



Women gone, men remain in Grenada for disaster relief

While heavily armed Cuban troops roamed their Grenada neighborhood, Southern Baptist missionaries stayed on the floor with the lights out to make it look like no one was home during the recent invasion of the Caribbean island.

Charlotte Davis, one of two Southern Baptist missionaries who caught the last U. S. military airlift out of Grenada Oct. 28, told Baptist Press the Cubans were seeking refuge and supplies.

Mrs. Davis, Robin Eberhardt and her son David, left their husbands in Grenada when they returned to the United States. However, they immediately bought tickets to return to the island Nov. 7 if commercial flights are restored by then, Mrs. Davis said.

The return could be further delayed if Cuban resisters still hiding in the mountains mean a trip from the airport to their homes would be unsafe, she added.

Five minutes before the last helicopter was scheduled to take off from their neighborhood, her husband packed her bag and urged her to leave, Mrs. Davis said. Although both women were reluctant to go, they felt the decision was right as soon as they were airborne and had time to think about it.

Carter Davis and Michael Eberhardt stayed to continue contact with Grenadian Baptists and to evaluate the needs for disaster relief following the invasion.

Back in the states, the women comforted their families who had heard nothing but a brief ham radio message between the morning of the international invasion and the day the three left the island.

Returning to Knoxville, Tenn., to be with her daughters Pamela, 20, and Natalie, 17, "was not something I wanted to do," Mrs. Davis said. "But Carter felt it would help our children if I would sit down with them and talk about what has happened and relieve their fears."

Mrs. Eberhardt's family was so thrilled to see her that even her father had tears in his eyes, said Mrs. Eberhardt. "It felt good to feel their arms around us," she added.



Paschall retiring

Kentucky native H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1966-68, announced he will retire Dec. 31 at age 61 from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Nashville, where he has served 28 years. He will continue to live in Nashville, pursuing a retirement ministry of "preaching, teaching and perhaps writing." Paschall was born in Hazel, Ky., holds BD and ThD degrees from Southern Seminary, and held Kentucky pastorates at Locust Grove, Calloway County; Hazel [1941-51]; and First, Bowling Green [1951-55].

House-Senate panel clears Vatican ambassador rider

Legislation permitting President Reagan to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican gained quick approval from a House-Senate conference committee Nov. 1 but not without some opposition from several legislators concerned about its constitutional implications.

Conferees working out House-Senate differences in a State Department authorization bill agreed to keep a Senate amendment overturning an 1867 statute prohibiting funds to maintain a U. S. embassy at the Vatican.

The action was included in a block of amendments passed at the beginning of the conference. However, Rep. Mark D. Siljander, R-Mich., insisted on some discussion of the issue before the conferees considered the rest of the bill, even though he said he knew "we don't have the votes to take it out."

Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., argued the purpose of the amendment was merely to repeal the 1867 law and would not require the President to appoint an ambassador. But he fueled speculation the administration would eventually take that action when he said, "The White House does not object to this amendment and privately would welcome it."

Lugar also pointed out more than 100 countries recognize the Pope as a head of state. That statement prompted Rep. George W. Crockett Jr., D-Mich., to ask quietly, "Do those countries have the same First Amendment restrictions we do?"

Lugar shrugged his shoulders and didn't respond.

A congressional aide told Baptist Press the conference report could be completed within a week and would then move quickly to the House and Senate floors for final approval. If the report passes both houses, the President would be authorized to appoint an ambassador to the Holy See at any time.

Initial reactions from staff members of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs included criticism of the manner the Vatican ambassador issue has been pushed through Congress and the threat of legal action.

BJCPA executive director James M. Dunn declared "the hurried, virtually hidden action of the conference committee is unworthy of the U. S. Congress. The Senate, without hearings, debate, discussion or record vote, tacked on to the authorization bill this major reversal of U. S. foreign policy, denying the House of Representatives an opportunity for consideration."

"It's shocking to think the United States would establish diplomatic relations with the Roman Catholic Church," he added. "Surely all those who believe in church-state separation will express their strong disapproval to their Senators and Congressmen immediately. I hope they'll use the telephone and telegrams since time is so short."

25 churches give 8% of CP budget; all are state's per capita leaders

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Four of the top 25 churches in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program in Kentucky in 1982-83 are also among the 25 highest in per capita gifts for the same period. Per capita gifts are dollar amounts for each person within a congregation.

The 25 leading churches in total amount given to the Cooperative Program were reported in the issue of Oct. 5 of Western Recorder. Subsequently, last week Douglas Hays, director of the Accounting Services Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, announced per capita giving for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1983.

The report indicated four congregations held spots on both lists, as follows:

- Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski County Association, was in second place on the per capita list. Its \$69,134.96 Cooperative Program gifts had earlier placed it 17th in the state in dollar amount. Douglas T. Strader is pastor of the 729-member Beacon Hill congregation, whose per capita gifts totaled \$94.83.

- First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski County Association, was in fifth place on the per capita list. Its \$158,637.71 Cooperative Program gifts had placed it second in dollar amount. Robert Franklin Browning is pastor of the 1895-member congregation, whose per capita gifts totaled \$83.71.

- Hurstbourne Baptist Church,

Louisville, Long Run Association, was in 15th place on the per capita list. Its \$69,349.27 Cooperative Program gifts had placed it 16th in dollar amount. T. L. McSwain is pastor of the 1040-member congregation, whose per capita gifts totaled \$66.68.

- Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, was in 21st place on the per capita list. Its \$124,991.56 Cooperative Program gifts had placed it fourth in dollar amount. James E. Jones is pastor of the 1980-member congregation, whose per capita gifts totaled \$63.12.

The top 25 congregations statewide in per capita giving for 1982-83 gave a total of \$1,041,046.40 to the Cooperative Program. The dollar amount received from all of the state's 2200-plus congregations was \$12,891,677, an 8.6 percent increase over the previous years' \$11,891,000.

The above figures mean that the top 25 churches in per capita giving in the state also gave more than eight percent of all the gifts which were received in the state's Cooperative Program funding in 1982-83.

A list of the top 25 per capita givers is included here:

1. Pleasant Home, Emery Gullion, pastor, \$106.10 per capita, (130 members), Ten Mile Association.
2. Beacon Hill (see above).
3. Mt. Gilboa, L. D. Kennedy, \$93.63, (150), Taylor County.
4. Mt. Pisgah, Archie Oliver, \$89.09, (558), Muhlenberg.

5. First, Somerset (see above).
6. West Fork, Clifton J. Dexter, \$80.46, (148), Blood River.
7. Briensburg, Charles C. Braher Jr., \$75.60, (537), Blood River.
8. Good Hope, Charles H. England, \$74.15, (187), Taylor County.
9. Franklin Cross Roads, Lawrence H. Phipps, \$73.64, (356), Severns Valley.
10. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$73.00, (601), Ohio Valley.
11. Bellevue, Gerard E. Howell, \$72.96, (757), Daviess-McLean.
12. Woodland, E. W. Greenwalt, \$71.72, (212), Muhlenberg.
13. Pellville, Arthur B. Morris Jr., \$71.72, (269), Blackford.
14. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$70.13, (585), Little Bethel.
15. Hurstbourne (see above).
16. Second, Greenville, \$66.25, (659), Muhlenberg.
17. First, Belfry, \$65.84, (597), Pike.
18. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$65.70, (494), Mercer.
19. Burgin, Stephen L. Hadden, \$63.93, (817), Mercer.
20. Highland Hills, John W. Kruschwitz, \$63.92, (278), Northern Kentucky.
21. Campbellsville (see above).
22. Countryside, James A. Lester, \$62.53, (59), Ohio Valley.
23. Grangertown, Donald J. Collins, \$60.37, (435), Ohio Valley.
24. Immanuel, Malcolm G. Luncford, \$59.80, (667), Franklin.
25. Magnolia, Lloyd Mahanes, \$59.31, (321), Severns Valley.

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Kentucky Baptists like to get together

Like the Israelites of old, Kentucky Baptists joyfully anticipate getting together each fall to praise the Lord and to enjoy one another. With the Israelites it was the Feast of Tabernacles each October; with Kentucky Baptists it's the state convention each November.

The analogy could easily be taken too far but there are significant similarities. For the Israelites it was a season to be thankful. The year's harvest of corn, oil and wine had been stored. So it will be in Paducah this month when Kentucky Baptists praise God for the year's harvest of souls and the offerings of the faithful.

The Feast of Tabernacles was the most joyful of the Hebrew festivals. Families pitched tents to live in for the week long celebration and there must have been many reunions of old friends around the tents and cookouts under the stars.

Kentucky Baptists will be tenting next week in Paducah motel rooms and picnicking in all kinds of eating places but the rooms and eating places will be ringing with laughter.

The regular gatherings of the children of Israel for worship and fellowship were a strong unifying force. So with Baptists in Kentucky. The more we get together the happier and closer together we are.

Kentucky Baptists give more attention to kingdom business affairs in their conventions

than the Israelites did in their annual meetings. The priesthood to which most religious affairs were left under the old covenant came to an end with Jesus, our eternal priest who established the new covenant with his supreme sacrifice. So must we be busy about our Father's business with which he has entrusted us.

Among those kingdom affairs requiring attention in Paducah will be the recommitment of ourselves and our resources to the assignment given us by Christ. We have a long way to go to disciple every creature in Kentucky to say nothing of the world. Offerings in money are but a part of what is required but an important part.

We will be challenged to give \$16,200,000 in 1984-85 through the Cooperative Program for world evangelization. Doubtlessly this is the most important matter for consideration in Paducah though we have come to give routine approval to record appropriations and they don't ordinarily make headlines.

So do we usually approve without question trustees and directors nominated to manage the affairs of our denominational agencies and institutions. We can afford to approve those recommended because trustworthy nominating committee members have prayerfully submitted them but we should never forget the importance of this business item.

Another item of paramount importance in Paducah will be the consideration of a new plan for more adequate provision for retired pastors and other church employes. The plan will be presented and explained this year in preparation for adoption next year. This is long overdue and should be enthusiastically endorsed.

Still another major decision in Paducah will be the establishment of a partnership project with the Baptists in Kenya. This project will dramatize and personalize our commitment to world missions and will bless Kentucky Baptists as much or more than it will help Kenya Baptists.

As usual speculation centers around who will be chosen to lead us next year as convention president. In all my years of convention participation I cannot remember when as little has been said or done about the choice of a convention president in Paducah. This is truly wholesome. We have many qualified persons for this task but this office should always seek the person and not the person the office.

Thank God we have no Samuel to secretly anoint a new king before he is selected by the people. It would be refreshing, however, if, like Saul, our new leader is modest enough to have to be sought among the staff instead of being found waiting on the first seat.

See you in Paducah!

Nuclear war horrors should be seen

Controversy has arisen over the Nov. 20 scheduled television showing of "The Day After," a film depicting the effects of a nuclear attack on an American city. Critics fear its negative effect upon public opinion in the continuing debate over nuclear disarmament and increased funding for military build up. Proponents say it is a realistic picture of the horrors of nuclear war.

Not having seen the film, this is no judgment of its quality nor its accuracy in describing what would happen in case of such a catastrophe. Indeed, few persons outside nuclear scientists could evaluate the authenticity of the film.

Nevertheless, this or some realistic portrayal of a nuclear holocaust should be required viewing for every American and, for that matter, for every person in the world. The threat of nuclear war dwarfs every other problem of the human race.

Nuclear war is not only a possibility but a probability. With as many wars going on today in all parts of the world, the stockpile of nuclear weapons, the extent of suicidal terrorism and the current state of belligerence on the part of world super powers, it is not unreasonable to assume nuclear war is an imminent threat. Only a radical turnaround in human behavior or direct divine intervention offers any hope of escaping a holocaust.

Though the weapons used were only a fraction of the destructive power of those today, the

horrors of nuclear war are not unknown. Actual films and personal accounts of survivors of the atom bombs dropped on Japan by the United States are horrifying to watch and to hear. Yet there is talk by some who are in position to push the button that a nuclear war is winnable.

This or a more authentic film not only should be televised during prime time but also should be shown to groups in every community in the United States. Furthermore, its national showing should be followed by a discussion of the contents of the movie by the United States President, his foreign policy advisers and Pentagon leaders. Local showings should be followed by comments from U.S. senators, representatives and other national policy makers.

Before discarding such a suggestion as irresponsible, consider how much more irresponsible it is to stick our heads into the sand and pray, "Lord, don't let it happen but, if it happens, don't let it happen to me."

Watching the film will be a frightening experience and will cause some loss of sleep. That's what should happen. Nevertheless, every American should see it and so should every Russian.

Herein lies the best hope for survival. If it ever comes, nuclear disarmament will more likely result from the demands of the masses than from leaders sitting around conference tables.

Our apology to Mr. McCubbin

Supporters of Nicholas D. McCubbin, third party candidate for governor of Kentucky, have protested our failure to report his views along with those of the two major party candidates on church state separation. We did not mean to slight Mr. McCubbin but assumed one of the major party candidates would be elected. Our intention never was to evaluate the candidates but to obtain a commitment from the next governor on the constitutional provision of separation of church and state.

Fairness and equal treatment would have been served by publishing the church state separation views of Mr. McCubbin. We regret the omission came to our attention too late to obtain his views and publish them before the election. We apologize to Mr. McCubbin and his supporters.

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From as far as California

People gather for Ashland FBC celebration

by Billie Emmons, *State Correspondent*

People gathered from as far as California and as near as a church in an adjoining community Oct. 16 to note the obvious: God is still working at Ashland First Baptist Church as it completes its first 100 years.

The event was a time of realizing once again the profound influence a church and friends can have on young lives in seeing far-reaching calls into ministry.

As Tom Cannon haltingly made his way down the aisle to lovingly welcome persons who gathered at the celebration, one knew with a certainty why they had come home.

There was music during the day from the emeritus choir led by Bill Robinson, and William Adcock's sanctuary choir

led by Joe Rice and Ed Buchanan, former FBC choir directors. Eda Rae Thornbury and Chester Chatfield were heard again also as they sang songs by James L. Clark, another former choir director of Ashland First Baptist.

The day came alive for a moment as the congregation listened to the wife and sons of the late Carroll Hubbard. Phillip Haney and Bill Wellman, pastors of churches that were once missions of First Baptist, came and reflected on the church's history.

Walter McNealy, past missionary to Brazil and former member of First Church, told of his ministry. John M. Sykes, another former pastor, reminisced too.

It was a time of revival. Evangelist Jerry Hopkins, pastor, Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, and former vice

president of the European Baptist Convention, nightly challenged the church through the personalities of Andrew, Jonah, Ruth and Samson declaring all resources are in God and all relationships are found in Jesus Christ. Hopkins reminded the congregation that their spiritual heritage is meaningful when they express their yesterday experiences in terms of the present.

Centennial Sunday morning guest speaker William Marshall, executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention and former foreign missionary, stirred the church with his message for its future and the decisions it must make if Ashland First is to be alive and vital.

In order to have life and exuberance the church must have purpose in Christ whose authoritative words were, "Go into all the world . . . and I will be with you as you go." The evangelical spark will keep the church alive and vigorous.

Marshall urged the church to remember Jesus, what he was like, where he went, what he did and what he said.

If First Church is to be on mission for Jesus, there are three basic decisions it must make. The church must think right—believe Christ is the universal answer, the way, the truth and the life. The church must hope right—place one's hope in God believing God can change the world, society or the individual and know he is in the business of doing so. And lastly the church must decide to act right—be like Jesus, serving personally in the world, meeting people where they are.

Marshall added that the church is to confront Satan. If First Baptist Church is to be the church God has called it to be, they must be like Jesus. What a glorious future awaits such a church.

The week long celebration and revival concluded with a production of "My Father Is Working Still," an historical pageant written by Scott Kilgore, FBC associate pastor, and Randy Bucy. Historical research was done by Evelyn Jones and Hattie Taylor. The drama featured 45 church members. Scenes ranged from the church's founding to looking at her future.

One was caught up in a mood of nostalgia, humor and spiritual challenge as scenes changed under the watchful eye of G. A. Thomas, a former church clerk portrayed by Louis Kahne.

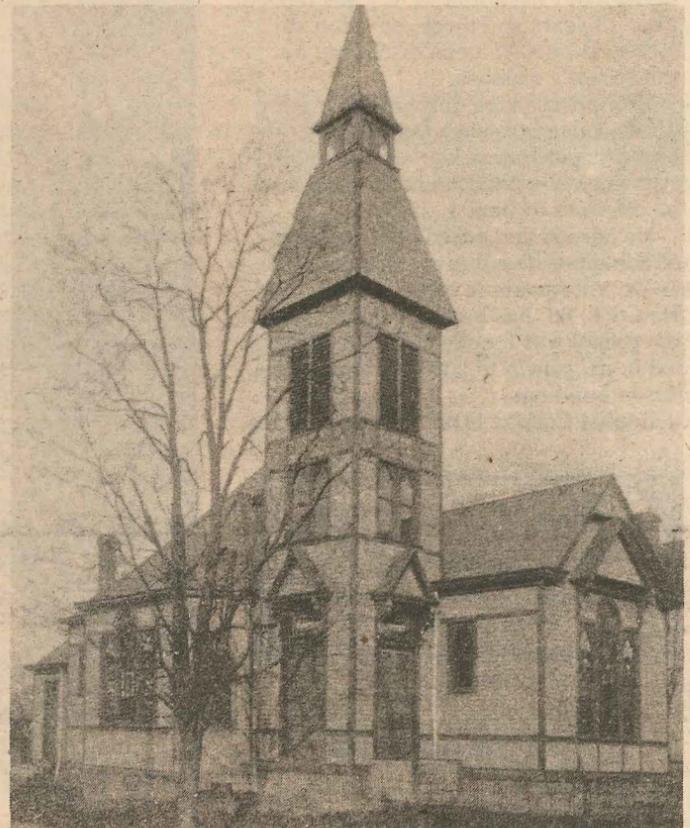
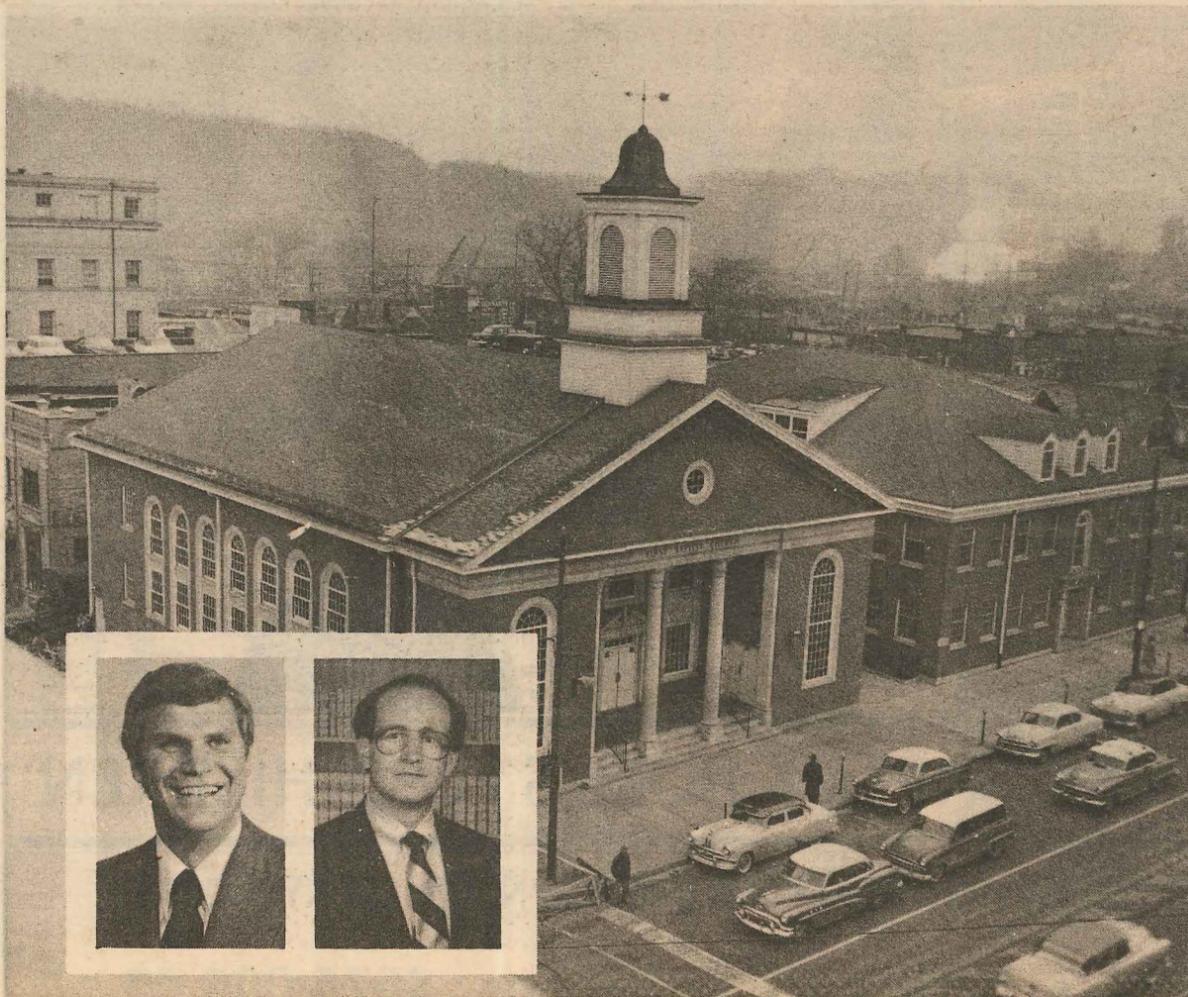
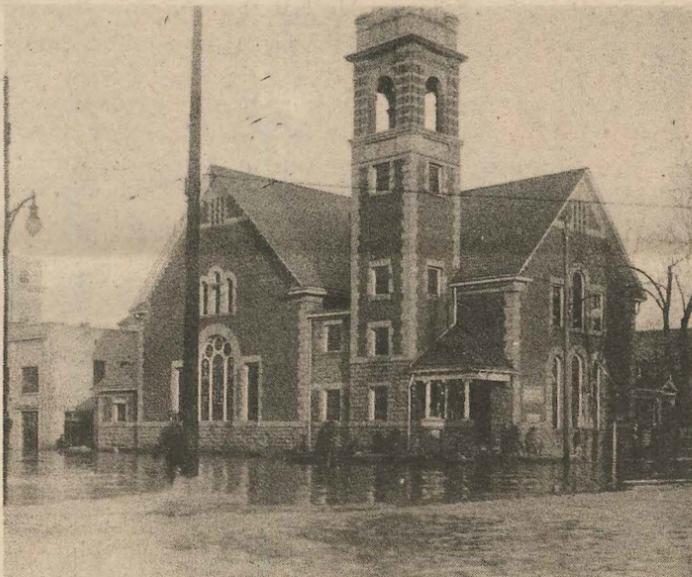
The history recapitulated days of reorganization under A. P. Baker following the Civil War, past weddings performed by D. Wood, the challenging dark days of the 1937 flood under the leadership of Garis T. Long.

There was the great 1937 revival and memorial services for soldiers from the Civil War to Viet Nam. The church recalled constructing the new building, the debates which have dissolved into nostalgic humor. Past ministries of Ralph A. Herring, Carroll Hubbard, M. D. Morton, William T. Flynt, William Reed and John R. Sykes intermittently surfaced as one memory would trigger another into a kaleidoscope of events.

The drama climaxed with present pastor Bill Messer's ministry which includes the church's involvement in a community kitchen program for feeding the needy, a television ministry and the establishment of a new mission.

As a look was taken at FBC's potential, members were reminded that a new ministry and growth level in the community exists, as well as the assurance that God is working still, blessing Ashland through First Baptist Church.

One of Ashland First Baptist Church's highlights during her 100 year history is surviving the great 1937 flood [photo at right]. Below is the church building as it is today. Pastor Bill Messer and associate pastor Scott Kilgore at inset left and right, respectively.



Ashland First Baptist Church celebrated its centennial with a revival meeting and drama production the week of Oct. 16. Above is FBC's first structure constructed in 1888.

baptist news in brief

Revival expert says bad theology causes 'drought'

A shift from a "man-centered to a God-centered" theology may hold the key to a spiritual awakening in the United States, according to an authority on American revivalism.

Richard Owen Roberts, author of the book, *Revival*, recently told students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary American revivalism has suffered "a prolonged season of drought." He criticized the methods of revivalists during the 19th century, particularly followers of evangelist Charles Finney.

Beginning with Finney, Roberts said, revival preachers have given too little attention to repentance, the lordship of Christ and holiness. Unlike revivalists earlier in American history, later evangelists have used "methods and messages that did not relate to the work of God," he claimed.

Roberts said revival will return to America when revival is approached from the proper perspective. "I think it is an immense act of divine love for God to withdraw himself from us and then turn back toward us as we look to him and say, 'Lord, I'm coming home'."

Roberts, who identified himself as a "five-point Calvinist," claimed fundamentalism has perpetuated the faulty theology of later revivalists.

"Fundamentalism is the root of the problem in America today," he said. Through its distorted emphasis, he explained, fundamentalism implies "a person can be saved from hell and not saved from sin, and Christ can be savior and not Lord."

Roberts, former archivist for the Billy Graham Center of Evangelism at Wheaton College, was the guest of Southern Seminary's Student Evangelical Fellowship.

Baptist college removes key administrators

John A. Hamrick, president of Baptist College of Charleston, S. C., has retired after 19 years and three other top administrators have been dismissed by the school's trustees.

The moves came during the meeting of the college trustees Oct. 25 when the board asked Hamrick to announce his retirement "within the next 10 days, to be effective by Jan. 1, 1984."

He agreed and asked to be relieved of administrative duties effective Nov. 1. He will remain in office until Dec. 31. Hamrick, 68, has been president since the school was founded in 1964. He has led in its growth to 2000 students and a dozen buildings.

Baptist College is one of four colleges

of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Hamrick's retirement was brought about by a conflict with the board over financial policies and over his choice of key administrative assistants.

Minutes after voting for the president's retirement, the board voted to dismiss E. Harold Keown, vice president for development, Charles L. Price, vice president for student affairs, and E. Harold Keown Jr., assistant vice president for student affairs. Their dismissals were effective immediately. They were given one month's severance pay.

The board's concern was over what they considered too heavy indebtedness for building. The college has an operating budget of \$10 million but has \$11 in

debts—mostly federal loans for buildings. Although Baptist College's assets exceed \$24.1 million, it reported a total endowment of only \$643,457.

John A. Fincher, retired president of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., and former academic dean of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., has been named interim administrator.

Annuity Board to add staff, undergo changes

The Annuity Board will add personnel and undergo organization changes in 1984 to meet the increased marketing and servicing demands of Southern Baptist retirement and insurance pro-

grams.

In their fall meeting, trustees approved a 13 percent budget increase which will allow the board to add 21 new staff positions, more WATS lines for improved telecommunications and increase funding for direct mailing.

Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan told trustees there is an increasing need to offer more efficient and 'state of the art' programs for Southern Baptist personnel.

The board's \$10 million budget for 1984 represents a \$1.2 million increase over the 1983 one. Morgan said with the new church annuity plan approved last July, additional funds will be needed.

As for board structural changes, Morgan announced the creation of the

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special services department. Directed by former communications director Bobbie Burkett, the new department will develop a "comprehensive program of ministering to Southern Baptist retirees."

Trustees also approved a 13th check to be paid in December. The check, a result of good investment earnings for the year, will amount to 10 percent of the annual benefit of the current annuitants on roll as of Nov. 30, 1983, and those funded prior to Jan. 1, 1980.

ABC war film accurate, viewers are cautioned

A Southern Baptist specialist on peace with justice says ABC's upcoming highly controversial film, "The Day After," is an accurate portrayal of nuclear holocaust, but cautions Southern

Baptists the film is very graphic.

"The Day After" shows us the horror of nuclear reality," Ronald D. Sisk, director of program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said after previewing the movie.

Southern Baptists who choose to see this film, tentatively scheduled for airing from 8 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. (Central Standard Time), Nov. 20, need to realize it is neither a simple horror film nor an exaggeration of reality."

Sisk strongly cautioned the film should not be viewed alone and should not be seen at all by children under 12 years of age. "Parental discretion should be used with younger teenagers and teenagers and adults who choose to view the film need opportunities to discuss its impact," he said.

Sisk said local ABC affiliates are distributing viewer's guides to schools and

copies of the free guide can be obtained while supplies last from local ABC stations or by writing to the Cultural Information Service, Box 786, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10019.

Toll free number provides foreign mission news

For the 13th consecutive year, Southern Baptists interested in foreign mission news will have access to current information through a toll free number.

Global Circuit will be operating Nov. 28 through Dec. 11. Brief, specific prayer requests and foreign mission news will change every Tuesday and Friday morning during the two-week period. The number is 1-800-446-2725.

Last year 14,000 calls, double the number of the previous year, came in during the two-week time.

Ohio Baptist executive has mild heart attack

Tal Bonham, 49, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, is recuperating following a "mild heart attack" Oct. 28.

Bonham was stricken during the early morning hours following his return to Columbus from Vandalia, where the annual meeting of the state convention had concluded the night before.

Bonham, who has been executive of the Ohio convention three and a half years, is expected to be hospitalized for two to three weeks.



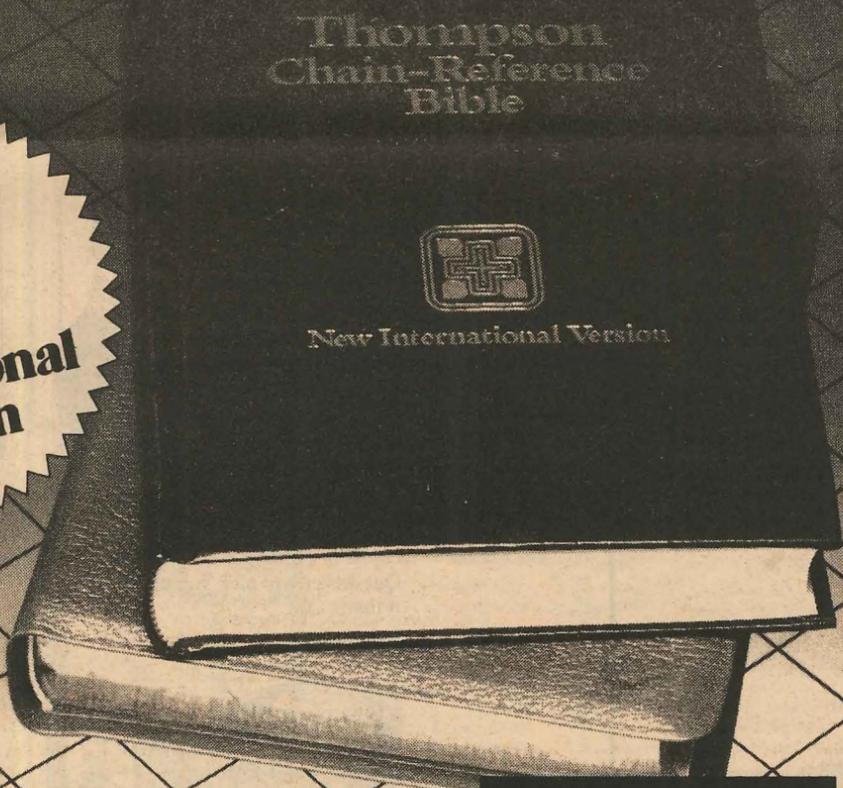
Confucius says . . .

Paul Fan-pei Kung, pastor and chairman of the Chinese Baptist Convention in Taiwan, believes a partnership effort between his convention and Missouri Baptists has helped Baptists in Taiwan turn the corner in evangelizing their nation. A 74th generation descendant of Confucius, Kung tells people his famous ancestor could not save people. For that reason, he says, "I have to preach Jesus."

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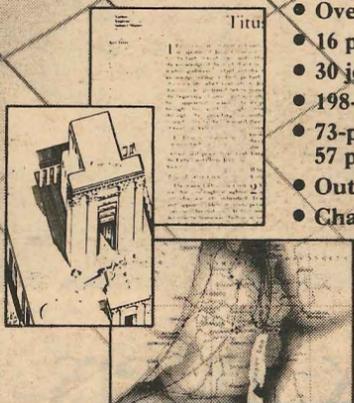
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Retired SS director undergoes heart surgery

Retired Kentucky Baptist Sunday school director Roy E. Boatwright recently underwent heart surgery during which he had five by-passes.

According to his wife, Ella Faye Boatwright, he is recuperating and his doctors are encouraging.

Boatwright worked in the Sunday School Department 23 years.

Nevada approves budget, elects layman president

Nevada Baptists adopted their first \$1 million plus budget, increased their contributions to the national Cooperative Program by two percent and elected their first layman at the annual meeting of the Nevada Baptist Convention.

The meeting, held at First Southern Baptist Church in Reno, also featured a celebration of the NBC's fifth anniversary as a state convention.

The 1984 budget of \$1,043,472 contrasts with the convention's first budget of \$390,006 in 1979. The new budget will include \$552,900 in contributions from the Home Mission Board with the remainder being provided by Nevada Baptist churches.

The increase in state convention Cooperative Program participation means Nevada will send 20 percent of its state receipts on to the worldwide mission and education programs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Jerry Johnston, Reno businessman,

was elected president; Mike Proctor, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Fallon, was elected first vice president and Robert Holmes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Henderson, was elected second vice president.

House bill would maintain non-profit postal rates

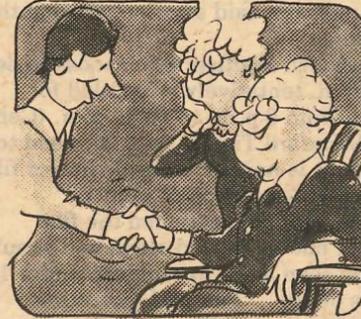
Non-profit postal rates would remain at current levels throughout fiscal 1984 under a funding bill passed Oct. 27 by the U. S. House of Representatives.

The \$11.9 billion Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill passed by the House on a voice vote contained \$879 million for the postal subsidy which provides reduced mail rates for a wide range of non-profit organizations, the full amount needed to maintain current rates.

However, non-profit mailers could face a rate increase if the Senate, which has yet to pass its Treasury-Postal Service funding bill, goes along with the \$802 million postal subsidy figure approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Non-profit rates would be hiked an estimated four to 12 percent under the Senate committee bill.

The Senate is expected to act soon on the Postal Service funding measure because the stopgap bill currently funding it is due to expire Nov. 10. If the Senate settles on the figure approved by its appropriations committee, House-Senate conferees would then work out differences between the two bills.

Congress will be forced to pass another stopgap funding bill for all government programs for which it has failed to complete regular appropriations bills by Nov. 10.



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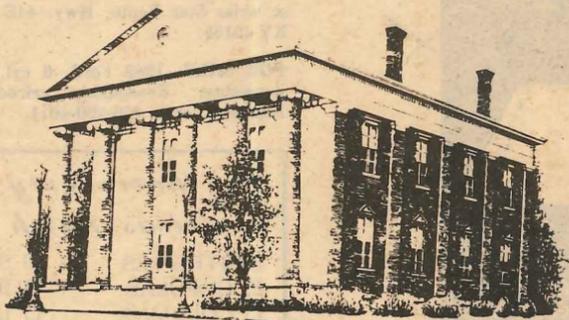
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Zimbabwe Baptists vote to send training leaders

The Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe, during its annual meeting, voted to send at least 20 Zimbabwean men into Mozambique for a month to help train Baptist leaders.

The Zimbabweans responded to appeals from two convention leaders who had returned from a two-week visit to Mozambique.

More than 20 persons volunteered for the assignment. Pledges of financial support for the project totaled \$737 including \$600 promised by three individuals. It will cost \$200 for each volunteer.

Both Zimbabwe and Mozambique have Marxist-led governments. Mozambique is currently closed to Southern Baptist missionaries.

Centurymen tour China in exchange program

The Centurymen, nationally known men's choral group, received repeated ovations from an audience of Chinese musicians and guests at the Shanghai Music Conservatory Oct. 28, giving new evidence of the Chinese music community participation in recently established cultural exchanges.

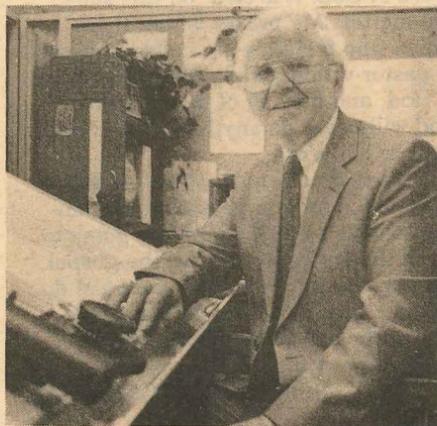
Directed by Buryl Red, composer and conductor from New York City, the Centurymen are 100 choral directors from Southern Baptist churches in more than 30 states. The group's weekly program, "Sounds of the Centurymen," is heard on more than 200 radio stations. They are sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission.

The group's 17-day tour of China is sponsored by the Radio and Television Community of China through Shanghai Television and China Travel Service. It includes mutual exchanges with the top music organizations of China.

Television crews from NBC and the American Christian Television System (ACTS) are accompanying the group to produce a documentary for NBC and other programming for the ACTS network. The NBC documentary is scheduled for airing Feb. 26, 1984.

Texas elects Moore; ups Cooperative giving

The pastor of a church closely identified with the unified giving program of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. Winfred Moore, has been elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas by acclamation.



Gwenn McCormick, newly elected secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Architecture Department, believes the mission and programs of a church are key factors in building planning.

First Baptist Church, Amarillo, under the leadership of Moore, has ranked first or second in SBC Cooperative Program gifts for many years. Veteran observers said the election without opposition of a first-time president for the BGCT is almost unprecedented.

Messengers underscored their missions concern by adopting a \$53.7 million (an increase of \$5 million) Cooperative Program budget, plus a \$2 million challenge budget.

The budget allocated \$19 million (36.1 percent compared to 35.9 percent last year) for worldwide SBC programs, including more than 6000 missionaries in more than 100 nations.

Another \$34 million is budgeted for Texas mission causes, including more than 20 childcare homes, hospitals, colleges and universities, plus helping start new churches.

More than 2500 messengers from many of the state's 4700 Southern Baptist churches and missions adopted resolutions on issues ranging from nuclear disarmament to enforced child support payments. They also received a report from the Texas Baptist Christian

Life Commission dealing with sexual discrimination, hunger, Texas children in need and television morality.

Charles McIlveene, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lufkin, was elected first vice president and Joel Gregory, assistant professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex. was elected second vice president.

D. L. Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, completed his second one-year term and used his presidential address to warn Texas Baptists face losing their institutions if they don't start doing more to support them. He chided Texas Baptists for being too quick to criticize leaders of their institutions and for being too slow to help.

A resolution stating opposition to "secular humanistic views as the only view of origin taught in public schools" was approved after being amended. A student from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, asked that the resolution also include Baptist schools since, "I go to a Baptist school and sometimes they teach evolution in the science classes."



THEY MET ON THE FIELD—Don and Kay Madaris met in Mexico where she was a 15-year veteran missionary and he a volunteer. An article on page 11 of this issue of WR tells the story.

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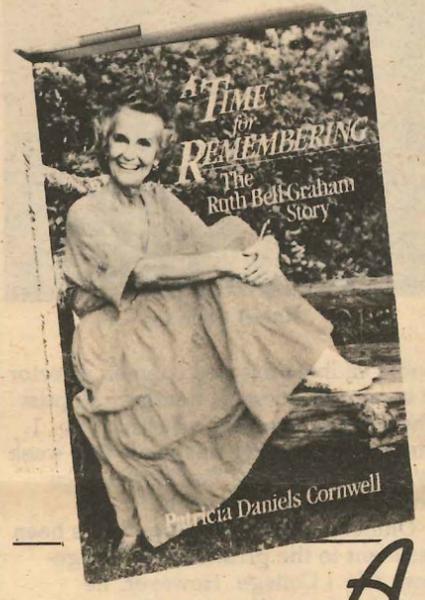
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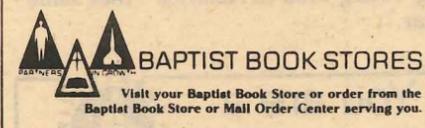
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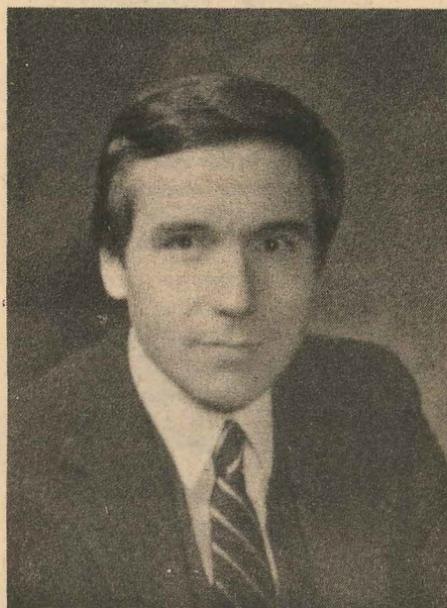
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news in brief

Robin Oldham resigns Georgetown post; joins Southern Seminary staff



Robin Oldham

Robin Oldham has been named director of communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary effective Feb. 1. The announcement was made this week by Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo Jr., vice president for development.

Oldham, 36, has for three years been assistant to the president of Georgetown (Ky.) College. However, he served in two other capacities at the college earlier. From 1970-71 and again 1973-74 he was admissions counselor and from 1974-80 he was coordinator of communications.

Oldham has also held a sales position in Georgetown and taught English at Scott County High School one year, 1972-73.

A native of Georgetown, he is married to the former Jeana Cook, a native of New Orleans, La. They have one daughter, Hunter, 5.

Oldham holds both BA and MA degrees from Georgetown College.

He was vice president of that school's Student Government Association, president of the student senate, a member of the governor's student advisory commission in Frankfort while a Georgetown student, voted most popular man and a member of the staff of the student newspaper.

His writing has been widely circulated, and he has served in strategic leadership posts with Baptist Public Relations Association, United Way of Scott County, the Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities and Referral and Counseling Center for Family Life Inc., among others.

A deacon and active member of Georgetown Baptist Church, he has been a Sunday school teacher and member of numerous church committees. He was featured in "Personalities of the South" in 1978 and "Outstanding Young Men of America" that same year.

Opposes parochial aid

The crux of America's decision on the destiny of her public schools soon may be upon us. Does the President actually favor financial aid to parochial schools? There may be rising those previously opposed. But few will change their opinion on this basic American liberty.

If a constitutional change is necessary to grant federal income tax deduction (direct or indirect) to parochial schools, the seriousness is deep: (1) It would be the most radical change in the constitution since its beginning in 1789 with George Washington as President. (2) Only one religious tradition has sought parochial aid. (3) Also, with over 42 major religious bodies the decision as to eligibility would be nebulous.

The founding fathers added to the intrinsic value of the concept of democracy. Many settlers came here when the tension of the Reformation had reached its zenith. The religion which has always used parochial schools established only one colony among the 13.

To confront this issue now could cause national divisiveness more tense than the issues of 1861-65.

Some claim the public schools to be in a 'trough' at this time. What is not . . . including the basic morals, integrity, religions, patriotism, secular humanism, churches, American ideology, self support and the Americanism of the founding fathers?

The nation's unity and brotherliness lie in free schools, honoring godliness and freedom in education. A constitutional change to give government aid to religious bodies which had less than one percent of the total population from 1776 to 1800 does not reflect a correct evaluation of U. S. history.

Let us continue to finance public schools as we always have. Let religion have schools for which they pay. Statecraft in its traditional juxtaposition, vis-a-vis religion, would enable both to fare better according to the constitution and U. S. history.

H. Leo Eddleman, Pineville

Reader shocked by revelations

The Oct. 19 edition of Western Recorder presents at least two startling revelations: (1) Mr. Draper's comments on unity within the SBC; (2) the ordination of women as pastor/teachers in SBC churches.

Mr. Draper speaks of essentials and basics and non-essentials. I presume he means the way to salvation when he speaks of basics and essentials, plus the four other things he equates with unity. The apostle Paul cites the seven unities of the body of Christ in Ephesians the fourth chapter. The other doctrines Mr. Draper rates as "non-essential." Question: Would Mr. Draper fellowship with me if I insisted upon the "one baptism" (for the body of Christ) being the Holy Spirit baptism of 1 Cor. 12:13 and that "one baptism" doesn't mean two baptisms (water and Holy Spirit)?

The ordination of women as pastor/teachers in Southern Baptist churches is a real shocker. The biblical doctrine of the gift of pastor/teacher is always to men exclusively. Women never (now nor then) were given the gift of pastor/teacher. This is strictly human viewpoint. I would suggest that the SBC carefully study the Greek of Eph. 4:11: "And he gave some (men) . . . pastors/teachers."

Paul's warning in 1 Tim. 4 is coming to pass in our time.

Don Jackson, Henderson

baptist forum

ABC to air "The Day After"

Perhaps the most important motion picture of our generation will be aired Sunday evening, Nov. 20, 8:00 p.m., E.S.T. on ABC. "The Day After" is a well researched, scientifically accurate depiction of a nuclear war between the USSR and the USA. Viewing groups are forming in churches across America to view and discuss this film. Viewing guides are available from your local ABC affiliates. I encourage you and your church family to form a group and view this film.

As a minister of the gospel, I do not claim to have the political answers to the international tensions of a "fallen world." But I do know that our Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). I know that Paul tells us that in Christ "dividing walls of hostility" are broken down (Eph. 2:14) and "God . . . has given unto us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18).

Could it be that in our age of potential mass destruction with all the denial and blindness our fears generate that the answer to the nuclear threat lies as close as the heart of our cherished Christian faith. In our churches we sing "Once I was blind, but now I see." Let us pray we may one day sing this refrain regarding nuclear armament.

James W. Watkins, Cordova, Tenn.

Open letter to Kentucky Baptist churches

In March Congress enacted amendments which made mandatory Social Security coverage for all employees of churches who are not ordained ministers of the gospel. This will be effective Jan. 1, 1984.

At that time churches must begin to withhold 6.7% from each employee compensation and pay the employer's 7% tax on all compensation paid each employe, full time or part time, who earns \$100 or more in a calendar year.

Every church should have an Employer Identification Number. Form SS-4, "Application for Employer ID Number," can be secured from the Internal Revenue Service, Box 636, Florence, KY 41042. Also, Circular E, Publication 15, "Employers Tax Guide," which explores reporting responsibilities, and a Form 941 to be used for the first quarter's filing can be secured from the above address.

When the above referenced forms are filed it will be helpful to include a letter from the Kentucky Baptist Convention which verifies your church is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and thus qualifies for its Federal Income Tax Group Exemption. If you desire this letter, please request it from Barry Allen, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

The pastor and any other ordained ministers of the gospel on the church staff are not included because they are considered self employed for Social Security tax purposes and pay their own estimated taxes.

Churches need to make the appropriate budgetary provisions for the payment of the employer's portion of the Social Security tax.

We trust this letter will be helpful to you at this time.

Barry G. Allen, Middletown

Church is 'dismayed' at Las Vegas site

This letter is written to record our dismay at the selection of Las Vegas, Nev., as site of the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention. Our feeling is that this site selection does nothing to enhance our witness and testimony as New Testament Christians. While we will concede that Las Vegas will have many Christian people as residents, the very obvious reputation of the city as a mecca of gambling and legalized prostitution seems to us to be a negative influence which will reflect directly on the Southern Baptist Convention meeting there. Some have voiced the idea that our witness there is needed, and we do not dispute this; nor do we desire to stifle any Christian witness in this or any other city. However, we do not view our Southern Baptist Convention as a witness effort, but as a forum for business and decision making. Realizing the site has already been approved, even amidst much concern and opposition, we wish to record our disagreement with this decision.

We will also take this opportunity to make the suggestion that the convention be confined to such central locations as Kansas City or Atlanta, as such selections as Las Vegas or Los Angeles make it difficult for many messengers to attend. The larger attendance of such conventions as Kansas City in 1977, or Atlanta in 1978, make the sites much more desirable and attractive.

Thank you for permitting us this opportunity to express our feelings and concerns. Our prayer is that God will guide in efforts of leadership in the affairs of our convention.

Henry Gross, Ft. Mitchell
Secretary, Board of Deacons
Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church

Putting women in their place

I was shocked when I read the article "Women Pastors Affirm Call to Ministry," by Susan K. Taylor (p. 11, Oct. 19).

Why print an article that is totally unscriptural? Instead of printing such articles and supporting these ladies on this issue, we should pray for them. The Word of God is clear about the role of women.

1 Tim. 2:11-14. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived, was in the transgression.

I do not feel I need to defend the Word of God. It is clear on this subject matter. My prayer is that these ladies who feel they are called to preach or pastor would simply study the Word of God, and may all of us remember God will never do anything that is contrary to his Word.

If we as Southern Baptists are going to enrol 8.5 million people in our Sunday schools by 1985, if we are going to reach the entire world with the gospel message by the year 2000, we must do it God's way. We must do it scripturally, with God called men in places of leadership within our churches.

Scott Casebier, Central City

[We don't make the news, we print it. Printing what newsmakers say in no way means approval of what they say. I agree that we should pray for these and all others serving the Lord but how would you know whom to pray for if you had not read about them in Western Recorder? Editor]

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John 14:25-26 As the time of his crucifixion was drawing near, Christ calmly announced to his disciples he was going to leave them. They were sorely troubled at the thought of being separated from him whom they had learned to love so dearly. They wondered how they could ever face the world without his supporting and comforting presence. Christ promised his disciples the Holy Spirit would come to be with them and would assume the responsibility of being another guardian just as he had been. Christ assured the disciples the Holy Spirit would guide them in the study of scriptures and teach them what they would need to know, direct them in their work for their Lord, empower them for Christian service and comfort them in their sorrows. Christ informed them God's indwelling Spirit would enable them to cope with the problems of life enabling them to do whatever was necessary to live victoriously. What an encouragement that must have been to them!

Romans 8:9-17 From the moment that regeneration takes place the believer in

Christ is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Thereafter he sees, thinks, talks and acts differently than he did before the divine nature was imparted to him. The indwelling Holy Spirit enables the Christian to be victorious over the temptations of Satan and to produce fruit to the glory of God. The one who is indwelt and controlled by the Holy Spirit is no longer devoted to the gratification of fleshly lusts.

Out of hearts of love for Christ our savior and Lord, let us follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit into the fields of Christian service. With the Holy Spirit assuring believers of their Christian sonship, they should prove their gratitude for the fact they are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. If we suffer in our sphere as Christians, as Christ suffered in his, we too shall be glorified with him.

Romans 8:26-28 Inasmuch as "we know not what we should pray for as we ought," the Holy Spirit solves this problem for us by bringing to our attention the things for which we need to pray and by making intercession for us. All of our prayers may not be in accord with God's will, but the ones which are prompted by the Holy Spirit will be in accord with that will.

Life and Work Series BEREAVEMENT

2 Samuel 1:11-12 According to the record given to us by the Holy Spirit in 1 Sam. 31, Saul was severely and critically wounded in battle. He asked his armor-bearer to slay him but was refused. Saul then took his sword and intentionally fell upon it committing suicide. An Amalekite, either a mercenary soldier or battlefield looter, came across the body of Saul and removed his crown and bracelet. After taking the insignia of royalty from Saul's body and hastening to Ziklag, in the hope of ingratiating himself with David, the Amalekite reported he had personally "helped" Saul commit suicide.

2 Samuel 1:17-18 David tore his clothes as an expression of genuine grief over the death of Saul, then joined his men in weeping and fasting because

of the death of Saul, Jonathan and the warriors of Israel who had been slain by the swords of the Philistines. He particularly mourned the death of his loyal friend Jonathan, who remained loyal to his father despite his genuine love for David.

2 Samuel 12:19-23 The child that Uriah's wife bore for David became seriously ill and the fond father was deeply affected by the sufferings of his young son. For seven days he did everything within his power for the welfare of his son and the recovery of his health. He fasted, prayed and spent the night lying on the ground as evidence of the sincerity of his personal repentance and the earnestness of his supplication. On the seventh day the boy died. When the father was informed his son had died, he ceased praying, washed himself, went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.



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William W. (Bill) Marshall
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CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

Early next week Kentucky Baptists will convene in Paducah for our 146th meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Conversations with folks throughout the state suggest that it will likely be a peaceful and joyful experience. If anyone is looking for a fight, they are keeping it under wraps!

Some positive and exciting recommendations will be presented to the convention by the executive board. Together with hearing a report on the fruitful and expanding Ohio-Kentucky mission link-up will come the recommendation that Kentucky Baptists enter into an overseas partnership with the Baptist Convention of Kenya, East Africa. A task group consisting of Robert Jones, chairman, Jay Brown (Evangelism), Bill Kaufman (Brotherhood) and Marshall Phillips (director of Camps and Assemblies and veteran missionary to Kenya) have had preliminary meetings with Foreign Mission Board staff, a Kenyan Baptist who worked at Cedarmore this summer and the director for the Alabama-Nigeria partnership. Scheduled to travel to Kenya in late April 1984 the task group will develop with the Kenya convention a three-year partnership plan which could begin by early 1985 and conclude in 1987, the year of Kentucky Baptists' sesquicentennial.

The convention will also be asked to approve a new stewardship program titled "Planned Growth in Giving," adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh. If this remark-

able yet realistic plan of stewardship development ultimately yields even half its potential, Kentucky Baptists will rise to a level of missions giving unlike anything in our past.

But perhaps the most significant report to the convention will come from the Annuity Board in the Wednesday session following the Foreign Mission Board presentation. It is no secret that the retirement support of Southern Baptist ministers has been neglected in recent years. Adopted at Pittsburgh in June, this new plan will remedy the serious deficiency in the present plan. The convention will be asked to receive this encouraging report as information, with instruction to the executive board to study the proposal for return to the convention in 1984 for adoption and implementation in 1988. The state conventions will have these several years to prepare for necessary funding. David Nelson, at the request of the board's administrative committee, has agreed to make the recommendation following the report. Nelson, Howard Cobble (Severns Valley) and Chauncey Daley are the three Kentuckians on the special committee to develop the proposed plan. Kentucky Baptists can be proud that three of her own were involved in this far-reaching proposal.

Finally, remember to pray for president Curtis Warf who has the unenviable responsibility for presiding. Kentucky Baptists could not have selected a finer representative to help break in a novice executive secretary, who, by the way, will see you in Paducah!

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Those of us who serve with Baptist Homes for Children and seek to communicate with Kentucky Baptists are involved in a process I call "Trust and Tell"—trust God and tell the people. My faith and experience confirm we can trust God. We can trust him to fulfill his promises. We can trust him to do for us, in us and through us what we can never do without him. I also believe that if we tell the people the truth about our ministry to children they will respond to the needs. Over and over it has been proven that when Baptists know, Baptists will do.

While we are trusting God to help us, we are doing our best to tell the people about it. We have nothing to hide and a lot to share. During the past three

months I have visited and spoken at 5 of the annual associational meetings and during this past year have been invited to present our work in many individual churches. Others from our agency have represented us in 52 other associations and numerous churches. Reception has been gracious and warm, and deep interest is found everywhere.

Therefore, we are committed to tell the people of the needs children have, the program of ministry we provide and how we can be supported. Then we trust God to open hearts and pocket-books to support this worthy ministry.

Remember, children need us because of broken homes, troubled families and parents who are ill or deceased. All of these children deserve a stable living situation in a family, homelike setting. We are committed to provide their needs. We do it through Christian staff who teach, guide, discipline, lead, love and model Christlikeness. With people who know responding through the Thanksgiving offering and in many other ways, and by the power of God, we have a ministry to children you can be proud of.

We are trusting God and telling the story so you can be God's instruments sustaining this ministry.



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GOD'S GREAT LEADERS

"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise . . ." (Joshua 1:2). Somehow these memorable words seem appropriate as we approach our Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah next week. Moses was a great leader for God. However, when his tenure of service ended, God raised up another great leader named Joshua.

It is my observation that God has blessed Kentucky Baptists with some great denominational leaders. Just in recent months we have recognized how God has used the ministry of Frank Owen and his dear wife as they have gone in and out among us. I think of Forrest Sawyer, who has recently retired. Mrs. Kathryn Jasper Akridge has announced retirement plans recently and C. R. Daley will retire in 1984. Recently, Daley visited our campus and spoke for us in chapel. This gave us an opportunity to recognize his 26 years as editor of Western Recorder.

We have had great leaders at Clear Creek also. L. C. Kelly took a cornfield and a tent and turned it into a Bible institute. D. M. Aldridge made Clear Creek a respected school for the train-

ing of God's ministers. I think of Mahon, Hastings, Brown, Lester, Lynch and Denham as great giants for God. The greatness of our great school lies not in brick or stone but in the thousands of men who have gone to the ends of the earth as our graduates to minister for the Lord.

I think of another great man—William W. Marshall whom we shall welcome and honor next week at our annual convention. I am convinced he is God's man for us and will lead Kentucky Baptists to greater and greater heights of service and glory in the cause of Christ. Yes, my hat is off to all of God's great leaders. May their tribe increase!

Self-mastery

He who would lead must first himself be led;
Who would be loved be capable to love
Beyond the utmost he receives who claims
The rod of power must first have bowed
And being honored, honor what's above:
This know the men who leave the world their names.

Bayard Taylor



oneida journal

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SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR

Recently a 16-year-old sister and her 13-year-old brother came to us.

In the past four years, they lost their mother. She was killed by their stepfather. The natural father was already gone. They were then cared for by their grandfather until he died. An aunt took over but she also died.

Now the children are in our care on a partial scholarship. With your help and God's blessing, perhaps they can now have some structure and security for the next two to five years.

Imagine the hurt, the emotional trauma, the many moves, the instability of their young lives. Each one they have clung to has been removed by death. When his mother was murdered, the boy had to be put under a psychiatrist. "He had bad dreams and couldn't sleep."

That reminds me of a young man who

came to us early last summer from a distant Kentucky town. He woke up his roommates nearly nightly shouting, in his sleep, "Don't hit me. Please don't hit me!" One can only assume one is a victim of child abuse within the home.

In July a sister and brother were brought to us by members of a central Kentucky church. They are the oldest of seven children. The church found them and their mother sleeping in a car on a city street. That car had been their home for well over a year! Think of that. Comprehend it if you can. We are talking about an American family, not a family in Bombay.

That great church prayed. But they also put wings on their prayers. They moved to do something. They found a home for the mother and those children. They have helped in many ways. After many months, the family began coming to church. The mother and several of the children have

accepted the Lord and there is a great difference in their lives.

The two oldest children are now in our care. The church is backstopping clothing and toiletry needs, as well as some "pocket" money. We are providing full room and board scholarships.

Reader, are you one of those who helps us render such a ministry, not just to these two, but literally to hundreds?

If you tried to pick the five above-mentioned children from among our nearly 500 girls and boys, you could not do so. However, you would think one of the boys is years younger than he is. Improper diet, lack of regular nourishment, the conditions of his early childhood have combined to greatly stunt his growth.

Yet, you should have seen that same young man some weeks ago as he proudly showed his new athletic shoes, his very first. He was so proud. You should see his little legs churning as he outruns many of our bigger boys.

In mid-August a pastor brought us a boy from another state. A fine looking young man, the boy had only the clothes he was wearing.

This former Kentucky pastor shared with me that the boy is the oldest of five sons. He said the boys and their parents are faithful to the church, hardly ever missing a service. As more

than a year went by, the pastor noted the entire family wore the same clothes Sunday after Sunday.

But they were proud, never expressing a need, never asking for anything. Then it was learned they were living in a dilapidated old motel room where the shower has not worked for months. But the rent is \$65 weekly, and the family ate one meal a day most of the time.

There are two beds in the room. The parents sleep in one. Several boys share the other bed turnabout. The others share the floor.

This oldest boy is doing beautifully here at Oneida. There is one mouth less to feed at home, one less to sleep on the floor. Here he has a bed, nice clothes, even a toothbrush—he didn't have one before. He is doing beautifully. We average one such child arriving on our campus each week, one that we must support totally.

Oneida is a school. Oneida is also a home. Home and school are united here as our children are under our supervision, the loving care of a dedicated Christian staff and faculty, each one of the 24 hours. There is a consistency and a constancy in our daily care not possible in programs where school and after-school care are separated.

Blessed with so much yourself, will you share with Oneida's boys and girls this month?

NOVEMBER

6-12 Royal Ambassador Week. Suggestions from Brotherhood Builder and Brotherhood Dept., KBC

13 American Bible Society Day. Suggestions available from The American Bible Society, Box 5656, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017

14-17 Kentucky Baptist Convention. Paducah, First Baptist Church

14—Executive Board Meeting and

Religious Education Association

14-15—Pastors' Conference; and Music Association Meeting

15-17—Convention in session
20 Child Care Day. Suggestions from Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown 40243

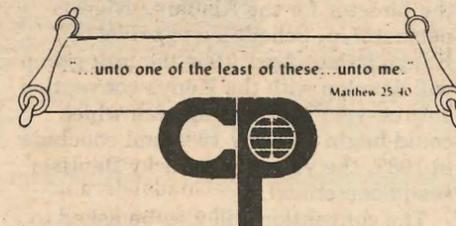
20-23 Foreign Missions Study. Books available from Baptist Book Store

24 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering

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International youth meeting can break down world barriers

by Jim Lowry

Plans for the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 11-15, 1984, took a giant step toward completion at a recent meeting in Nashville of 43 representatives from eight countries and 13 Baptist groups.

All five of the major continents of the world were represented at the meeting as detailed plans were made for the historic youth conference. It will be the first bilingual youth conference and the first Baptist sponsored worldwide meeting in Buenos Aires.

For Baptists in Argentina, the Youth World Conference will be the first opportunity to receive nationwide attention in the media and from the government in a country which is more than 90 percent Catholic.

The Argentine Baptists expect an influx of more than 6000 Baptists from around the world to be a tremendous witness to residents there to undergird their efforts in evangelism.

Denton Lotz, director of the youth department of the Baptist World Alliance, stressed the importance and potential benefit of the youth singing, praying and witnessing with youth who speak other languages and are accustomed to different social systems.

"In a period of international strife and tension with increasing nationalism and isolationism, a world gathering of young people can contribute to breaking down barriers of hostility," Lotz told the international representatives.

"Our prayer for the Buenos Aires



Continental representatives at a recent planning meeting in Nashville for the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 11-15, were (l-r) Raul Scialabba, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America; Bob Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., North America; Laura Salvador, Quezon City, Philippines, Asia; Noah Iyanda, Lagos, Nigeria, Africa; and Uwe Kuhne, Homburg, Germany, Europe.

conference is that Baptist young people will commit themselves to a larger vision of what God is doing in the world," Lotz said. "Committed young people will have an opportunity to make a difference in the future of the world."

To make the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference as culturally diversified as possible, extensive plans have been made to place students alongside students from other countries, according to Beverly Sutton, program chairman for the conference and field services department for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. It is hoped that in these small group set-

tings students will come to better understand and be more considerate of cultural differences, she noted.

Five sessions are planned for conferees to gather in worship to interpret parts of the conference theme, "Jesus Christ—The Truth: Our Faith, Our Commitment, Our Peace." In each session, a presentation will be made to introduce youth to the culture and life-style of one of the continents.

Another expected highlight of the conference will be the Saturday afternoon cultural fair where youth will wear native dress and exchange souvenirs. The souvenir exchange will be followed

by a parade of Baptist youth through the streets of Buenos Aires.

According to Bob Taylor, chairman of the youth committee of the Baptist World Alliance and youth ministries consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Buenos Aires is proudly referred to by natives as the safest city in the world. He said it should be an excellent location where youth can travel to experience the cultural climate on a different continent.

For information or to request registration forms, write to the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference, 1628 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Mission matchups returning to Guadalajara

by Marty Croll

Kay Weldon became Kay Weldon Madaris the same month Christian Single magazine printed an article, "Single and Happy in Mexico," about her fulfilling single life as a career missionary.

However, at 40, after accepting she'd probably never marry, Kay met Don Madaris, a 39-year-old pastor sent to Mexico for a short-term mission assignment. She resigned 10 months later to marry him.

Five years after that first meeting, the Madarises are returning to Mexico, where he will be a chaplain and she will be a nurse in the Guadalajara mission hospital.

He was appointed and she reappointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board when it met in September.

Mrs. Madaris heard about her husband before he came to Guadalajara in 1978. As a member of the committee which decided where he would be sent in Mexico to do student work, she "very definitely," voted for him to go

elsewhere, where she saw greater need.

"Also, I had a sort of mental image of him," she says. "I had seen and heard of 39-year-old bachelors who were sort of the leftover, so I saw him as bald-headed, fat and 40. I was not at all interested."

Though Madaris was assigned to direct activities at a new Baptist student center not connected with the hospital, he learned of his wife shortly after he arrived in the city. "Everyone wanted to make sure I met this single nurse. Everybody just thought this was ideal.

"The description I had was that she was an old maid nurse, and since she worked with the mobile medical unit, she drove a truck. And I thought, 'What kind of a person could this be? She's been here all these years, she drives, she's good at mechanics and she plays a mean game of tennis.'"

Because of the Mexican culture, the time they spent together in Mexico consisted of tennis matches, prayer meetings and song sessions in his student center quarters, to which he invited Mrs. Madaris and a journeyman.

"Singing was something that really

attracted me to him," Mrs. Madaris says of her husband, a former tenor soloist for Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. "Where he lived there was a fireplace, and he'd build a fire, turn down the lights, sit down at the baby grand piano and sing."

Though at first missionaries in Guadalajara planned to put the two together, they began to change their attitude as they realized a friendship could grow into something more serious. Madaris was taken aside more than once and reminded if they were married, she would have to resign as a missionary since he had not been appointed.

When Madaris left in March 1979, he assumed their relationship would end. "I wanted Kay to drive me to the airport, and I thought we'd say goodbye, and that would be it," he says.

"But on the plane back to Houston I had a real absent feeling." He pulled out a legal pad and began writing a short note to Kay. When he finished he had 39 pages.

"It was the first opportunity I'd had," he says, laughing. "See what happens when you're unable to express things in Mexico? Those missionaries didn't know I was holding all those

things in."

Several letters later, the two arranged to meet in Houston. He was preaching a revival near New Orleans and she was flying into the country to transport a heart-lung machine from Pennsylvania to Mexico. Madaris used the love offering given him at the revival to pay for his flight into Houston.

That night in Houston he proposed to her, she accepted, and they planned the date, time and place of the wedding. "So she went back with the heart-lung machine and promptly resigned," Don says.

They married two months later, June 30, 1979.

The Madarises were invited back to Guadalajara when he was between pastorates in 1981. While he served in the hospital this time, as a chaplain, and she as a nurse, they realized they could share their lives in such a ministry.

When he learned the hospital needed a full time missionary chaplain, he felt called to fill that need. He got no argument from his wife.

"Mexico was home," she says. "It really would have been hard to leave for any other reason (but him)."



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