of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union to the state WMU executive board in June, effective Dec. 31, 1984. She will be 62 at that time, taking early retirement.

According to Mrs. Doris Mullendore of Bowling Green, Kentucky WMU president, the resignation was accepted "with regret."

C. R. Daley, editor of Western Recorder, officially announced his retirement last week. It is effective June 30, 1984 upon completion of 27 years as editor.

Kathryn Jasper married Louisville retired chemist William Akridge, a widower, only July 10 of last year. In submitting her resignation to the WMU executive board, she expressed a desire to have more time for travel and "some volunteer mission work with my husband."

She went on to say that "the years of service with Kentucky WMU have been "most happy, satisfying and challenging." She said she was "grateful" her retirement would not necessitate "my permanently leaving the state."

"Although I will no longer be on the staff I shall still be an active part of the organization serving every way possible," she added. "Missions education will always be a priority."

Kathryn Jasper began work with Mrs. George Ferguson, her predecessor, Aug. 1, 1970. Mrs. Ferguson, who had been executive secretary of the state WMU since 1949, retired Sept. 30, 1970, when Miss Jasper assumed the post.

A native of Somerset, she holds the BS degree from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and the MRE degree from Carver School of Missions, now a part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Akridge served her college alma mater two years as director of the Baptist Student Union. She later served Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, and the metropolitan area of Jackson, Miss. in similar capacities.

For two years she was youth director at First Baptist Church, Owensboro. From 1961-70 she was director of activities and admissions at Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Tex.

Mrs. John Trisler of Harrodsburg is chairman of the WMU personnel committee.



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C. R. Daley

## daley observations

# The struggle over public classroom prayer goes on

The struggle over prayer in public school classrooms goes on. The latest blow was struck by President Reagan who was frustrated last year when his proposal for a constitutional amendment was rejected. Now he has proposed essentially the same amendment except it has one provision designed to meet the main objection of opponents of last year's proposal.

The chief objection to last year's proposal was it did not prohibit state or local governments from composing the prayers used in public school classrooms. This year's constitutional amendment proposal has an additional sentence which would bar the United States or any state from composing any prayer to be said in public schools.

This modification, however, does not actually solve the problem of school prayer authorship. A teacher could still use a prayer from the Koran or from the Book of Mormon and have pupils recite it, leave the room or put their heads on their desks.

So far Reagan's new proposal does not appear to have much more support than his earlier suggestion. Jerry Falwell and other Religious Right leaders were on hand in Washington to praise the President but church-state separationists were quick to voice opposition to the President's proposal.

In the meantime Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, proposed a constitutional amendment which would allow for a period of silence for public school pupils to pray or meditate if they chose to do so, and also for voluntary student groups wanting to have religious programs to have equal access with other student groups to school property.

The Senate Judiciary Committee apparently didn't want to wrestle with the two proposals and choose between that of President Reagan and his fellow Republican, Sen. Hatch. So the committee sent both proposals to the floor of the Senate without recommending passage of either. Such a maneuver reduces the chances for ap-

proval of either proposal.

Advocates of Bible reading and prayer in public schools have fought for their restoral ever since they were ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The argument has now come down to group prayer as part of the school day as over against private and personal prayer of individual pupils which has never been excluded by the Supreme Court contrary to the claim of some critics of the decision.

It would be a relief to many of us who have agonized over this issue for years to find a way to let public school pupils so inclined pray together as well as privately without official sponsorship by teachers or other school officials.

Sponsored or prescribed prayer is definitely contrary to the United States Constitution and contrary to basic church-state principles. Voluntary prayer is appropriate anytime anywhere.

The period of silence for prayer or meditation proposed by Sen. Hatch may be the long awaited answer.

# The Kentucky Coalition for Literacy offers hope

Educational opportunities are so much a part of contemporary American life that we tend to forget multitudes in the world and many in our own land are confined to a non-reading prison. One of every four adults in the United States is unable to read at a functional level. This includes 400,000 Kentuckians who cannot read much more than their names.

Most prison inmates are illiterate and 27 percent of Army enlistees cannot read basic training manuals which are written at a seventh grade level.

Some efforts have been made in Kentucky through the years to teach illiterates how to read well enough to make a new world for themselves

but not nearly enough is being done now. For this reason we commend the present efforts to establish a Kentucky Coalition for Literacy whose purpose is to encourage and coordinate all literacy efforts in Kentucky.

This is not a church or denominational related project but it deserves full support of churches and denominations. It is a state project in which the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives and the Kentucky Department of Public Education have leading roles.

Lillian Nunnally, literacy coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, says, "The Kentucky Coalition for Literacy will help local organizations coordinate existing lit-

eracy programs, train adults to teach reading to adults, provide the technical and support services as needed and conduct education programs to make people more aware of the problem."

Such an organization can mean much to many unfortunate illiterate Kentuckians assuming it does not become plagued with the kind of politics too often characterizing government sponsored organizations.

There are thousands of retired Kentuckians who on a voluntary basis could make a ministry out of teaching illiterate adults how to read. And what a ministry! It would be somewhat like restoring sight to the blind.

# Mill Creek encourages member participation

Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff, is an old church in years but is as progressive in attitude and activities as if it were started this year. Mill Creek was constituted when much of Kentucky was still a wilderness and its founders never dreamed it would someday be adjacent to Ft. Knox, one of the largest army bases in the land. That the church has been adaptable enough to minister in every generation effectively in its changing surroundings is a great credit to its members and its pastors.

Today from 70 to 80 percent of Mill Creek's members are related in some way to military or civilian personnel at Ft. Knox. There is a rapid turnover of members due to military transfers but pastor Rick Shannon says among the military related members are many deeply dedicated and highly talented persons. Military life is not very conducive to church life so those who seek out a church home while in the military are among the most faithful of God's servants.

The life and spirit of Mill Creek would be

attractive to any Baptist. This I had learned but saw for myself on a recent Sunday when the Baptist state convention was highlighted by Mill Creek. The Western Recorder editor was guest minister for the morning worship service and Baptist Student Department director Don Blaylock was featured in the evening service following an afternoon picnic.

The morning worship service was unusually effective. It was obviously well planned and as well executed. It featured effective participation by more members than any service I remember.

Joe and Jonny Holloway, a dedicated Mill Creek couple welcomed the worshipers. Bill and Rhonda Rampey, relatively new members, gave moving testimonies. Tony Lamb described blessings he was receiving from the singles ministry and Barbara Walker sang "In the Garden" just before the message.

A big part in the Mill Creek success story today is the staff. Pastor Rick Shannon, reared in

Danville, moved to Mill Creek several years ago following a bivocational ministry teaching school and serving the Bethlehem Baptist Church near Springfield. Earlier he had shepherded Hedgeville, a mission of Lexington Avenue Baptist in Danville, from a struggling mission to a church.

E. V. Carrier is Rick's associate. Carrier retired to this less strenuous ministry after many years of service to Kentucky congregations. He is greatly loved at Mill Creek as he has been everywhere he served.

Mike Raley is music minister and Mike Apple is minister of youth.

Baptist and other churches serving military personnel are a part of the Ft. Knox story seldom told. More heralded are the strip joints and the gyp joints along Highway 31W and the lewd entertainment of Louisville designed by merchants of evil to exploit service men and women.

This is why I wanted to tell the Mill Creek story.

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

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# baptist forum

## For fellowship, not fracture

The Southern Baptists Pastors Conference developed in an era when the pastor was our only ordained clergy. To cope with a new era our religious leadership has developed specialized forms, such as musician, evangelist, educator, chaplain, etc. Likewise, national organizations have developed for the specialized groups. Unfortunately, no integrating fellowship has been developed nationwide.

Perhaps we need to correct this fragmentation. For example, a Ministers Fellowship could meet on Monday afternoon and evening each year just before the Southern Baptist Convention begins on Tuesday morning. The several specialized ministry groups could continue their present meetings on Sunday afternoon, evening and Monday morning. To insure a program appealing to all forms of ordained ministry and integrative of our mutual concerns, the fellowship could be managed by a board of 12 with representation something like this: six pastors, an evangelist, a musician, a chaplain, an educator, a denominational employe, and a retiree. These elders could be elected on three year terms on a rotating basis. Attention would also need to be given to geographical distribution.

Those who consider the pastorate to be the only legitimate form of ministry might oppose such a proposal. Nevertheless, the witness of Southern Baptists is ill served by fragmented leadership. An annual meeting for all ministers on a nationwide basis could do much to unify the leadership of our denomination.

Russell Bennett, Louisville

## Skunked again

Thank you for your editorial about the sniper from within Southern Baptist ranks who feels that "our people" must be enlightened about how mission money is distributed through the Co-operative Program. Certainly the facts have been made plain to those who want to find out the percentages.

Our denomination exists that evangelism, missions and education can get done that any one local congregation cannot do in its own. The leadership in associations, state conventions and nationwide and internationally are to be commended. If anyone wants the cooperative pie to render more to any one institution or agency, how about trying to simply make the pie bigger. The Cooperative Program works miracles yet.

I'm delighted that recently Texas Baptist musicians have helped Brazil celebrate significant milestones in the missionary enterprise. Alabama is presently linking with Nigeria. Our own link with Ohio Baptists has rendered great benefits to all involved. I would love to see Kentucky Baptists adopt a nation that many of our lay persons and staff persons as well could see the personality involved with our uttermost ministries. The New Life Movement between selected churches in Japan and Texas was so wonderfully acclaimed in the early and mid-60s, I'm surprised we haven't tried such experiments before now. Our mission literature does a great job, but there's no substitute for being on the scene.

A few snipers are on the scene, and no doubt will remain. But informing our people of the grand way our resources are taking care of so many needs may cause one's head to swell. Churches and denominations are like Noah and

the ark, lots of animals on the inside, but there's always the flood on the outside. No doubt Noah had a skunk set on the ark.

Bill McGibney, Greenville

## Thanks for the Good Book

The Christian Endowment Foundation has reached the first plateau in the 'Bibles for Uganda' project. To date the Foundation has shipped over 110,000 Bibles and Testaments to missionaries, churches, preachers, teachers, hospitals, prisons, schools and individuals who have requested to have a copy of God's Word.

As you know the missionaries in Uganda prayed for 500,000 English translation Bibles and New Testaments to be used to teach English to the peoples of Uganda. We receive testimonies almost daily from people who have been given a copy of God's Word, telling about the joy of 'owning' a Bible and the many opportunities to witness to others about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Recently, the foundation had a visit from Jim and Linda Rice who are the business managers for the Baptist mission station in Uganda and they told about how, "free Bibles have given them numerous invitations to visit places never available before."

The foundation would appreciate very much if you would say 'thank you' to the many people who have sent Bibles and monetary contributions to enable the foundation to keep the Bibles flowing to the peoples of Uganda.

Please continue to ask your faithful readers to keep sending Bibles to us until every request has been filled.

F. Ray Dorman, Orlando, Fla.

## Let's hear it for Mayfield

It had been 20 years since I was on campus of Mid-Continent Baptist College near Mayfield. When I was there this spring for a three-day workshop, I was pleasantly surprised with the new buildings and campus.

President Lawrence told me the school is working for accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He says the accrediting committee has informed him that a college need not be large in order to offer quality education.

Even though Mid-Continent is not in the Kentucky state budget, Dr. Lawrence was complimentary of the exposure that Western Recorder has given the school and also of the encouraging visits which Dr. Daley has made to the campus.

Located on the western fringe of Kentucky, in a rather isolated area, Mid-Continent also serves some of our ministers in southern Illinois, who live just a few miles from the campus.

Robert J. Hastings, Springfield, Ill.

## Mudder about fodder

Your editorial in the June 22 issue of Western Recorder was an excellent appraisal of the 1983 SBC. I especially appreciated your evaluation of president Draper and his attempt to lead Southern Baptists from "their bondage of controversy."

However, we must not judge him as "one who tried valiantly but failed" simply because Southern Baptists refuse to heed competent leadership. Our Lord also had problems in this area.

There will always be those who mumble about the manner of modera-

tion and yearn for the fodder of fundamentalism.

Richard Reed, Campbellsville

## Wearing an old book out

The Bible is God's written revelation to us. Only by reading and studying the Bible can we know God's will for our lives, and know how to live the Christian life.

We should not be frivolous, arrogant or lazy when it comes to Bible reading and study. We should not neglect our Bibles or allow them to gather dust. We should wear out many Bibles during our lives, and the best way to wear out Bibles is to read and study them daily.

If we fail to read and study the Bible we sin. We are told, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly

dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

As Christians we should not go to the Bible with our own preconceived thoughts and notions. The purpose of Bible study is not to bring the Bible into line with our own thoughts and notions. The purpose of Bible study is to seek and find God's will for our lives.

If we change the Bible to make it fit our own opinions we sin.

Each time we pick up a Bible to read and study we should begin with honest open and receptive hearts. We should be willing to give up our favorite thoughts and notions if necessary and often we will find it necessary. We should approach Bible reading and study with the same attitude that Jesus expressed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Lk. 22:42).

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

## news in brief

### Graves County Baptists file suit over school tax violation claim

The Graves County Baptist Association has filed a class action suit on behalf of the churches in Graves County. The suit seeks relief from a tax levied about two years ago by the Graves County board of education on utility bills for the support of public education. The association claims the tax is a violation of the rights of churches provided in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Section 5 of the state constitution. Named as defendants along with the county school board are the fiscal court of the county and 18 utility companies.

The suit seeks a permanent injunction against levying or collecting the tax. It also asked that the gross receipts tax be declared unconstitutional.

Some confusion has arisen over whether the levy in question is a tax or an increase in utility rates to aid public education. It seems documents dealing with the levy refer to it in some places as a tax and in other places as an increase in rates. The association in its suit claims it is a tax upon churches and thus unlawful.

The issue is not completely new. It arose about a year ago and the board of education asked for an opinion on the matter from the state attorney general. The opinion received stated that religious institutions were not exempt from paying the utility gross receipts license tax for schools.

The action authorizing the suit came from the executive board of the Graves County Baptist Association. The attorney for the association is Tim Langford of Hickman. Attorney fees and other costs in filing the suit are being met by voluntary contributions from churches and individuals.

Spokesman and leader for the churches in the struggle is Monte Hodges, pastor of the Baltimore Baptist Church in Graves County. Hodges was chosen as chairman of a committee chosen to work with the attorney in resisting the tax imposition.

### Panel disclaims letter by its new chairman

Twelve of the 15 members of the Southern Baptist Convention's public affairs

committee have publicly disclaimed a letter from the newly-elected chairman of the group, Samuel T. Currin of Raleigh, N. C., which supports President Reagan's proposed school prayer amendment.

On June 27 Currin wrote a letter to U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in which the former aide to U. S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N. C., identified himself as chairman of the committee, the SBC's standing committee which relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Currin, currently U. S. district attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina, cited a 1982 resolution supporting the Reagan prayer amendment as clear evidence "that Baptists favor a restoration of voluntary prayer to the public schools."

His letter noted that "as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Public Affairs Committee, I am pleased to submit for the record a copy of a resolution supporting President Reagan's proposed constitutional amendment. . . ."

Four days after Currin's letter was made public 12 members of the committee wrote a letter to Thurmond which disclaimed the Currin letter. The letter was drafted by Russell H. Dilday Jr., president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and immediate past chairman of the Public Affairs Committee.

The letter pointed out Currin "was recently elected" and says: "He does not speak for the committee."

Those signing the letter include Dilday, Harold C. Bennett, Executive Committee; and agency executives R. Keith Parks, FMB; William G. Tanner, HMB; Foy Valentine, CLC; Grady C. Cothen, BSSB; Carolyn Weatherford, WMU; Jimmy R. Allen, Radio and Television Commission, and James H. Smith, Brotherhood.

At-large members signing the document are R. G. Puckett, editor of the Biblical Recorder, newsjournal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Donald R. Brewer, an attorney from Chicago, Ill.; and Donald P. Aiesi, a professor at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

# Child's play starts base for churches in Chilean city

by Bill Webb

Starting churches is child's play for Carol Henson.

Entering a Santiago, Chile, neighborhood, the Southern Baptist missionary arms herself with games, not tracts. Instead of knocking on doors to invite adults to Bible study or worship, she cruises parks and playgrounds in her mission station wagon, on the lookout for children.

Her strategy is to observe long enough to identify the meanest boy in the group, the one causing all the problems. "Everyone knows him and he knows everybody," she explains. "You make a friend of him and get him to go visiting with you. Once that child is with you, you've got an open door to invite other children."

Miss Henson is confident beginning with children is the most effective way to start a church from scratch. Adult work is phase two.

For six weeks, the Ooltewah, Tenn., native gathers the children for games and creative Bible classes—enough time for the group to stabilize. Then she contacts their parents; by this time she knows the children come to her classes with their parents' approval.

She knocks at each door and introduces herself as the children's Bible teacher—simple introduction, no invitation. The second time she knocks, she usually is asked inside. Then she invites parents to an adult Bible study.

"If you are a friend of the child, you've got a wide open door to any home," she maintains. "I would say 90 percent of the time the adults you reach are the parents of children who are coming."

Miss Henson doesn't view the children as pawns to reach adults. When a nucleus of adults is identified, other missionaries or members of another church usually help with them. She continues with the children. "My teaching is basically to see the children saved," she explained. "But I do not give invitations to children in groups as a general rule.

"For example, I've had these children about a year and a half now and Sunday we had gone through a unit where I had explained salvation. I felt some might really be interested. I invited those who had questions about it to come talk with me in the room afterwards. Out of 50 children—ages 11 through 14—seven came.

"They were all interested but none really made a profession of faith. I want them to do it when they're ready, but I want it to be genuine. I'm not one who comes out and says, 'Well, I had 50 children and 49 professions of faith today.'"

Currently she works with missionaries Jim and Fern Bitner at Santa Carolina Baptist Mission. In this case they began with an adult Bible study and later invited Miss Henson to join them to help with children's work, Sunday school and WMU.

On a warm afternoon at the house where the mission meets, she unloads

her portable playground and classroom from her car—boxes of toys and teaching materials and a set of colorful, stacked chairs she built herself. The children take turns playing games. She greets them, then takes her turn at table-top tennis. Everyone gathers around. She plays to win but loses this time.

Miss Henson doesn't underestimate the value of playing time. "It ties the group together," she explains, "and it gives them a chance to put into practice Christian principles we're teaching in the class."

The shift to Bible class is subtle as youngsters take their seats in a semi-circle. Instead of a Bible, Miss Henson uses Bible games, most of them created in her spare time. The children, bright-eyed, sit at the edge of their seats, anxious to toss a bean bag on a playing board and answer the Bible questions there. A few games later, everyone gets a candy reward from the teacher.

When everything is neatly packed in the car, she admits what has been obvious: She had as much fun as the children, even though she has repeated this routine hundreds of times with thousands of children during the past 15 years. Starting work this way is her first love.

Her primary role in Chile now is national vacation Bible school director. She coordinates training for workers and produces materials for 25,000 participants a year. For her first 10 years in Chile, she was dean of women and Christian education instructor at Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago. Before assuming her current role, she worked a four-year missionary term doing nothing but starting work.

That experience taught her something. She and a Chilean girl worked with 25 groups of children in 11 areas each week. Unfortunately, not all those groups had sponsoring churches or individuals committed to establishing churches.

The effort is never wasted, she says, "because you've invested in the lives of these children." But she tries to begin work where a church will take responsibility for follow-up.

As a mission nears organization into a church, Miss Henson begins to pray for a new neighborhood and a new group of kids with a mean little boy who can help her do it again.

(Adapted from the May 1983 issue of The Commission, magazine of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board)

**Bright-eyed Monserrat Augilera, wearing a typical Chilean school uniform, gets a hug from Southern Baptist missionary Carol Henson. Miss Henson works with Monserratt and other children at Santa Carolina Baptist Mission in Santiago, Chile. The missionary is single, but in 21 years in Chile she has worked with thousands of youngsters she likes to call "my children."**



# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

O. G. Lawless has announced his retirement as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, with Oct. 1 marking the end of an 11½-year pastorate.

Born in Russell County, Lawless has served 56 consecutive years in pastorates in Kentucky and Tennessee and state and associational missionary positions.

Lawless went to Bowling Green in 1966 as superintendent of missions for Warren Association. He served six years before assuming the Calvary pastorate. Prior to that he pastored Tennessee churches at Byrdstown, Selmer and Knoxville, and First Baptist Church, Albany, and First Baptist Church, Ludlow, both in Kentucky.

He was regional missionary in Tennessee and a general missionary in Kentucky.

He has been a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board and is currently on Western Recorder's board of directors.

He is married to the former Pearlene Watson of Bemis, Tenn. They have three sons.

Paul M. Welch became pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, July 25. He will preach his first sermon Sunday, July 31.

Welch comes to Owensboro from a six year pastorate at Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green. He is former pastor at Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Murray, and New Brandenburg Baptist Church, Brandenburg, and former associate pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a member of the executive board of Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A native of Greensboro, N. C., Welch holds the BA degree from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. He earned the MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He is married to the former Kathryn Alden McLean of Asheville, N. C. They have three sons, Michael, 7, and Andrew and Matthew, both 5.

Chris Sanders, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is working in Appleton, Wis., this summer as volunteer organizer for Bread for the World, a national Christian citizen anti-hunger movement.

He is one of 17 organizers across the country working with groups to work for public policies which address the cause of world hunger.

Sanders is the son of John and Marilyn Sanders, Owensboro. He is a member of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Lee Warf has been called as minister of youth and education at Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

A native of Kentucky, Warf is a graduate of Georgetown College. He holds the MRE degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

He is married to the former Debbie Buchanan of Cecilia. She is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College.

Steve Hadden is pastor at Burgin Baptist Church.

Charles Michael Fuhman will become pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Aug. 7.

Fuhrman, of Waddy, is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. He holds the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theo-



Lawless



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logical Seminary. His wife, Brenda, holds the MRESW degree from Southern Seminary. They have a two-year-old daughter, Megan.

Fuhrman has pastored churches in Indiana and Missouri. Garlon Sills has been interim pastor at the church the past 10 months.

Max Hetzel, a former pastor at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Nelson Association, has resigned as pastor of Nilwood (Ill.) Baptist Church.

He, his wife Carol and son Asheley, will move Aug. 11 to Carmi, Ill. as child care workers at the state Baptist children's home.

Garry S. Miller began June 19 as pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Madisonville.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. with the MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Miller is former interim pastor at Airline Baptist Church, Henderson. He is married to the former Janet Leslie, of Jackson, Tenn. They have two sons, Jason, 8, and Jeffrey, 3.

Don Hutchison, a 1983 graduate of Boyce Bible School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, began as pastor of Pikeview Baptist Church, Freedom Association, July 1.

Hutchison is formerly of Frazer.

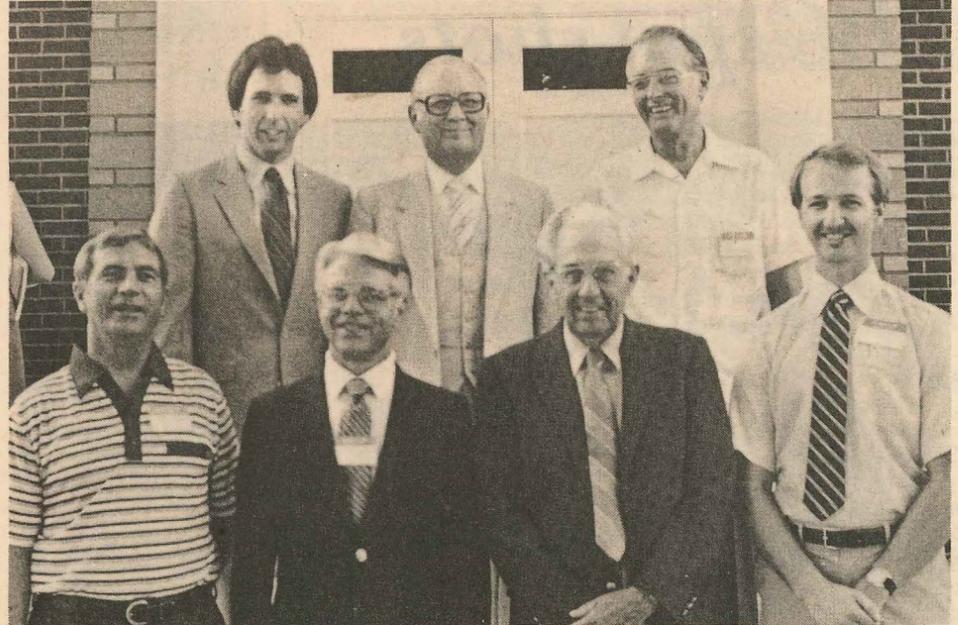
Bill Pearce resigned as pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Christian County Association, to accept the pastorate at Midway Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, effective Aug. 1.

David Elliott, pastor at Salem Baptist Church, Christian County Association, has retired.

He has pastored at Salem since 1978. Prior to that he held an 11-year pastorate at Blue Spring Baptist Church, Little River Association.



The board of directors of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention recently toured the Pacific Northwest to observe mission work in that part of the country. Standing in front of First Baptist Church, Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Ore., are [l-r] Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Winchester, Whitley City, Ky.; Cecil Sims, executive director-treasurer, Northwest Baptist Convention, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McSwain, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.



Hiseville Baptist Church, Liberty Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary July 2-3. Seven former pastors attended, including [front, l-r]: Otis Nelson, 1959-60; Roy C. McClung, 1945-47; Joseph Stiles, 1939-42; Ed Talley, current; [back] Tim Owings, 1977-80; Rex Whidden, 1947-50, and Don Everson, 1952-59.

Charles Nail has resigned as pastor of Kelly Baptist Church, Christian County Association.

Gary Ingle, minister of music at De-Haven Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sulphur Fork Association, has resigned to take a teaching position at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.

Al Claybrooks has resigned as pastor of Covington Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to accept the pastorate of Beacon Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Ind.

Shane Nickell has resigned a five-year pastorate at Providence Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mark Hall has been named youth minister at New Castle First Baptist Church, Henry County Association.

## congregations

Yelvington Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, celebrated its 170th anniversary June 26.

Members went to church in pioneer dress and shared a picnic lunch together as part of the celebration. They decorated the 30-year-old building, the

congregation's third, with antiques for the observance.

Former pastor Truman Johnson brought a message in an afternoon service and Wendell H. Rone gave a history of the church in the morning service.

The church, located on highway 662 in Yelvington, was constituted June 30, 1813 with 11 members as Panther Creek Baptist Church. The name was changed to Rock Spring Baptist Church in 1817 and to Yelvington in 1860. It is the oldest Baptist church in Daviess County and the second oldest in the association. (Buck Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Calhoun, was organized in 1812.)

The church building was destroyed once by a storm in 1911 and a second time by fire in 1952.

Larry Birkhead is pastor at Yelvington.

Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, honored Hoge Hockensmith for 10 years as pastor July 10.

The congregation awarded a commemorative plaque and letter of appreciation to pastor Hockensmith during the morning worship hour and held a testimony service and fellowship in the evening.

Hockensmith went to Broadway in 1973 from West Side Baptist Church, Hamilton, Oh. He has baptized 242 at Broadway and has led the church to increase its membership to 830. He has worked in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board on assignments to Africa, the Philippines and Antigua.

## associations

Pulaski County Association honored director of missions David Aker and wife Wanda with a reception May 19.

"David and Wanda Aker Day" included a citation by the Somerset chamber of commerce making them citizens of the week, presentation of household gifts and \$2000 cash.

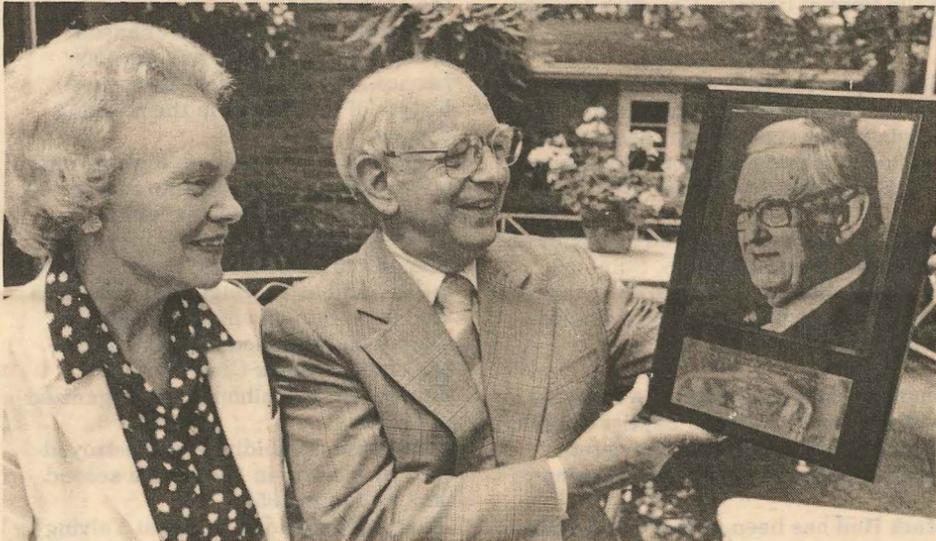
## revivals

LaGrange Heights Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, reported four professions of faith following a recent revival.

# SBC spot shots



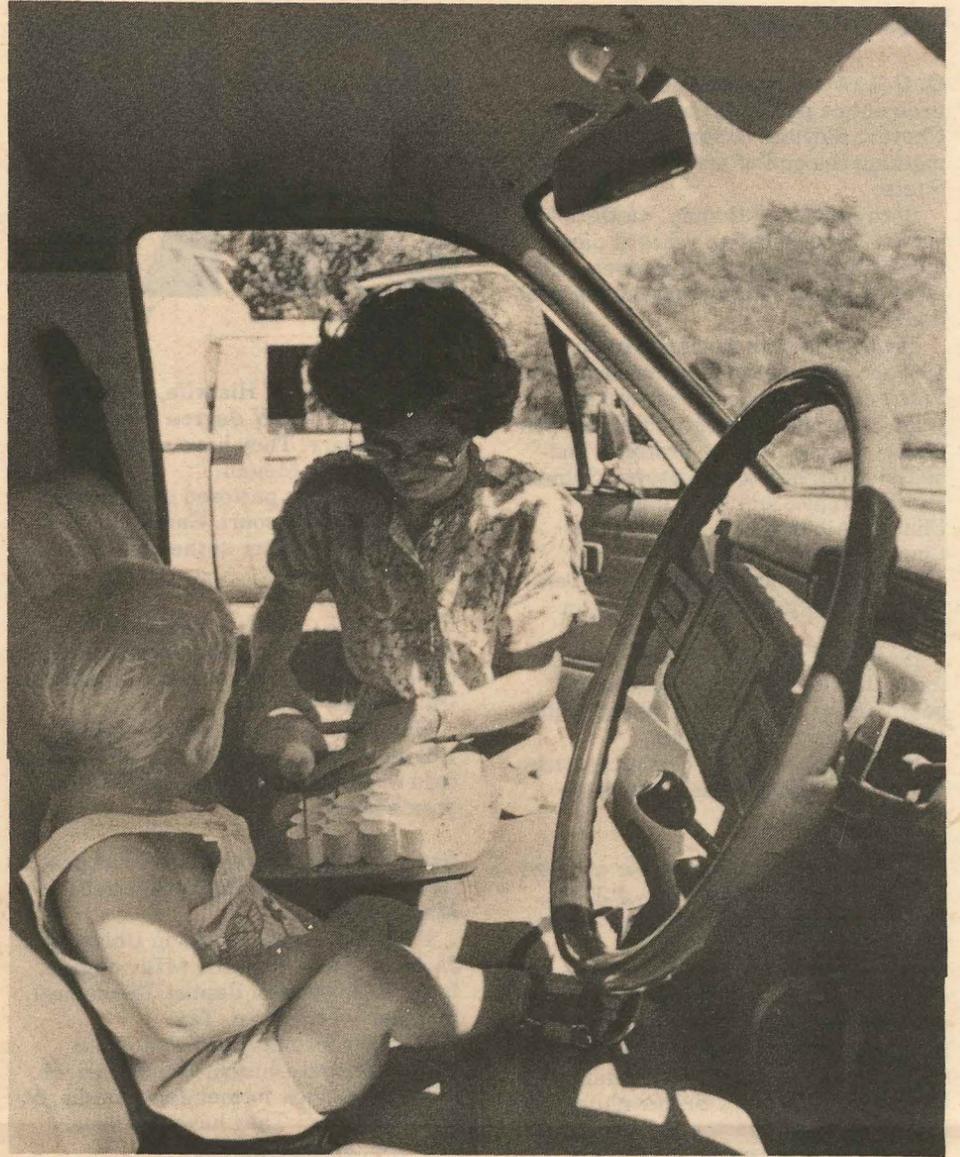
National WMU leaders [l-r]: Marti Solomon, Acteens consultant; Dorothy Sample, national president; and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, sign cards to pledge their prayer support for the 1984 national Acteens convention, July 18-21, 1984 at Ft. Worth, Tex.



Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and wife Mary Louise examine the Brooks Hays Christian Citizenship Award presented to Valentine by Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. The annual award honors Hays, a former congressman, Southern Baptist Convention president and long time member of the Arkansas congregation.



Henry and Imelda Cabalang direct a ministry strategically located in the midst of 300,000 college students in Manila, Philippines. As pastor of University Baptist Church, Cabalang oversees work at the main student center and 20 mission points.



For Southern Baptist missionary Becky Baer, flexibility means preparing the Lord's Supper in the front seat of a four wheel drive pickup on the river bank after a baptismal service near Maun, Botswana. It also means using a laboratory bottle for pouring grape soda and using plastic pill cups to hold the soda, because nothing else is available that far in the bush. Joshua Baer watches while his mom pours.



Donald Allured, a handbell clinician from Birmingham, Ala., directed 1300 ringers during a three day festival preceding the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. Ninety choirs from 18 states brought approximately 7000 bells to what was billed the

largest gathering of handbell ringers. Allured led the choirs in six hours of rehearsal in preparation for a Sunday morning PraiseRing. The event was held in conjunction with the 1983-84 church music emphasis, "Reaching People Through Instrumental Music."

# christian education

## Three Kentuckians graduate Southwestern

Three persons with Kentucky ties were among 167 persons to receive degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., July 15.

Jewell Edward Hail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell E. Hail, Bronston, received the master of divinity degree.

Leslie Gayle Langley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Langley Jr., Elizabethtown, received the master of religious education degree.

Lee Olus B. Warf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bronston Warf, Elizabethtown, received the master of religious education degree.

Southwestern, the largest of six Southern Baptist seminaries, enrolled 4865 students last year.

## Kentucky appointments number sixty-two

Sixty-two students from Kentucky colleges, universities and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have been assigned summer missionary positions by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Students, by school, and their assignments are:

Berea College Ernest J. Kidd, South Carolina

Campbellsville College Alice L. Biskey, New Mexico; Laura L. Davis, Ohio; Geneva C. Johnson, Ohio; Jeffrey C. Mees, North Carolina; Jeffrey A. Smith, Indiana; Tracy L. Sturgeon, Alabama

Cumberland College Beth A. Arthur, Iowa; Thomas A. Baker, Missouri; Joyce A. Blevins, South Carolina; Dorena Burns, Mississippi; Kathrene R. Carter, Northwest Baptist Convention; Ginny L. Day, Northwest Baptist Convention; Deborah A. Dills, Northern Plains Baptist Convention; Teresa H. Gilbert, Ohio; Oliver C. Hawkins, Virginia; Lisa L. Hill, Missouri; Mary E. Jennings, Georgia; Linda M. Jones, New York; Tina M. Larabee, Missouri; Cynthia A. Letuli, Iowa; James M. Lockwood, South Carolina; Alice J. Lusby; Melissa G. Mullins, Pennsylvania-South Jersey; Katherine R. Rowland, Alabama; Steven C. Silver, Michigan; Lynnelle A. Spear, Missouri; Johnna L. Wilson, South Carolina; Michelle R. Winhold, North Carolina

Eastern Kentucky University Janet M. Long, New England; Mary K. Skirvin, Missouri



Hail



Miss Langley



Warf

Georgetown College Kimberly K. Bonta, Iowa; Kevin W. Borders, Arizona; Kevin S. Carter, Florida; Janice L. Games, New York; Conda D. Hitch, New York; Laura M. Martin, Northwest Baptist Convention; Alisa R. Morgan, New York; Darrell E. Morrison, Kansas-Nebraska; Gregory W. Norman, Texas; Connie J. Pankratz, Georgia; Joel D. Strouth, Colorado; Becky J. Yandell, West Virginia

Kentucky Wesleyan College Elizabeth D. Smith, Michigan

Morehead State University Neal A. Gordon, Northern Plains; Paul D. King, Pennsylvania-South Jersey

Murray State University Carol A. Beaman, Northern Plains; Anna K. Floyd, Iowa; Donna B. Helton, Washington, D. C.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Deborah K. Belew, Virginia; Bonnie R. Cupp, Minnesota-Wisconsin; Angela M. Davis, Tennessee; Mark A. Kratz, Kentucky; Clyde S. Miller, New England; Aurelia M. Savage

Western Kentucky University Karen L. Fidler, California; Tony L. Helm, Ohio; George D. Marshall, Georgia; Kimberly G. Patterson, Georgia; Barry E. Yates

Northern Kentucky University Karen J. Baugh, Georgia

In addition, the Home Mission Board is furnishing insurance only for Richard and Lynita Brown, Clear Creek Baptist School, for work in Kentucky. The board also provides some support for BSU summer missionaries appointed by state BSU officers to serve in their home state. A number of missionaries appointed and paid by the state BSU office also serve in Kentucky, other states and overseas this summer.

## Georgetown to host youth choir day

Georgetown College will host its fifth annual Youth Choir Day Saturday, Sept. 17, according to Steve Cook, the school's director of church relations.

Members of church youth choirs are being invited to the annual autumn campus event from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Tennessee.

The event has grown into one of Georgetown's major fall attractions. Nearly 1100 young singers, adult chaperones and choir directors participated in the event last year.

The upcoming mini concert by the 1000-voice combined choirs will be sung at halftime during the first football

game of the 1983 season between Georgetown College's Tigers and the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers.

## Cumberland names athletics director

Randall L. Vernon, head men's basketball coach at Cumberland College since 1979, has been appointed the school's athletic director.

Vernon replaces John Renfro who retired from that position after many years. Renfro will continue to serve as chairman of the Cumberland College health department.

Vernon has been highly successful in his four years at Cumberland College. His four year record is 99-42 (.702 winning percentage) and three times his teams have participated in the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City.

From 1977-79 Vernon was assistant basketball coach at Oral Roberts University. Prior to that he was a graduate assistant in health and physical education at Austin Peay State University, physical director of the Athens, Tenn. YMCA and taught physical education at Niota (Tenn.) Elementary School.

Vernon is a graduate of Breckinridge County High School in Harned, Ky. He earned the BS degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn., and the MA degree from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

While at Tennessee Wesleyan, he was a member of the basketball team four years, being cocaptain for two years. He was a member of the golf team and was honored by being selected for the Dean's List and to the Association of Outstanding Athletes in America.

He and his wife Lindsey have two children, Mark, 3, and Brent, 1. The family resides in Williamsburg.

## Cumberland, Eastern offer nursing degree

Cumberland College has entered into a consortium agreement with Eastern Kentucky University to provide a four year BS degree in nursing.

The "2 + 2" program will consist of two years of pre-nursing curriculum at Cumberland College, with the final two years of professional nursing education being taken at Eastern Kentucky Uni-

versity.

The new program replaces the old Cumberland College associate degree nursing program which was phased out in May of this year.

Already, more students are enrolled in the new four year program than were graduated in the last class of the ADN program. Enrollment in the program will continue through September, the last day to enter a class for the fall semester.

According to Joe Early, academic dean, upon satisfactory completion of the two year pre-nursing program, Cumberland College students will have full and equal rights with students already enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University who want to enter the BSN program. What this means is that the Cumberland College students will have their names placed in the computer along with the names of students from Eastern Kentucky University. Those students most qualified, whether from Cumberland College or Eastern Kentucky University, will be admitted to the program.

Early stressed that Cumberland College will continue its open admissions policy; but, upon completion of the first two years, students must meet all entrance requirements of Eastern Kentucky University.

The two year curriculum at Cumberland College will consist of such classes as chemistry, English, math, psychology, anatomy and physiology, sociology, microbiology and other related science and behavioral courses.

## Committee to visit Mid-Continent campus

The executive council of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has authorized a candidate committee visit to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, according to an announcement made June 20 by the school's president, Raymond Lawrence. The visit is scheduled for Sept. 6-9.

Mid-Continent is a four year college located on a new campus between Paducah and Mayfield, Ky. The college is owned and operated by 13 Southern Baptist associations in west Kentucky, southern Illinois and northwest Tennessee.

## Famed pianist to be artist-in-residence

Betty Jean Chatham, concert pianist from Shelbyville, has been named artist in residence at Georgetown College.

"The widely traveled artist has performed on almost every continent during her exciting career and Georgetown is proud that she is one of our alumni. We are very pleased that she is going to bring to our campus her vivacious style," said Joe Lewis, vice president for academic affairs.

In addition to her artistry at the keyboard, she is well known in church music circles as an arranger.

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# baptist news in brief

## Full Senate to consider two prayer amendments

Without recommending passage of either, the Senate Judiciary Committee has voted to send two proposed constitutional amendments on school prayer to the floor for consideration by the full Senate.

The 14-3 action avoided endorsing either President Reagan's proposal to allow vocal prayer in public schools or a silent prayer and meditation version sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. It also left some proponents doubtful either measure can attract the two-thirds approval required for a constitutional amendment.

"The chances of either passing now are diminished," Hatch said afterwards, adding he would have preferred the committee to report out one amendment favorably rather than have two competing versions go to the floor without recommendation.

As originally proposed, the Reagan amendment would have permitted state-written oral prayer in public schools but the committee agreed to a White House approved modification designed to deal with government authorship of school prayers before sending it to the floor.

The one-sentence addition would bar the United States or any state from composing "the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."

There is a chance one or the other will pass the Senate, Hatch added, but called the chances "more remote."

## Conflicts common to many in SBC

Forced termination of Southern Baptist pastors is only one part of a thorny, multi-faceted issue which threatens the very existence of some churches and the spiritual and emotional health of many persons involved.

The firing of a pastor or staff member is often a manifestation of a church embroiled in conflict, according to Brooks Faulkner, supervisor of the career guidance section in the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department. Also, termination has an impact on family members who may be torn between anger and grief.

There are other dimensions: staff members called under one pastor whose resignations are requested by a new pastor; church members who feel victimized by a pastor who (to them) has been lazy, irresponsible or even dishonest, and ministers and families who need counseling to deal with spiritual and emotional pain as well as food and a roof over their heads.

That the problems are real and immediate was evidenced by the response to Baptist Press articles earlier this year about a conference for terminated ministers. Some wrote to offer help and others to simply share personal feelings and experiences.

The wife of a staff member whose pastor is pressuring him to move, wrote, "I don't know what the solution is, but I feel sometimes like we are looked upon as second-class citizens. God's call upon our lives is just as important, just as serious, just as dedicated. I keep reminding myself that the Lord is in control, but it still hurts to kneel with your husband and see him weep because his heart is broken. We have a teenager who also is hurting."

Billy H. Willard of Randleman, N. C., wrote to Baptist Recorder to propose the establishment of a trust fund for unemployed pastors. "Recognizing

occasionally changes are indicated in the best interest of the pastor, the church or both, we suggest such changes should not be deemed sufficient reason for the denial of benefits," Willard said.

The wife of a terminated pastor wrote, "I only wish I could tell you what it is really like. Everywhere we go it is awkward. Some people really do not know what to say. Some avoid us like we were ill. Some pretend it never happened. There are a few of those who have come stronger into our friendship than before."

A layman, Tom Brown of Murfreesboro, Tenn., wrote to Baptist and Reflector to offer a ministry of prayer for terminated ministers. "To any pastor who asks, I promise to pray for him. I don't need to know why, the Lord knows that, just that the prayer is needed," he said.

Messengers to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution on forced termination which urged associations, state conventions and the Baptist Sunday School Board "to continue positive corrective measures related to this sensitive problem through the provision of preventive and redemptive support services to ministers and churches."

## Baptists scope ministry for 1984 World's Fair

Baptists will set up off-site ministry programs and cooperate with the New Orleans Federation of Churches during the 1984 New Orleans World's Fair which opens May 1.

Jim Knox, recently employed as director of Baptist Exposition Ministries, said church choir groups and other witnessing programs (such as puppets) will function within the general traffic flow of fair visitors in the Vieux Carre (French Quarter) of the city.

At the fair site Baptists will be part of the Federation of Churches program. "The Federation has been given responsibility for coordinating all religious activities on the fair grounds during the six months the fair is operational," Knox said.

The high cost of building and operating a pavilion precluded Baptists from entering the same type of program in New Orleans as the SBC had at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn.

Off-site activities will include witnessing programs and community services at recreational vehicle camp sites in and around New Orleans.

## Book stores to close for inventory July 29

The Louisville and Owensboro Baptist Book Stores will be closed Friday, July 29 for inventory.

The Baptist Book Store at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be open as usual.

## Brazilian floods leave 250,000 homeless

South Brazil's worst floods in a century inundated the home of Southern Baptist missionaries John and Jean Poe in Blumenau, Brazil.

The Poes, from Durham, N. C., and Knoxville, Tenn., were meeting with other missionaries in the state of Sao Paulo when the flooding began July 8. Missionary Sandy Simmons, from Hillsboro, Tex., also lives in Blumenau and was with the Poes. Her second-floor residence may have been damaged,

too.

Blumenau is one of the hardest hit of the nearly 100 cities declared disaster areas in the three southern states of Santa Catarina, Parana and Rio Grande do Sul. The Brazilian newspaper Jornal do Brasil reported July 10 at least 20 people had been killed and 130,000 left homeless by the rain-swollen flooding.

## Hospital offering help for hearts

Baptist Hospital East in Louisville is offering a "helpful hints for your heart" course, Monday, Aug. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the hospital chapel. The course will provide information on personal risk of heart disease and will outline ways to lower identified risk factors. The fee is \$5 and preregistration is required.

More information can be obtained by writing Nita Dean, Public Relations Associate, Louisville Baptist Hospitals, 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204, or by calling (502) 897-8106.

## Liberty conference program outlined

The 1983 Religious Liberty Conference, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, is scheduled Oct. 3-4 in Washington, D. C. The 1983 conference theme will focus on "Affirming Baptist Identity."

Program personalities already committed for the conference include Harvey Cox, Harvard theologian; William R. Estep, church historian, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Bill Moyers, CBS television news analyst and producer; his wife, Judith Moyers, an educational specialist; and Foy Valentine, ethicist and Southern Baptist executive.

For registration information, write the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Jeanette Holt, Registrar, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

## Faculties named for three state SS assemblies

The state Sunday School Department has announced faculty members for three upcoming Sunday school week-ends at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies.

Conferences, based on new "Understanding" series of books released by the Baptist Sunday School Board, are scheduled as follows:

Cedarmore, Aug. 19-20; Jonathan Creek, Aug. 27; and Cedarmore, for small Sunday schools only, Sept. 3.

Reservations are to be made directly with the assemblies.

The Cedarmore faculty Aug. 19-20 includes:

C. Winfield Rich, Nashville, general officers; Wilbur C. Lamm, BSSB, senior adults; Jim Walter, BSSB, median adults; Ken Kephart, Jackson, Oh., young adults; Robert Worden, Paducah, single adults; Michael Fink, BSSB, older youth; Scott Kilgore, Ashland, younger youth; James H. Cox, Middletown, older children; Cosette Baker, BSSB, younger children; Sibyl Waldrop, BSSB, older preschool; Glenda Whartenby, Louisville, younger preschool; Fred Halbrooks, Middletown, pastors; and Wallace Miller and Jack Palmer, Middletown, associational leaders.

At Jonathan Creek Aug. 27, these will serve:

C. Winfield Rich, Nashville, general

## WR directors respond to Daley announcement

With unavoidable regret, the directors of Western Recorder have received notice of Dr. C. R. Daley's retirement. The departure of a trusted leader is never an easy or welcomed event. Yet they believe the timing of his retirement to be shrouded in the same sense of rightness as was his call to become editor of Western Recorder nearly 27 years ago.

"Words are inadequate tools to build adequate structures of gratitude, but they do convey something of the appreciation of the directors of Western Recorder for the dedicated ministry of our editor," says one director.

Through the years Dr. Daley has exercised the freedom, independence and responsibility expected of the editor. His writings have not always pleased the brethren. Words of a prophet rarely do. Dr. Daley has never claimed "editorial infallibility," yet his honesty, integrity and fearless faithfulness to write with mature Christian insight and conviction have contributed to his becoming the "dean of Southern Baptist editors."

Next June 30 Dr. Daley will complete 27 years as editor of Western Recorder. Only eternity will reveal his contribution to the kingdom of God and especially to Kentucky Baptists. The directors of the state's paper join Kentucky Baptists in praying that these remaining months of his editorship may be the best and most rewarding ever experienced.

officers; James Whaley, Middletown, senior adults; Jim Walter, BSSB, median adults; Rod Thorpe, Dayton, Oh., young adults; Diane Insko, Dayton, Oh., single adults; Sheila James, Burlington, older youth; Louise Scott, BSSB, younger youth; James H. Cox, Middletown, older children; Mary Cochran, Rosiclaire, Ill., younger children; Larry Insko, Dayton, Oh., older preschool; Sharon Zachary, Louisville, younger preschool; Fred Halbrooks, Middletown, pastors; and Wallace Miller and Jack Palmer, Middletown, associational leaders.

For the Cedarmore small Sunday school conference Sept. 3, leaders will be:

Daryl Heath, BSSB, pastors and general officers; Jim Walter, BSSB, adults; Ed Neeley, Knoxville, Tenn., youth; Lou Heath, Nashville, children; Hazel Halbrooks, Middletown, preschool; and Wallace Miller and Jack Palmer, Middletown, associational leaders.

## Missionaries to Jordan denied residence permits

Jordan has again denied residence permits for missionary pharmacist Gary Tapp and his wife, Judy, dashing their hopes for a second term of service.

Graydon Hardister, mission business manager, said he believes the permits were probably denied because Jordan is "overrun at this time by pharmacists." He was involved with all interviews related to the applications until he left Jordan to begin furlough in mid-June.

Tapp was supposed to work as supervisor of the central stores and warehouse at Baptist Hospital at Ajloun.



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

# sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 31, 1983

## Life and Work Series FINISHING A LIFEWORK

**Exodus 2:11-12** After reaching maturity Moses visited the Hebrews while they were at work, in the hope he might ameliorate the condition of the slaves. Moses was sorely grieved to see his afflicted people ground down by their labors. When he observed an Egyptian overseer beating a Hebrew workman unmercifully, Moses' anger was aroused. After looking in different directions and seeing nobody was near Moses slew the taskmaster and rescued the Hebrew from death. Moses hastily buried the Egyptian in the sand and returned to the palace thinking his rash act would never be known, but what he had done was a clear violation of the sixth commandment. Of course, the man whom Moses had rescued soon reported what had taken place.

**Exodus 3:10-12** From God Moses received the urgent commission: "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh," whereupon he replied: "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" When God's call is clear, as was true in this case, the voice of self-depreciation is not to be heeded. Since the time had arrived for the Israelites to be delivered from bondage, it was imperative that Moses go at once to perform his God-assigned task. Possibly the objections which Moses offered were prompted by a sense of his per-

sonal weakness, but he discovered what we need to learn, namely, that God never calls a person to a task without supplying adequate strength for its accomplishment. What God commands us to do, he always enables us to achieve.

**Exodus 19:7-8** After God declared his ownership of all the earth, revealed that he had chosen the Israelites for a specific ministry, and made it known that he expected them to respond with a cheerful and ready obedience, Moses descended the mountain and conveyed God's message to the elders and they in turn to the people. Cheerfully, readily, hastily and wholeheartedly the people pledged themselves to do what God through Moses had commanded them.

**Deuteronomy 34:1, 5** The Israelites had been fortunate in having Moses' capable and wise leadership during the difficult years of their bitter experiences in the wilderness. To the best of his ability Moses had organized, motivated and led them in overcoming two hostile kingdoms. Now that he had led them in a remarkable manner and they had reached the border of the Promised Land, the aged Moses was ready and willing to step aside and allow his successor, Joshua, to assume the tremendous responsibilities of leading the people.

## International Series JOASH: A KING LED ASTRAY

**2 Chronicles 24:1-3** Determined that Joash would occupy the throne, Jehoida

gathered captains of the army, priests, Levites and the chief of the fathers of Israel in the courts of the house of God. Into their presence he brought the boy, Joash, and they proclaimed him as their king.

**2 Chronicles 24:4-7** Jehoida carefully instructed Joash in the religion of Jehovah in the hope that when he came to maturity and to his rightful place of authority and influence he would follow the true faith.

During the interval that Joash was hidden in the very expensive and once beautiful temple to protect him from being slain, he was impressed with its poor state of repair. Its dilapidated condition indicated that it had been subjected deliberately to profanation and spoilation. It was a source of regret to Joash that the condition of the temple had been woefully neglected. Now that

he was in authority, Joash resolved that the temple was going to be repaired as soon as possible. He promptly sought to raise the necessary funds to pay for this worthy project.

**2 Chronicles 24:17-20** When the repairs were completed and the temple again became a clean and beautiful place for worship services, all considered it a remarkable achievement. The king and the people rejoiced greatly over it.

After the death of Jehoida at an age of well over 100 years, he was honored by being buried in Jerusalem among the kings, an honor of which some kings were deprived. Soon thereafter the princes came "and made obeisance to the king," not to honor him especially but primarily to ask for permission to worship idols. Unfortunately Joash "hearkened unto them."



## on mission together

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### A HOLY 'NO THANK YOU'

Not long ago, an executive board member wrote a formal letter to this office, resigning several responsibilities in conjunction with his work on the executive board. He had reached a point of what is typically known as "overload" and it was necessary for him to off-load to achieve what he had determined to be the acceptable balance in his life. Simply put, he came to the familiar place where the reordering of his priorities was essential for survival!

Although I regretted his not being available to the executive board as a result of this action, I was able to extend a strong affirmation of his decision. He was dealing positively with a crisis.

Each of us has done the same thing on occasion. Recently, I canceled an engagement which earlier had seemed acceptable. However, new responsibilities, which in my judgment, had greater demand, made it necessary for me to cancel it. To have kept it would have turned a manageable week into an adrenalin bath! Fortunately, it was within plenty of time for a replacement.

I can remember an earlier year when my oldest daughter accompanied me to the corner on my way to work. On one occasion I had been traveling far "too much" in fulfilling my assignment with

the Foreign Mission Board and was feeling some of the guilt that fathers feel when they must be gone from young children for extended periods of time.

It was a beautiful autumn morning as we walked to the corner where she would release my hand and return home. On this day I turned back to her several times to say — "bye bye Sharon." It was as though my whole being became an instamatic camera and the picture of that lovely little girl enconced in autumn colors haunted me all the way to work. In just another year, I realized, she would be off to school, never again a preschooler.

When I reached my office, I closed the door and opened up the calendar which had become my task-master. To the consternation of some and the understanding of most, I must have canceled 20 future engagements. And I got up, walked out, and whistled all the way home. I think it may have been that event which helped me believe that there is such a thing as a holy "no, thank you."

One probably never achieves balance for long but we must keep on fighting the battle to keep our priorities ordered. Sometimes it is too late to change our calendars. But it is never too late to reorder the priorities of our lives. So now if you will excuse me, I have a little reordering to do again.

## Meet Cumberland College Student...



**Sharon Jones**

The serenity, patience and understanding possessed by Sharon Jones will be unselfishly given to those less fortunate in her career as a Special Education Teacher. Sharon, a May graduate from Cumberland College, is eagerly awaiting her opportunity to help children with special needs. She says, "I have always wanted to work in a field where I can help slower children benefit."

One area in which Sharon's patience has not served her, however, is her intense desire to complete her education. She has overcome personal tragedy and managed to complete a four year program in three years at Cumberland College. In striving to meet her goals Sharon has gone through all summer sessions offered as well as regular fall and spring semesters.

Sharon's energies seem limitless. She works in her community Baptist church and is an active member in the Student National Education Association, (S.N.E.A.) and the Council for Exceptional Children, in addition to her school work.

Sharon chose Cumberland College for its "Baptist affiliation, great education department and excellent selection of classes offered." Her stay at Cumberland College has helped Sharon in preparing for her career and in her, "Christian hope and love."

Sharon has helped Cumberland College as much as Cumberland College has helped her. We need more people like Sharon: open, loving, and dedicated.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769.)



## homes for children

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### JUST RIGHT FOR ME

Because of family circumstances, Mary (not real name) was declared out of control due to lack of parental control. Her mother's illness coupled with Mary's state of mind made it impossible for her to remain at home and she was referred to us for care.

Although we questioned our ability to effectively serve Mary because of the seriousness of her problems, our dedicated staff was willing to try. She came to Spring Meadows with much inappropriate behavior due to outbursts of anger and resistance to discipline.

Caring, Christian houseparents (child care workers) helped Mary to become aware of her inappropriate actions, and developed with her a plan with definite goals to help her get control of her life.

During the past school year Mary has progressed in the Stages Program from orientation to stage five—next to the highest rank in the program. She also was graduated from high school, the first from her family to receive a high school diploma. Mary has responded well to discipline, has learned a great deal of self-discipline, and now handles anger and frustration with maturity.

In doing her work and study in the

Stages Program, the study material caused Mary to ask questions about becoming a Christian. The houseparents shared with her the way of salvation. Although she was not ready to make a decision at that moment, the following Sunday at Lyndon Baptist Church, Mary voluntarily stepped forward to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Recently a Spring Meadows staff member, invited to speak to a class at Southern Seminary, asked Mary to accompany her and share with the class what it is like to live at Spring Meadows. Mary did a fine job, sharing with the class both the good and the difficult aspects of group living. Then she climaxed her remarks by saying: "Two weeks ago I became a Christian and one week ago I was baptized, and that was just right for me at that time."

Mary has made wonderful progress. However, her home situation has not changed. But Baptist Homes for Children has helped her put things together so she can live independently. She soon will leave us as she enters vocational school and the work force.

By the way, Mary has led a cottage mate to Jesus Christ since her experience of salvation.



## clear creek comments

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

### GOD IS WITH US

One of the most precious truths in all of scripture is expressed in the words "Immanuel . . . God with us." The prophet (Is. 7:14) and angel (Matt. 1:23) specifically gave this name to our Lord as God's greatest demonstration of his love and care.

The assurance that we have and can enjoy God's presence at all times brings great comfort to the Christian. When the angel came to visit Gideon, his words were, "The Lord is with thee" (Judges 6:12). When Paul and his Roman captors were lost at sea, they were greatly encouraged by Paul's affirmation that "there stood by me this night the angel of God . . ." (Acts 27:23).

As we perform the vital ministry at Clear Creek of training those who are called by the Lord, it is a blessed truth to know that God is with us. He watches over every student and his family. God gives his providential care

to every professor who guides and helps and teaches our men. He gives direction and inspiration to every staff member at Clear Creek, and encourages him as he keeps the school functioning for Christ.

God also watches over our school to keep it true to its original purpose. For 57 years Clear Creek Baptist School has trained preachers and pastors for the work of our Lord. God is with us now as he was when we began.

And God is also with you. His power and presence is with every Christian. God uses individual Christians to further his work in the earth. You are important to us at Clear Creek. Your prayerful support and encouragement will make a great school even greater. Yes, God is with us. When our journey is ended and he welcomes us home, he will remind us that he was there all the time; and we will confess that Jesus led us all the way!



## oneida journal

**Barkley Moore, President**  
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972

### OLD FAMILIAR FACES

A friend writes from Florida: "We attended graduation. As usual the tears rolled down my face the entire time. I do not often allow myself to think where my brother would be if it hadn't been for Jesus and Oneida."

Mrs. Lizzie Mae Allen Barrett of Connersville, Ind., a member of the 1933 class who was back for her 50th anniversary of graduation writes: "Anderson Hall was the perfect place to meet the old familiar faces and to get to know new ones of different generations. The delicious dinner did much more than repay me for the senior banquet we did not have in 1933. Being there reminded me of so many people and activities of the 'old days'."

"In my earlier years I often took a tray of food to Anderson Hall for Dr. C.

Adeline McConville. That was when she was working to raise money for the Oneida Hospital. Because her eyesight was failing, she didn't always come to the dining room in Melrose Hall for her meals.

"The last year Mrs. Cochran was there, I cleaned her room in exchange for my weekly piano lesson. On the average of about one day a week I was in a small group of girls who left Melrose Hall right after breakfast to clean at Anderson Hall. We tried to finish by 7:40 when Roscoe Sams rang the first bell in Marvin Hall. Then we would hurry to our rooms to get our books and to line up for the 'march' to classes. One day my group was late in getting in line because we hadn't finished our work by the ringing of the first bell. Our matron, Carrie R. Groves, was totally unsympathetic. In fact, she took

my explanation as a definite 'sass' and let me know as much right there! However, Anderson Hall holds memories other than housecleaning.

"I remember going for special help in preparation for a debate on whether the newspaper exerts a moral influence on the community. Diane Warner, then secretary to Mr. Burns, gladly gave me some pointers for my speech.

"I can never sufficiently thank the OBI class of 1983 for sharing their big day with us older ones. I suppose they are our link to the future just as we are their link to the past. The print of Marvin Hall will always be one of my most treasured mementos."

Grandparents of a 1983 graduate write from Augusta, Ky.: "We enjoyed the graduation services so much. Our grandson talks of his love for Oneida and is looking forward to returning this fall for volunteer service. We so appreciate the wonderful work and moving spirit of Oneida. Enclosed please find a check. Also hoping to get down this summer to be of some service, to do some work . . . last fall you mentioned work to be done."

Dr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Virgie Hatton, who celebrated her 70th anni-

versary of graduation with us this year, writes: "We were tremendously impressed with what has been done at Oneida with God's help. The physical plant and spiritual atmosphere are lovely. . . . My mother amazes me. . . . Would you believe, after that strenuous two days at Oneida, she did not even nap coming home. We drove for five hours in a driving rain, stopping only once. She talked all the way home and really enjoyed herself. We told her how wonderful her little impromptu speech was and we taped it for her. When we played it back we were so thankful we had done it."

"The whole ceremony was enjoyable and I found myself anticipating each graduate's personal profile. How wonderful to pay attention to each person!"

One of our new graduates wrote me a day after graduation: "I just wanted to write this letter to thank you. Four years ago when I came to Oneida I was headed for trouble. You gave me a chance to straighten up my life. If it hadn't been for Oneida's love and trust in me, I probably would have been a dropout. I saw something there I haven't seen in my hometown. I saw people caring about others. I appreciate OBI so much."

## bluegrass billboard

### JULY

29 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society and Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission. Williamsburg, First Baptist Church

### AUGUST

1, 2, 4, 5 Area Interfaith Witness Conferences. 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Evangelism Dept., KBC: 1—Louisville, Beechmont Baptist Church; 2—Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church; 4—Madisonville, First Baptist Church;

5—Owensboro, Lewis Lane Baptist Church  
14 Language Missions Day  
15-17 Pastors/Wives Retreat. Cedarmore  
19-20 Sunday School Weekend. Cedarmore  
20-21 WMU Leadership Conference. Cedarmore  
21-28 Church Music Growth Week  
22-23 WMU Leadership Conference for WMU Directors and BW Leadership. Cedarmore  
26, 27 Drive-in Days for WMU Leadership Conference. Cedarmore  
27 Sunday School Conference. Jonathan Creek

### CONFERENCE AND CAMP DATES

6-12 Home Missions at Ridgecrest; Foreign Missions at Glorieta  
13-19 National Student Ministries at Ridgecrest; National Student Ministries at Glorieta  
20-26 Bible/Preaching/Church Media Library at Glorieta; Small Sunday School at Glorieta  
**CEDARMORE**  
1-5 Grades 4-12 for Acteens, GA's and RA's; and Youth Week #5  
8-12 Grades 4-12 for RA's  
**JONATHAN CREEK**  
1-5 RA Camp—all ages  
9-12 RA Camp—all ages

# Gambling paying off with links to organized crime, lures for children

## Legalized gambling proponents naive to influence of corruption

State legislators and other politicians who argue that legalized gambling can be easily regulated to avoid any connection with organized crime and corruption are ignoring the facts. The murder of a man convicted for offering a bribe, several indictments directly related to gambling activities and the severance of any connection with baseball for a former superstar are just a few signs that gambling is not as clean as some proponents of legalized gambling would have citizens believe.

Allen M. Dorfman was convicted of attempted bribery of U.S. Senator Howard Cannon while the senator was still in office. The FBI viewed Dorfman as a possible key to cracking the indirect and hidden influence of organized crime on the ownership in and skimming of profits from Nevada casinos. Although Dorfman gave no indication of cooperating with law enforcement officials, he was murdered in the streets of Chicago in January 1983.

Several major criminal indictments have been returned in recent months for illegal activity associated with both legal and illegal gambling.

The chairman of the State Lottery Commission of New Jersey was recently indicted on 13 counts of fabricating evidence and forgery, growing out of an investigation of his relationship with gambling corporations. A reputed Florida underworld boss and 11 others, including a former sheriff, have been indicted on racketeering charges growing out of efforts to set up extensive illegal gambling operations in Florida.

Mickey Mantle, the New York Yankee baseball superstar of an earlier era, was required to sever his connection with the sport after he accepted a job with an Atlantic City casino. Professional sports have long been concerned about any connection with the gambling industry because of possible questions about compromised integrity.

Clarkson Beard, special projects administrator for the Kentucky Racing Commission, recently warned a Tennessee legislative committee that the state

was "going to be tried" by organized crime if it legalized racing. He expressed concern that the legislators had not taken seriously the connection of organized crime to legalized gambling.

Organized crime was considered in 1980 to be perhaps the second largest industry in the United States, with income ranking only behind the oil industry. The estimated \$150 billion income reaped by organized crime surpassed incomes earned by industries such as chemical, automobile, utilities, telecommunications and steel.

The frequent argument is that money currently being spent in illegal gambling activities will be spent in legal gambling if the state legalizes certain forms of gambling. The study prepared for the Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling in 1976 contradicts this. That study found that illegal gambling activity actually increased in states that had various forms of legalized gambling.

The relationship between gambling and organized crime cannot be ignored. Illegal gambling does not just engage only a few, discreet individuals. In 1974, 11 percent of the U.S. population, or 15.7 million, participated in

## Video games planned to introduce new generation to gambling

If the gambling industry has its wish come true, parents who buy video games for their children are doing more than providing clean, wholesome entertainment. Those parents are unwittingly assisting in the development of a new generation of gamblers.

Those who develop gambling machines and those who are in the business of promoting legalized gambling are always looking for new fads to modify and to turn into a form of gambling. They think they have found the answer in the current video game craze which has affected not only teenagers but also "the three-piece suit types" who work on Wall Street, according to one gambling industry source.

The video craze was adapted first for the Nevada casinos where they have begun slowly to replace the slot machine. In 1982 almost 10 percent of the gambling machines in Nevada casinos were video games rather than the traditional slot machines.

Manufacturers of these machines have convinced many gambling industry leaders that there are new generations of teenagers who are ripe for the picking when they achieve the legal age for gambling. The 16-year-old who tires

The machine is tied into a central computer which will respond almost as soon as the appropriate money is inserted. The outcome is not dependent upon the score an individual makes in playing the game. Skill in playing is irrelevant.

The casino and lottery interests are not the only ones in the gambling industry who have an eye on today's teenagers. Race track operators have been concerned about the failure of younger generations to have the same enthusiasm and loyalty for racing as older generations have. Although a number of factors are cited, two seem to stand out. Racing is boring in comparison with other forms of gambling and entertainment, and the fans' tolerance for scandal may have been exceeded. This explains why the racing industry is so intent upon spreading its base of operations into new states.

Gambling is an industry which drains billions of dollars out of the pockets of America's families. In order to continue doing that, today's teenagers have to be recruited. They must be recruited by using means and techniques which appeal to those tendencies which are most impressionable and which seek immediate gratification.

One of the newest video games to be found not only in video arcades but also in convenience stores is "Draw 80 Poker." The game doesn't pay off in money but accumulates "skill points." The person who plays it for fun today will, the gambling industry hopes, play it for money in coming years. The game was observed recently in a convenience store and was located right beside a Pac-Man game produced by Bally, one of the largest makers of gambling machines in the world.

Christians need to respond to this new effort by the gambling industry with constructive and positive action. Video technology, like radio and television and movies, provides options for immoral uses and for destructive participation. Attention is needed in helping teenagers clarify the legitimate and moral uses of recreation and to form constructive limits to prevent the means of entertainment from becoming a master of emotions and impulses.

Christians also have the opportunity on many fronts to halt the destructive spread of legalized gambling. When one form of gambling is legalized, it whets an appetite. As the appetite grows, so does the demand for a new form of gambling. The spread of legalized gambling should be opposed and confronted at every step.

The stakes are high. They are our children.

## Ethics commentary

by Larry Braidfoot

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some form of illegal gambling. Much of this money, most of it in the form of small bets of one to two dollars, made its way into the hands of organized crime, which in 1980 was estimated to have grossed \$26 billion from its gambling network.

In the face of these kinds of facts, Christian citizens should be among the leaders in calling into question the naive contention that legalized gambling will be a safe and economically profitable activity for the states to sanction.

of Pac-Man and Atari is the 21-year-old enthusiast of the future for video blackjack and other new gambling machines.

But such an opportunity for whetting appetites cannot be confined to the deserts of Nevada. After all, there are eight million compulsive gamblers in the United States. And millions more Americans participate in varying degrees in the many forms of legal and illegal gambling which are contributing to the personal and family decay in our society.

At least four or five states are currently considering the use of video machines in connection with legalized lotteries. "Five years from now, all of the lotteries will have them," says one industry spokesman.

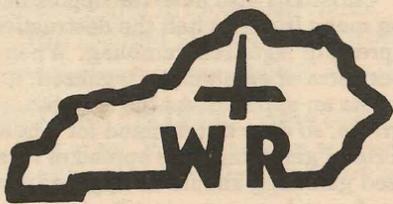
Video machines provide the ultimate in the desire for immediate gratification. An individual who is obsessed with gambling can discover almost instantaneously if he or she is a winner.

# The rest of the story

(A memo to the 1984 church  
budget committee)

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