



Is silent prayer proper in public school rooms?

by Stan Haste

The U. S. Supreme Court has reopened the 22-year-old debate over the proper place of religion in public school classrooms by ruling on an Alabama law providing for a moment of silent prayer or meditation at the beginning of the school day.

At the same time the high court affirmed a lower federal court in

striking down a separate Alabama law authorizing classroom teachers to lead their pupils in oral prayers.

Combined, the two actions indicate the nation's highest tribunal, while standing firmly by its 1962 and 1963 decisions barring state prescribed school prayer, is now willing to consider the silent prayer alternative as enacted by Alabama and 21 other states. The Supreme Court has never considered the question until now.

Lower federal courts have divided, one tribunal upholding a Massachusetts silence statute but others striking down similar laws in Tennessee, New Jersey and Alabama.

The Alabama law the high court will consider reads: "At the commencement of the first class of each day in all grades in all public schools the teacher in charge of the room in which such class is held may announce that a period of silence not to exceed one minute in duration shall be observed for meditation or voluntary prayer and during any such period no other activities shall be engaged in."

After the state legislature passed the law a group of Mobile, Ala. parents led by Ishmael Jaffree, an agnostic with three children in public schools, challenged it. But U. S. District Court Judge Brevard Hand last year upheld the law in an opinion which said the Supreme Court had misinterpreted the constitution in its 1962 and 1963 school prayer decisions.

On appeal to a federal circuit court, however, the law was struck down as a violation of the First Amendment's establishment clause.

Because the Supreme Court's calendar for hearing cases in its current term is already full, the Alabama case will not be argued until some time after the 1984-85 term begins next October. A decision is expected by the spring of 1985.

While agreeing to decide on the silent prayer issue, the high court nevertheless voted without dissent to affirm the appeals court decision striking down the Alabama law providing for teacher led prayers.



Mable Hall, a member of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., works to put finishing touches on a quilt during the church sponsored weekday activities for senior adults. In addition to quilting, senior adults can participate in ceramics, weaving, exercise, trips, luncheons and other activities. One out of every six Southern Baptist churches now has a weekday program for senior adults. Many Southern Baptist churches will give special recognition to senior adults on Senior Adult Day Sunday, May 6.

Equal access bill allows freedoms

by Larry Chesser

The House education and labor committee, led by its powerful chairman, Rep. Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., has overwhelmingly approved "equal access" legislation sponsored by Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash.

With Perkins making no secret of his intention to get the bill to the floor the committee voted 30-3 in favor of the measure, H.R. 5345. The full panel agreed to language approved a day earlier by the subcommittee on elementary, secondary and vocational education (also chaired by Perkins).

Essentially the bill says federally funded secondary schools which permit "groups which are initiated by and composed of students to meet during noninstructional periods" cannot discriminate on the basis of the religious content at such meetings.

The "equal access" provisions of the bill apply only to meetings which are "voluntary and student initiated."

The committee-passed bill also provides that teachers and other agents of the school or government may be present "only in a nonparticipatory capacity."

School districts violating students' "equal access" rights would be barred from receiving federal funds but Perkins and Bonker have readily acknowledged their intention to opt for a judicial remedy contained in a similar Senate measure if H.R. 5345 passes the House and goes to conference with a Senate-passed version.

The Senate bill, S. 815, is sponsored by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore. In addition, a more far reaching proposal, S. 1059 sponsored by Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., has cleared the Senate judiciary committee.



Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. and James Berryman, professor of religion and philosophy, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., greet each other at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. The two visited when Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., spoke at the seminary. Berryman is a visiting professor at Southern.

Daleys to be feted at reception May 11

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Daley will honor them upon his retirement as editor of Western Recorder with a reception. The event, announced by the board of directors of Western Recorder, is planned for the foyer outside the chapel at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown Friday, May 11 between the hours of 6:30 and 9 p.m.

The reception is open to the public and will be the final official opportunity for friends statewide to express their love in person for Daley's 27 years of editorial leadership. He retires June 30.

A book of letters of appreciation will be presented to the Daleys and contributions to the book are welcomed, provided they are received no later than May 1 (in order to be bound). Letters should be typewritten on one 8 1/2 x 11 sheet. They may be mailed folded or flat, and should be addressed c/o Ann Tatum, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.

Boys and girls go to camp while parents attend SBC

The Brotherhood Commission will again sponsor a missions day camp during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Kansas City June 12-14.

Boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6 are eligible to attend the day camp which will be held at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., about 20 miles from the Kansas City Convention Center.

Missionary speakers, crafts, games, nature trails and sports are planned. Transportation to and from the convention center will be provided, as will snacks and lunch.

Registration for the day camp will begin Monday morning, June 11, at the day camp booth in the registration area of the convention center. Children will participate in the day camp all day Tuesday and Thursday and half a day Wednesday.

Parents will leave their children at a designated place at the convention center beginning Tuesday morning and pick them up at the close of the afternoon sessions Tuesday and Thursday and at the close of the morning session Wednesday.

Camp cost is \$7 per person per day or \$20 for three days for one child. For two children in the same family the cost will be \$40 for three days; and for three children in the same family the cost for three days will be \$55. The cost covers insurance, supplies, two lunches, snacks and the charge for the campsite and transportation.

The Brotherhood Commission, along with the Missouri State Brotherhood Department and the Blue River (Kansas City) Baptist Association, is sponsoring the missions day camp.

Karl Bozeman, Crusader Royal Ambassador director for the Brotherhood Commission, is day camp coordinator.



At least 5000 Hong Kong office workers will read in Chinese and English about God's plan of salvation when they look at their desk calendars Apr. 24. So will 5000 taxi drivers who glance at their dashboard calendars, thanks to the scripture calendar ministry of Southern Baptist missionaries Ida and Dick Lusk. Their wall calendars also reach into thousands of homes and many schools in Hong Kong and have been seen in mainland China.

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State tax rulings favor charity and education over churches

In Kentucky institutions of "purely public charity" and "educational" institutions fare better than churches when it comes to exemptions from taxation. This has been clearly established through the years by legal rulings on the meaning of Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution.

This conclusion comes from a study prompted by inquiries from Baptist churches which have been billed for property tax on vehicles owned and used by churches. Some churches have apparently paid these taxes while others have balked and, in some instances, had the tax bills withdrawn by county officials.

The Kentucky constitution is strict when it comes to tax exemptions for churches. Section 170 of the constitution reads: "There shall be exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; places actually used for religious worship with grounds attached thereto and used and appurtenant to the house of worship not to exceed 1/2 acre in cities and towns, and not exceeding two acres in the county." It is obvious that many churches in Kentucky are not in compliance with this constitutional limitation. Think of the holy uproar if all real estate in excess of one-half acre now occupied by town and city churches were taxed. This is precisely possible by present wording of Section 170.

The Kentucky constitution also states: "But no property shall be exempt from taxation except as provided in this constitution." Since church owned vehicles are not listed in the Kentucky constitution among those properties exempt, they are taxable.

Any doubt about this has been removed by a specific statement from the Kentucky attorney general: "Exemption from taxation according to Paragraph 170 of the constitution to religious institutions does not extend to automobiles owned by said institutions."

Now for the different view on tax exemption for institutions of charity and education. Institutions of "purely public charity" and institutions of "education" are also included in the constitution for tax exemption but the interpretation for these is different. They enjoy a broader tax exemption than do places of worship.

For example, the office of the attorney general states: "Property owned by an educational institution where the income derived from such property

is used to operate such institutions is exempt from ad valorem property tax."

The same attorney general office, however, states: "House and lot owned by church and rented, the proceeds going into the regular budget of the church, is not exempt from taxation within the meaning of this section" (Section 170).

On the basis of this differentiation Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, classified as an educational institution, enjoys tax exemption. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is not taxable on the grounds it is an institution of "purely public charity." Here's the ruling going all the way back to 1896:

"A seminary established for the purpose of furnishing, free of charge, education to young men preparing for the ministry, is held to be an institution of 'purely public charity' although its organization and management is under private and denominational control" (36SW995, 1896, Louisville versus Southern Baptist Theological Seminary).

This exemption goes for all seminary property wherever located. "Phrases 'institution of purely public charity' and 'institutions of education' used in this section embrace not only buildings actually used in teaching, or actually used in administering charity, but that they also embrace all property of the institution wherever situated."

The matter of ownership which seems to be the determining factor for charitable institutions and educational institutions does not apply to churches. In the case of churches it is use rather than ownership which is the controlling factor.

One example is this ruling: "Certain realty owned by a church organization and not used for religious worship nor as a parsonage nor occupied as a house by the ministers was not exempt from taxation."

The Kentucky constitution along with rulings of the attorney general and the courts make for confusion if not inequity. A Baptist seminary pays no tax on valuable real estate owned and leased for commercial use while a Baptist church in the same city is billed for taxes on a church bus owned and used to transport worshipers to church.

It's past time for churches of all faiths in Kentucky to get together and press for some change in the archaic wording of the Kentucky constitution.

How far should government go in church affairs?

Government encroachment into church affairs is one of the critical issues for religious freedom in America. Traditionally state and church have operated within their separate spheres in America without interfering with each other but the exact line separating their spheres is becoming harder and harder to discover.

Church members in America are citizens of two realms, the Kingdom of God and the political state. How far can a church go in questionable treatment of its members who are also citizens of the state before the state is obligated to step in to protect the rights of its citizens from the church?

The most celebrated case of the state's invasion of the church in recent history was the takeover upon the request of some of its members of Herbert Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God even to the point of expropriating its assets and paying its bills.

Another government intrusion widely discussed was the Internal Revenue Service denial of tax-deductible gifts to Bob Jones University because of its policies against interracial dating and interracial marriage of its students. Many church-state separation advocates who disagree strongly with the policies of Bob Jones felt I.R.S. went too far in this instance.

Now comes another very interesting case involving the exercise of discipline by a church upon a church member and a favorable court decision resulting from a suit filed against the church by the church member.

Marian Guinn was a member of a Church of Christ congregation in Collinsville, Okla. Following her divorce she entered into an affair with the former mayor of Collinsville who was also divorced. When this became known Mrs. Guinn, in accordance with the strictest policies of her church, was confronted by a committee of elders. She admitted to the affair confidentially but refused the demand of the elders to confess and repent before the whole congregation.

The elders gave her an ultimatum to confess to the church within two weeks or they would report her "fornication" to the congregation and

recommend that she be excluded from the fellowship of the church.

Mrs. Guinn still refused to confess publicly and tried to leave the church in an effort to prevent being exposed publicly and excluded from the fellowship. The elders, however, went on anyway and exposed her adultery publicly saying she would remain a member until they expelled her.

Mrs. Guinn filed suit against the church and the elders for invading her privacy and causing her emotional distress. She asked for \$1.3 million in damages. In court she readily admitted to the affair but claimed it was none of the church's business. Her attorney said, "He was a single man. She was a single lady. And this is America."

The elders argued that they had the right to practice their religion according to the traditional beliefs of the church. They claimed their church discipline policy was based upon Matt. 18:15-17 and that they followed their understanding of this New Testament instruction.

The jury sided with Mrs. Guinn awarding her \$390,000 in damages which is about six times the annual income of the church.

The case raises perplexing questions. Do courts representing the state have the right to interfere with a church's discipline practices which are based on the church's understanding of the Bible? If Mrs. Guinn voluntarily joined this church knowing its discipline policies, was she not bound by them? Are churches to be fair game in lawsuits for any member who might feel mistreated?

On the other hand, should not a citizen's right to privacy be protected against an offending church? Is the purpose of church discipline to be redemptive or punitive? In this case it appears it could have begun with redemptive intent but when Mrs. Guinn refused to consider it so and tried to withdraw from the church, the elders took the punitive approach in publicly condemning and expelling her. Should not the discipline attempt have been dropped when Mrs. Guinn left the church?

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State WMU says 'goodby' to Kathryn Akridge as its executive leader

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kathryn Jasper Akridge bid adieu to Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union in an emotional farewell the other day.

Appropriately, it came during the group's largest annually attended meeting to date. Registration reached 1967, including 95 Baptist Young Women at a separate dinner and 276 Girls in Action in a simultaneous session. But state WMU executive director Akridge, retiring after 14 years of service next Sept. 30, believed attendance was well over 2000.

"There are always some who never register," she allowed.

Responding to an hour long program of accolades and tributes during the state WMU convention's opening session, Mrs. Akridge said when she thought of Kentucky WMU, she could say with Paul, who addressed the Philippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

She acknowledged that these 14 years had been "satisfying, challenging and enjoyable." She acknowledged that she had found in this time the scripture valid which reads, "My God shall supply all your needs."

Speaking of the future, Mrs. Akridge, teary-eyed and in a voice obviously broken with feeling, said she believed "you can retire from WMU employment, but not from its tasks."

Thus, she said, she would "press on" knowing that "to whom much is given, much is required."

Her testimony was met with thunderous applause on two occasions, and by a standing ovation.

Earlier, former presidents of the state WMU, representatives from the Baptist Building and from the state and national WMU staffs had praised Kathryn Akridge for her leadership.

She was presented an antique quilt and a nosegay of artificial flowers, including 14 roses for her 14 years of service, and feted at a reception by the state WMU.

The three day event was held Mar. 29-31 at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church.

They meant business

During the sessions the state WMU took action on several business matters.



Part of the record breaking crowd at the WMU meeting.

A proposal to delete the office of treasurer of the state WMU, combining that office with the paid position of executive director, met with no opposition.

Mrs. Vera Durham, Middletown, the organization's treasurer for the last seven years, was recognized with a \$250 gift to be given in her name to the new Southern Baptist WMU art department in Birmingham, Ala. In making the announcement, Mrs. Akridge noted that Mrs. Durham had always had a great interest in and appreciation for art, and that it was Vera Durham who chaired the committee which had called Kathryn Jasper to the state WMU post 14 years ago.

Three officers were reelected to serve in 1984-85: Mrs. Doris Mullendore, Bowling Green, president; Mrs. Ginny Sisk, Lexington, vice president; and Mrs. Weltha Carter, Trenton, secretary.

Area representatives on the state WMU executive board were also elected in Lexington. Most of these were reelected, although there were some vacancies filled due to rotation in terms of service.

Ella Mae Young, WMU office secretary, was awarded a cash gift upon 15 years of service.

While the executive board had previously voted to hold its 1985 sessions Apr. 25-27 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, it was announced at this meeting that the 1986 event would be held Apr. 24-26 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

In a financial report distributed during the convention, participants learned that three special missions offerings collected in the state were now approaching \$3 million annually, and probably should easily surpass that figure during the current year.

The Eliza Broadus state mission offering received \$400,282 last year while the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions earned \$828,804 and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions totaled \$1,756,993 in the same period. That brought the three totals to \$2,986,079.

The state WMU staff reviewed their year of service by using a computer as a focal point of their presentation.

Experiences with global import

As usual, the state WMU meeting was filled with testimonies of missionaries serving in the state, across the country and around the world. Their messages challenged the audience to continue to reach out to humanity in need of a savior. Theme of the meeting, "Touching My World," was carried out in every address delivered in Lexington.

Jack and Phyllis Merritt, Southern Baptist home missionaries in Atlanta, shared their experience.

When the suggestion appeared in a younger children's vacation Bible

school periodical that the Merritts be remembered in prayer, and their home address was given, more than 2000 letters from second graders filled their mailbox.

"We knew then of the love and support we had from Southern Baptists," said Merritt. "It helped us more than those children will ever know."

Ella Mae Baker, a mission volunteer from Somerset, Ky. who went to the island of Mauritius off the east coast of Africa twice as a quilting supervisor, allowed:

"All the world does not need quilting supervisors. But all the world does need your love, your prayers, your money, your thoughts, your support. This could be your opportunity to serve. And while all of you can't go, some of you can."

SBC WMU executive director Carolyn Weatherford, of Birmingham, encouraged her audience to "stick to your knitting."

If WMU is to be a missions education organization, that's what "it must stick to," she admonished. WMU is beyond the day of simply providing missions information, she said. "We must provide missions knowledge."

Wanda Carpenter Dobbins, Southern Baptist missionary to Chile and former Kentucky WMU staffer, currently on furlough, reported: "The truth is, I can't stand here and tell you a lot of success stories."

"The real success is that you prayed for me and God worked through me in our first term in Chile. Not only am I

there but you are there through me and about 80 other missionaries."

Summing it up, she said, "I'm thankful that you stuck with me through it all."

A word fitly spoken

At the close of four of the five sessions of the state WMU meeting, Foreign Mission Board retiree Edna Frances Dawkins led a meditation summing up that particular session. Each was a challenge in itself.

"Isn't God good to us?" she asked once. "He lets us go to Mauritius through Ella Mae Baker and to New Mexico and New York and lots of other places with Jack and Phyllis Merritt."

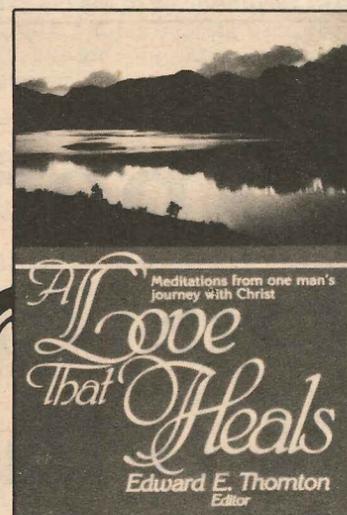
Another time she pondered, "Isn't it exciting to be a Baptist woman today?"

Continuing, she said, "There are young women in your church and mine that need to go to the depths of the world, to touch their world for Jesus Christ. Will you pray with me toward that end?"

In still another session, she reflected on Kentucky's linkage with Kenya. "Only a small portion of you will go but many of you will be involved," Miss Dawkins observed.

"This state will never be the same because you are participating in the Kenya project," she predicted.

Music, under the direction of Milburn Price, dean of the School of Church Music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, included solo, duet, trio and quartet numbers. The sanctuary choir of the host church and a Korean Baptist choir were also featured elements.



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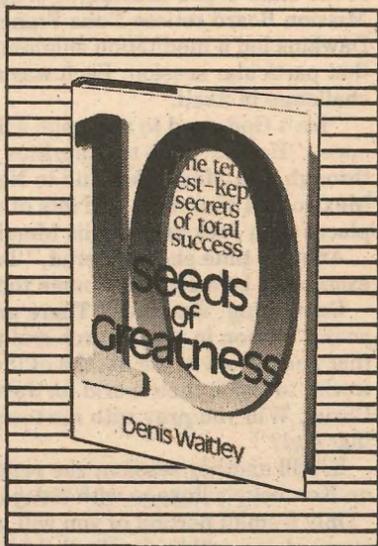
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ACTS aims for 117 Kentucky cable systems

If projections hold, the American Christian Television System (ACTS) will be viewed on 177 cable TV systems in Kentucky by Dec. 1. Mark Snowden, state ACTS director for Kentucky, has set that number as the goal for signing up cable television systems to carry the new Southern Baptist network, scheduled to start up May 15.

Snowden met recently in Ft. Worth with other state ACTS directors and ACTS planners to map strategy for each state convention. Together they expect to get agreements from 1727 cable television systems across the country by the end of the year. Cable TV viewers in each of these communities will be able to receive the daily family Christian entertainment programs of the ACTS network.

"Through access to cable TV, local churches supporting ACTS will have the opportunity to insert locally produced programs that are geared for their communities," Snowden said. "With the consistency that ACTS provides, the image and ministry of the local Baptist church will be improved."

To reach their goal in Kentucky, Snowden and the regional consultants working with him will contact the 203 cable systems personally. To encourage the systems to carry ACTS, they will offer the network's programming free as well as provide the equipment necessary to receive the programming via satellite.

Additionally, local ACTS boards will form among Southern Baptist churches in each of the communities. These boards, which will purchase the satellite receiving equipment, will also produce local TV programs to supplement the network and promote the ACTS channel in their communities.

To date 13 of the top national cable TV corporations, some of which own more than 100 local systems, have indicated they plan to carry ACTS on some of their systems. These corporations alone represent a potential 24 million cable viewers for ACTS.

Politicizing Vatican hit during Senate hearing

The State Department's intention to use the far-flung ecclesiastical network of the Roman Catholic Church for information gathering drew sharp criticism at a Senate appropriations panel hearing Mar. 28 on funding for a U. S. diplomatic mission to the Holy See.

Appropriations committee chairman Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., told Secretary of State George P. Shultz the U. S. decision to establish full diplomatic relations with the Holy See politicized the spiritual role of Pope John Paul II and the Roman Catholic Church.

"I think the present Pope is basically one of the greatest spiritual leaders of this age," Hatfield said, "and I feel that we are really denigrating that role by this action because we are, in effect, politicizing the Pope."

Hatfield's remarks came as Shultz appeared before the subcommittee on commerce, justice, state and the judiciary to answer questions on the State Department's fiscal 1985 budget proposal and on a separate request to reprogram fiscal 1984 funds for a full diplomatic mission to the Holy See.

Despite objections raised at the hearing by Hatfield and Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., panel chairman Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., approved the \$351,000 repro-

gramming request after a poll of his committee indicated seven members favored the move while only Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., and Sen. Lowell P. Weicker, R-Conn., joined Hatfield and Bumpers in opposition.

Earlier, a House appropriations panel approved the reprogramming request after its chairman, Rep. Neal Smith, D-Iowa, found a majority of his committee members had no objections to the shift of funds.

In opening remarks explaining why he favored establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Holy See, Shultz said the Vatican, in addition to being a very significant religious organization, "is a worldwide organization that gathers information, takes positions, sponsors all kinds of activities—medical activities, refugee activities" and represents "a valuable diplomatic post as such."

After Shultz described factual data about the Holy See including the smallness of its size (108 acres) and population (approximately 1000 residents), Hatfield told the secretary, "obviously you are not relying on the apparatus of the Holy See, which you just defined, for this worldwide information gathering network. You are really relying on the Vatican's ecclesiastical organization."

Launch delay slows BTN program start

A delay in the scheduled launch of Spacenet I satellite has changed the start of regular BTN programming to July 2, 1984, according to Joe Denney, manager of telecommunications at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

BTN, a denominational training network operated by the Sunday School Board for churches, will still broadcast live portions of this year's Southern Baptist Convention from Kansas City June 12 and 13 as previously announced.

The SBC telecast and limited programming beginning June 18 will be beamed to churches on a temporarily rented satellite transponder. Churches will be notified of the location of the satellite and will receive instructions for positioning TVRO satellite antennas.

Program was originally scheduled to begin June 1 and would have included the special SBC broadcasts from Kansas City, Mo. Plans now call for the SBC broadcasts as announced plus limited program broadcasts June 18-29, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Programs to be broadcast June 18-29 include Sunday school Life and Work Series lesson previews for youth and adults and topics related to church training, church music, media library and building space. A one-hour program of highlights from the Southern Baptist Convention is set for Friday, June 22. A full programming schedule will begin July 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CDT).

Churches or other Baptist groups interested in obtaining a BTN receiving antenna should contact the Broadman sales department.

New Orleans Seminary gets no salary increases

Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record budget, elected a faculty member and increased fees and rents during its annual meeting.

Trustees expressed concern over the anticipated shortfall in Cooperative



W. R. Davenport
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Welcome, Morgan Patterson

As the Kentucky Baptist family welcomes Morgan Patterson as the new president at Georgetown College, it is time for all of us to reassess the meanings and the importance of Baptist colleges. What tasks face the president of a Baptist college and what significance do the Baptist colleges have for Baptist life?

President Patterson (as well as President James B. Taylor of Cumberland and I of Campbellsville College) needs prayer and support from every Kentucky Baptist in such an undertaking. We face common responsibilities, a few of which are maintaining basic commitments to biblical authority and programs; structuring curriculum and programs that honor Christ and have significant relationships to the lives of our churches; maintaining faculties who are themselves committed Christian scholar/teachers and from whom our students may catch visions of developing into the fullness of their God-given potential; maintaining adequate physical facilities for teaching, learning, and living; and securing adequate

financial support for such institutions.

Perhaps few other areas of Baptist corporate life have greater significance in terms of future generations than does the area of education. Unfortunately, many of us have failed to keep it within our person vision. We should not minimize evangelism or missions, but we err seriously when we place Christian education at some lower point in our value system. Many of us as Baptists have almost lost sight of education as one of our basic functions.

While there are many underfinanced areas in Baptist church life and in Baptist missions, we must recognize that no longer are Baptists a people of poverty. Collectively, Baptists have been entrusted by God with possession of and custody over vast financial resources. Together we can provide support for God's work in the church, in missions and in Baptist colleges.

Join me in welcoming Morgan Patterson back to our Kentucky Baptist family. I enjoy hearing from you. Thanks for your prayers and your support.

Baptists respond quickly to Carolina storms

Baptists responded with men, material and ministry in the wake of the Mar. 29 killer tornadoes which cut a 300 mile wide band of death and destruction through North and South Carolina.

Disaster relief teams from six states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi—responded quickly after the storms hit, leaving at least 60 persons dead, hundreds injured, thousands homeless and property damage in the millions of dollars. In addition, Baptists contributed foodstuffs, clothing, bedding and other items to help those whose lives were changed by the dance of death and destruction across the two-state area.

A team mobilized by the Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood Department first went to Greenville, N. C., but was sent to Grey Pond Baptist Church in Johns Station, a Lumbee Indian community near Maxton. A satellite feeding station was established at a baseball park concession stand in Maxton.

In South Carolina, Newberry, Winnsboro, McColl and Bennettsville, where tornadoes tore a two mile by 12 mile long path, were the hardest hit areas.

Mississippi Brotherhood officials sent two men to help in South Carolina with coordination efforts. Some 60 to 70 Georgia Baptist Men went in during the weekend to help with cleanup efforts in the Bennettsville and McColl areas.

The Alabama Brotherhood provided meals from a disaster relief unit which arrived Friday morning with seven volunteers, and by the end of the day served 750 meals.

Program giving and a resulting decline in funds for the seminary. Much of the board's action on fiscal affairs centered on maintenance of the academic program for increasing numbers of students within income expectations.

The \$5,832,260 budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year is the largest in the seminary's history even though salary increases for faculty and staff personnel were not included. In a letter to all faculty and staff, chairman William M. Hamm Jr., layman from Shreveport, La., relayed the trustees' regrets no salary increases could be included in this budget.

In other actions related to fiscal affairs, trustees:

Approved increases in the schedule of student fees including a raise in the matriculation fee to \$275 per semester for students in master and associate degree programs;

Approved a fee of \$68.75 per course for special, part time or auditing students with a maximum fee of \$275 per student per semester;

Approved rate increases for campus housing;

Approved increases in rates charged at the seminary's preschool center.

James Everette Reed was elected to the faculty as assistant professor of history and philosophy of religious education in the division of religious education ministries, effective June 1, 1984. He has been assistant professor of religious education at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., since 1981.

James L. Minton was promoted to associate professor of youth education and recreation from assistant professor of youth education. He has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1978.

Kansas City...we're coming

Southern Baptist Convention

Roe Bartle Hall, Kansas City, Mo.

June 12-14, 1984

Theme: *"If my people . . . I will . . ."*
(II Chronicles 7:14)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.
9:30 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, music secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.
Prayer
9:40 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention—Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
Committee on Order of Business—Fred H. Wolfe, chairman; pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
9:50 Welcome—Rheubin L. South, executive director, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.
9:55 Response—Dan H. Kong, executive secretary, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu
10:00 Theme Interpretation—Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
10:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees—Resolutions and Tellers
10:20 Executive Committee Report (Part 1)—Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
10:55 Presentation of Gavels
Introduction of Business and Resolutions
11:25 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Mo.
11:30 Music—Choir, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.
11:35 President's Address—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.
12:00 Benediction

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12

- 1:30 Evangelistic Singers
2:30 Congregational Singing—Doyal Spence, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
Prayer—David Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.
2:40 Theme Interpretation—Lewis Drummond, Louisville
2:55 Messenger Information Survey—Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; manager, research services department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
3:00 Election of Officers (First)
3:20 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
3:30 Congregational Singing—Doyal Spence, Roanoke, Va.
3:35 Executive Committee Report (Part 2)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
4:00 Sunday School Board Report—Lloyd Elder, president, Nashville
4:30 Business
Election of Officers (Second)
Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
Miscellaneous Business
5:15 Benediction—Albert A. Peveall Jr., pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Salem, Va.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Centurymen
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, convention music director; associate professor of music, Southwestern Baptist Theological

- Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer
7:10 Election of Officers (Third)
7:30 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, president, Atlanta
8:30 Music—Centurymen
8:40 Launching of ACTS and Baptist TelNet—Jimmy R. Allen, president, Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Lloyd Elder, president, Sunday School Board, Nashville
9:30 Benediction—Tom Melzoni, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Dallas

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Men's Chorus, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
9:30 Congregational Singing—Wesley Forbis, secretary, Church Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
Prayer—Roy E. Holder, director of missions, Transylvania Baptist Association, Brevard, N.C.
9:40 Election of Officers (Fourth)
9:55 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Louisville
10:10 Theme Interpretation—Lewis Drummond, Louisville
10:20 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
10:30 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas
10:40 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans
11:00 Business
Election of Officers (Fifth)
First Report of Resolutions Committee
11:25 Canada Study Committee Report—Fred E. Roach, chairman; real estate developer, Dallas
11:55 Congregational Singing—Wesley Forbis, Nashville
12:00 Music—Men's Chorus, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
12:05 Scripture and Prayer
Convention Sermon, Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
12:30 Benediction—Bill Heaton, pastor, Helena Baptist Church, Helena, Ala.

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—The Missouri Singing Men
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer—Bertha Smith, retired foreign missionary, Cowpens, S. C.
7:10 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
7:15 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers
7:20 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer, Nashville
7:30 Bold Mission Thrust Report—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
7:40 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
7:45 Foreign Mission Board Report—R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
8:45 Business
9:00 Benediction—C. L. Culpepper, retired foreign missionary, Memphis, Tenn.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Senior Adult Choirs, Kansas City, Mo.
9:30 Congregational Singing—Harry Taylor, music secretary, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, Topeka, Kan.
Prayer—Charles E. Jackson, insurance agent, Mobile, Ala.
9:40 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Franklin D. Pollard, president, Mill Valley, Cal.
9:50 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
10:00 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N. C.
10:10 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive director, Nashville
10:20 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
10:30 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James M. Dunn, executive director-treasurer, Washington
10:40 Theme Interpretation—Lewis Drummond, Louisville
10:55 Congregational Singing—Harry Taylor, Topeka, Kan.
11:00 Business
Resolutions Committee (Final Report)
12:30 Benediction—Cathy Goodroe, pastor's wife, Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Faye Burgess, concert artist, Nashville
2:30 Congregational Singing—Steve Taylor, music evangelist, Greenville, S. C.
Prayer—Richard Perry Ellis Jr., pastor, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedar Creek, Tex.
2:40 Introduction of Fraternal Messengers
2:50 Radio and Television Commission Report—Jimmy R. Allen, president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
3:00 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville
3:10 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., secretary-treasurer, Nashville
3:20 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville
3:30 Congregational Singing—Steve Taylor, Greenville, S. C.
3:35 Theme Interpretation—Lewis Drummond, Louisville
3:50 Baptist World Alliance Report—Gerhard Claas, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
4:00 Business
Committee on Denominational Calendar—Russell Bush Jr., chairman; physician, Columbia, Miss.
Denominational Press Report—Wilmer C. Fields, SBC press representative, assistant to executive secretary and director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville
Other Matters
4:30 Benediction

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—William Jewell College Festival Wind Ensemble, Philip C. Posey, conductor, Liberty, Mo.
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Prayer—Neil Jeffries, minister of youth, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas
7:10 Introduction of Local Committees
7:15 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
7:25 Brotherhood Commission Report—James H. Smith, president, Memphis, Tenn.
7:35 American Bible Society Report—Alice E. general secretary, New York, N. Y.
7:45 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
7:50 Music—Dean Wilder, director of vocal studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
8:00 Laity Emphasis—James Jeffries, financial developer, Overland Park, Kan.
8:25 Music—Rosemary Hoover, concert artist, Independence, Mo.
8:30 Message—Zig Ziglar, motivation speaker, Dallas
9:00 Benediction

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Woman's Missionary Union

Annual Meeting
June 9-11, 1984

National Prayer Conference, June 9, 1984

Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel - Municipal Auditorium Arena

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9 RADISSON-MUEHLEBACH HOTEL

"The Local Church in Missions"

10:00 Hymn of Praise, Congregation

Special Music

Speaking to the Challenges of Today in the Church
—Charlotte Green, WMU director, First Baptist Church, Federal Way, Washington; Nelson Duke, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo.

Partners in Prayer—Barbara Bray, president, Missouri WMU, Knob Noster, Mo.

"The Association in Missions"

11:00 Hymn of Praise, Congregation

Special Music—John Hamilton, pastor, University Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Speaking to the Challenges of Today in the Association—Joy Pitts, WMU director, Union Baptist Association, Houston; James Lewis, director, associational missions division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Partners in Prayer—Mickey Patrick, president, Illinois WMU, Lindenhurst, Ill.

12:00 Lunch, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

"The State Convention in Missions"

1:00 Hymn of Praise—Congregation

Special Music

Speaking to the Challenges of Today in the State Convention—William Pinson, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Nancy Curtis, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Cary

Partners in Prayer—Jeanie Nolan, president, Kansas-Nebraska WMU, Wellington, Kan.

"The Denominations in Missions"

Hymn of Praise, Congregation

Special Music

Speaking to the Challenges of Today in the Denomination—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.; Robert Bingham, vice president, services section, Home Mission Board; Norman Godfrey, first vice president, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; William O'Brien, executive vice president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Morton Rose, vice president, church programs and services, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; June Whitlow, associate executive director, WMU, SBC

Partners in Prayer—Pat Lambright, president, New Mexico WMU, Melrose, N. M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM ARENA

12:00 Career Women Luncheon, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

2:30 "Laborers Together"

Musical Meditation: Lord Speak to Me—John Hamilton

Flag Processional and State Roll Call

Praise and Adore: Congregational music, Donald C. Brown, chairman, music department, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

We Thank Thee, Lord—Bettye Anne Lovelady, vice president for administration, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, Miss.

President's Guests

Working Together in the State Convention—James Griffith, executive director, executive committee of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta; Dorothy Pryor, executive director, Georgia WMU, Atlanta

Hymn

Lord, Speak Through Me—Sheri Richardson, US-2, Home Mission Board, First Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala.; C. W. Brown, church planter apprentice, church extension division, Home Mission Board, Delta, Utah

Special Music

Laborers Together in Bangladesh—Tom and Gloria Thurman, missionaries, FMB, Bangladesh,

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

4:30 Adjournment

6:00 Church WMU directors dinner, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

MONDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 Executive board breakfast for former and present board members, state staffs and WMU, SBC staffs, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

9:00 "Laborers Together"

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

Praise and Adore: Congregational music

We Thank Thee, Lord—C. W. Brown
Lord, Speak Through Me—Libby Kirkendall, missionary, FMB, Belgium

Hymn

President's Guests

Executive director's report—Carolyn Weatherford; Lloyd Elder, president, Baptist Sunday School Board; William G. Tanner, president, Home Mission Board

Hymn

Business—Election of Officers

Special Music

"Laborers Together"—Lucy Wagner, missionary, FMB, Korea

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

11:30 Adjournment

12:00 Ethnic Luncheon, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

2:00 "Laborers Together"

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

Praise and Adore: Congregational music

We Thank Thee, Lord—Sheri Richardson
Lord, Speak Through Me—Kay Hardage, Christian social ministries department, Home Mission Board, Columbia, Mo.; Bettye Anne Lovelady

President's Guests

Working Together in the Association—Betty and Walter Agnor, director of missions, Susquehanna Baptist Association, Salisbury, Md.

Hymn

Ethnics in Missions—Doris Diaz, language consultant for Hispanic work, WMU, SBC

Special Music

"Laborers Together at Home"—Allen Elston, missionary, foreign language missions division, Home Mission Board, Warm Springs, Ore.

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

3:55 Adjournment

4:00 Reception honoring Bobbie Sorrill, author of "Annie Armstrong: Dreamer in Action"

5:00 Associational WMU officers dinner, Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel (advance ticket purchase necessary)

7:00 "Laborers Together"

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

Praise and Adore: Congregational music

We Thank Thee, Lord—James Kirkendall, missionary, FMB, Belgium; Kay Hardage
Lord, Speak Through Me—Indy Whitten, missionary, FMB, Spain

President's Guests

Focus on Mission Action—Ken Taylor, Christian social and special missions ministries, Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Hymn

Special Music

Partners Through the Church—James T. Draper Jr., president, SBC, Euless, Tex.

Musical Meditation: Lord, Speak to Me—John Hamilton

8:45 Adjournment

*The Program for the Pastor's Conference
was not available at press time.*

Kansas City...we're coming

Southern Baptist Religious Education Association

29th Annual Meeting
June 10-11, 1984
Adam's Mark Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri

Theme:

"Being! . . . Becoming!"

1:30 Registration Begins
Pre-Session Fellowship
2:00 Orientation for New Members

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 3:00 P.M.

Pre-Session Music—Phil Briggs, professor of youth education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Rosemary Hoover, housewife, Kansas City, Mo.

Theme Interpretation
Welcome . . . Introductions

Special Music

Message—William Hendricks, professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Testimony
Testimony

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION, 7:00 P.M.

Overview of Enrichment Conferences
Enrichment Conferences

- "How To Be an Educator, a Spouse, and a Parent"
- "The Minister and Social Security Changes"
- "The Educator and Physical Fitness"
- "Personal Growth for the Educator"
- "Leadership: Qualities, Enlistment and Retention"
- "Stress in Ministry"
- "New Areas of Personal Financial Management"
- "Eighty-Nine Ways of Discovering Prospects for Your Church"

Fellowship Sponsored by Missouri Baptist Religious Educators

MONDAY MORNING SESSION, 8:30 A.M.

Pre-Session Music—Phil Briggs and Rosemary Hoover
Theme Interpretation

Special Music

Message—Dr. William Hendricks

Presentation on Staff Relationships—Paul Powell, pastor, Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex.; and Dennis Parrott, minister of education, Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION, 11:00 A.M.

Future Feature
Business Session

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 3:00 P.M.

Overview of Enrichment Conferences
Enrichment Conferences

MONDAY EVENING, 6:30 P.M.

SBREA Banquet
Entertainment featuring Phil Briggs and Rosemary Hoover
Presentation of Distinguished Leader Awards
Special Music
Concluding Message—William Hendricks

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT . . . The famed Country Club Plaza of Kansas City is best known for outlining its buildings in lights at Christmas. But the area will attract thousands of Southern Baptists this summer when Kansas City hosts the Southern Baptist Convention.



Church Music Conference

June 10-11, 1984

First Baptist Church of Raytown, Mo.

JUNE 10, 1984

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SESSION I

Presiding: Fes Robertson, president; supervisor, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

Coordinator: Bill Choate, local church representative, east, First Baptist Church, Kingston, Tenn.

- 2:30 Call to Order—Fes Robertson
Hymn—Gene Calhoun, First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo.
Welcome—Bob Woolley, state music secretary, Missouri
Greetings and Invocation—Doyle Taylor, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo.
- 2:45 Concert—Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo., Clay Withers, director
- 3:10 Worship—Don Hustad, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Polly Riddle, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Jerry Aultman, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Calvin Miller, Westside Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb.
- 4:00 Address on Worship—Calvin Miller
- 4:30 Concert—Cornerstone, Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan., Laura Berquist, director
- 5:00 Benediction—Leroy Summers, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas
Exhibit Break
Dinner

SUNDAY EVENING, SESSION II

Presiding: Fes Robertson

Coordinator: W. A. Bradshaw, denominational representative, west, state music secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque

- 7:00 Concert—Handbell Choir, Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, director, R. E. Thompson
- 7:30 Concert—Contrapunctus V, Phil Schaefer, director, William Jewell College
- 8:00 Concert—Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., Bob Woods, director
- 8:30 Commissioned Anthem, "Canticle of Blessing"—David Danner, composer, Baptist Sunday School Board
- 8:35 Offertory Prayer—Ron Boud, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Offertory—Ken and Lois Holland, music evangelists, Nashville
- 8:40 Concert—Illinois State Youth Choir, Carl Shepherd, state music secretary, Illinois
- 9:10 Benediction—Charles Storey, vice president, denominations division, Raleigh, N. C.
Reception—Missouri Baptists, host
Exhibits

JUNE 11, 1984

MONDAY MORNING, SESSION III

Presiding: Charles Storey

Coordinator: Ray Luper, educational division representative, west, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

- 8:30 Mini-concert—Jerry Aultman, piano
- 8:45 Worship, McEachern, Hustad, Riddle, Aultman
- 9:30 "The Long Term Ministry"—A. L. and JoAnn Butler, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.
- 10:00 Exhibit Break
- 10:30 Concert—Young Musicians Choir, North Richardson (Tex.) Baptist Church, Gerald Brown, director
- 11:00 Address on Worship—Calvin Miller
- 11:30 Annual Business Session
- 11:45 Shared Ministry—Joe Stacker, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 12:10 Benediction—W. A. Bradshaw, state music secretary, Albuquerque, N. M.
Lunch
Exhibits

MONDAY AFTERNOON, SESSION IV

Presiding: Harlan Hall, vice president, local church division, First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex.

Coordinator: Merrill Smoak, local church representative, west, Trinity Baptist Church, Livermore, Cal.

- 1:30 Mini-concert—Polly Riddle
- 1:45 Concert—Faculty, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., James Woodward, director
- 2:15 President's Address—Fes Robertson
- 2:30 Exhibit Break
- 3:00 Divisional Meetings
- 3:45 Concert—Alabama Singing Churchmen, Paul Hall, director
- 4:15 Worship—McEachern, Hustad, Riddle, Aultman
- 5:00—Benediction
Dinner
Exhibits

MONDAY EVENING, SESSION V

Presiding: Fes Robertson

Coordinator: James Allcock, denominational representative, east, state music secretary, Lutherville, Md.

- 7:00 Mini-concert—Ken and Lois Holland
- 7:10—Mini-concert—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Men's Chorus, Ft. Worth, Tex., James McKinney, director
- 7:40 Address—Lloyd Elder, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 8:15 Presentation of New Officers
Offertory Prayer—Mary June Tabor, secretary-treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma
- 8:30 Concert—The Centurymen, Radio and Television Commission, Dallas, Buryl Red, director
- 9:30 Benediction—Harry Cowan, president elect, First Baptist Church, New Orleans



William W. (Bill) Marshall
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC
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mission together

Looking up from down

A struggling American economy has finally impacted the ministries of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. For the first time in 11 years it is necessary to recommend to the executive board at its forthcoming May meeting that we adjust downward the 1984-85 budget adopted by the convention in November of last year. The revised budget will be \$14,445,000, a \$455,000 cut in the original budget. The action reflects a lower anticipated Cooperative Program dollar than originally projected for 1984-85. (After seven months into this fiscal year Cooperative Program giving is only about four percent above last year. An increase of 4.9 percent over last year will be required just to meet the operating budget for 1983-84. This means that at this point there will be no challenge funds to distribute this year.)

In a mid year analysis we have discovered that 22 (27 percent) of the 79 Kentucky Baptist associations were actually under their Cooperative Program giving level as of the same period last year. These associations were clustered primarily in the central area of our state—perhaps the ones hardest hit by the drought and unemployment.

The business and finance committee meeting recently affirmed our recommendation that the best approach in dealing with this economic reality is to tighten the belt and, consequently, adjust our budgets rather than ignore the reality and run the risk of a significant deficit in the next fiscal year.

Even so, there are some signs for encouragement:

1. Though at a lower rate than anticipated, our Cooperative Program giving is up over last year.
2. There are some hopeful signs that

the "fall" may be bottoming out: during the past two reporting months, Cooperative Program giving has slightly exceeded the level needed for the operating budget but not enough to recoup the earlier months.

3. There is still evidence almost everywhere in our state of an optimistic outlook toward a deeper and more aggressive participation in the total world mission of God beginning in Kentucky and extending throughout the world.

The plan of God has not excluded economic realities. I have every confidence that Kentucky Baptists will come through.

**APRIL 15, 1984 IS
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
DAY**



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

sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 15, 1984

Life and Work Series

Burial of the savior

Mark 15:40-47 It is not surprising that a group of women who loved Christ devotedly, followed him faithfully and ministered to him in numerous ways during the latter part of his earthly ministry, out of love and appreciation for what he had done for them, appeared at the scene of his crucifixion. Gazing intently at every detail of the crucifixion, the women were tremendously impressed by the heroic and majestic bearing of Christ during the interval of his indescribable agony while hanging on the cross.

It was a widely known fact that frequently the bodies of criminals who were crucified were never buried but were simply removed from the crosses on which they died and left for the vultures and the scavenger dogs to consume. Exceedingly anxious to prevent this sort of thing from happening in the case of Christ, Joseph of Arimathea acted quickly. Joseph was a man of wealth and position, a member of the Sanhedrin and a secret disciple of Christ.

Joseph of Arimathea quickly threw all caution to the winds and did a very courageous thing by going to Pilate and asking for permission to remove the body of Christ from the cross and bury it in the tomb which he had prepared for himself. He wanted to honor the Lord by providing for him a decent burial.

When the centurion assured Pilate that Christ indeed was dead, Pilate ordered him to deliver the body of our Lord to Joseph. Upon the removal of the corpse from the cross, Joseph and Nicodemus, another member of the Sanhedrin and a secret disciple, prepared the body of Christ for burial. Joseph provided the fine linen in which Christ's body was wrapped and Nicodemus supplied the spices. Together they tenderly and lovingly laid their Lord in a new sepulcher, which was hewn out of a rock in the garden and had been prepared for Joseph's own entombment. With loving reverence they placed Christ's body in the tomb and rolled a large circular stone across the entrance to it. The tender ministry of these men in caring for the body of Christ was highly commendable, but it would have been so much better, as well as far more comforting to the Lord, if they had made an unmistakable assertion of their acceptance of Christ as their savior and Lord during his public ministry. After their burial of the Lord's body the men departed, but the women lingered and continued to gaze intently at the tomb, held there by a love that did not die.

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Mark 14:27-31 Christ shocked the disciples with his frank prediction that the 11 would be enticed to desert him that very night. In response to Christ's prediction of what would occur, Peter blurted out, "Although all shall be offended, yet will not I." Granted that Peter was confident that he would be faithful to Christ, the master's prediction came to pass with Peter's denial of his Lord.

Mark 14:32-36 Christ and the 11 disciples went to a garden near Jerusalem named Gethsemane, a place to which he retired frequently for the purpose of prayer. Arriving there, Christ divided his disciples into two groups, leaving eight near the entrance to wait and to watch, taking the other three who had made the loudest claims of friendship, love and loyalty into the garden with

him. Merely to have them near him at that solemn hour and to know that they were there to watch and pray, even though they could not share his holy burden, was to be a source of comfort to him.

Alone, in the deep recesses of the garden, in the dead of night, prostrate upon his face and pleading with the father was our blessed Lord. At the time of his deepest distress, the human companionship which he craved was denied him because even his dearest

earthly friends slept while he suffered and prayed.

Dreading the ordeal he was facing Christ prayed earnestly that if it were possible the hour might pass from him, the cup might be removed from him, and that the will of God might be done. With him the father's will was more important than anything else, so he yielded to it uncomplainingly, gladly and completely. Christ resolved that he would be submissive to God's will and comply with it in every respect.

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homes for children

To raise or to rear

In my early days I thought a person would raise chickens, pigs or children. But my mother, who never had an opportunity to attend high school, taught me that you "rear" children. She said you "raise" vegetables and animals, but you "rear" children.

I enjoy hearing my wife, Marjorie, tell of a childhood experience. A cousin was visiting her and the two of them ventured into the parlor, not normally used except on very special occasions. In the parlor there was a special piece of furniture, a "divanette." These two little girls, now all alone, climbed up on the divan and began enjoying its springs by jumping on it like a trampoline. Suddenly an older brother walked into the room and put a stop to the fun by scolding them and said, "Don't you girls have any 'raisin's'?" Marjorie's cousin, about four years old, said, "Yes, I had some raisins once. Mommy bought me some at the store."

If "to raise" means to cause to stand upright and "to rear" means to nurture and guide, then I have a feeling there is some of both in parenting. To parent children requires a lot of love, patience, time and energy. Sometimes it calls for "raising" them in that they must be picked up and stood upright. At other times, it requires guidance, role modeling, teaching, encouraging and a thousand other things to "rear" them to adulthood.

At Baptist Homes for Children we are doing some "raising" and some "rearing" of children who come into our care because their family is broken or in trouble. The problem may be the death or illness of one or both parents, divorce, economic problems, or even parental desertion or rejection. Whatever the hurt and need, we are commissioned to minister to them in the name of Christ.

Whether "raising" or "rearing," we are placing them in the care of Christian child care workers, who attempt to give youth loving consistent nurturing and a value system based on Christian principles. We are committed to provide the basic necessities: shelter, food, clothing, education and health care. We want to "raise" them up to stand on their feet with a good self-image, and we want to "rear" them in the nurture and admonition of our Lord, who said in Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We need your prayers.



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oneida journal

How do you do it?

To see is to believe.

Oneida Baptist Institute is a work that will bear examination on any day or night of the year. We welcome folks coming and seeing us just as we are, warts and all. Every day is "open house" at Oneida. You can give us notice or surprise us.

It is or spring. With the dogwood and redbud about to bloom, it is a beautiful time to be in these mountains. But the beauty of Oneida has nothing to do with the seasons. The Lord is in our work and in this place. In the most difficult times, there is a beauty that cannot be articulated.

"How do you do it?" we are asked. It does seem impossible. We are 40 miles from public transportation. We have no development officers, no fundraisers roaming the state or nation, no public relations director, not even a written budget. We have no recruiters and need none. The secret is that we are in the Lord's will, doing his work, and he blesses.

Those who come to see us, those who make the effort and are willing to take the risk of becoming involved, catch the vision. They go and tell others. They give. They inspire others to share. That is the secret. It is not supposed to work that way. It is all so unbusinesslike and so unorganized by the world's standards. But then, we are not trying to operate by the world's standards.

Let me share letters from some who have come, seen and believe.

A friend writes from Louisville, "Last year a friend from Paducah was visiting me and she said 'if you ever have any extra money please send it to Oneida.' I did. Shortly after that a friend from Owensboro was visiting and she said, 'if you have any extra money please send it to Oneida.' I did. Then a couple of months ago a good friend of my church told me how interested he is in Oneida. So you see you have many, many boosters who recognize the great work you are doing. Am enclosing another \$100 which makes \$400 for the year."

From central Kentucky comes a long letter which says in part, "Especially were we glad that our brother could come up from Louisiana and see for himself what 'goes on' at Oneida. God has blessed him in his business and he has been searching for a school to invest in that holds the line with Chris-

tian standards and ideals. He was favorably impressed with Oneida, your hopes and dreams, and the children! He wrote me that he had never encountered such a well-behaved, mannerly group of children. He sees how crowded you are and is burdened for that much needed building to be a reality. Sometimes we get bogged down in our churches with things, but the need there is so much greater. We claim his precious promises, for us and for you, too!"

From a medical doctor in California who has not seen Oneida but has heard of our work from friends who have been here different times, "Through my fine friends I have become interested in your outstanding institute. Please accept the enclosed check. It will be repeated as often as possible."

Most gifts to Oneida are rather small. But no gift is small when given from the heart. The Lord takes such gifts and blesses them and in a miraculous way all put together there is just enough.

Then there are some gifts that are rather large. I am thinking of two widows, both of whose husbands had mountain ties. They do not know one another but each of these ladies know the Lord, love Oneida and send a similar amount at rather regular intervals. From one of these came this word several weeks ago:

"Enclosed is a check to help lift your load a bit. Use as you see fit for I am sure I don't know what is needed most. But I am sure that my husband is rejoicing in heaven as I help your work. He was once a poor mountain lad. He moved to the bluegrass when he was about 10. It was there he dreamed of helping children get a Christian education. This is what he worked to accomplish."

From Versailles: "You will find enclosed my check for \$50, not very much but use it as far as it will go. I know the needs are great but so is the task you have at hand. We as fellow Baptists realize and appreciate the wonderful way you carry forward."

Oneida appreciates the support of our fellow Baptists through the Cooperative Program and through direct gifts. Cooperative Program gifts account for about 11 percent of the total needed.



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clear creek comment

Fox appreciation day

One of the finest servants of our Lord at Clear Creek is being honored this week. Claude Fox is retiring soon and we are observing Claude and Gladys Fox Appreciation Day at Clear Creek.



Fox

His life and ministry give meaning to Josh. 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." And he does have a considerable house. He is a native of Providence, Ky., and married to the former Gladys Marie Kidd of Evansville, Ind. They have had seven children: Richard, who pastored in Indianapolis and is recently deceased; Jack, Louisville, Ky.; Robert, St. Peters, Mo.; Claudia Sue, Spottsville, Ky.; Jo Ann, Spottsville, Ky.; Carol Jean, Spottsville, Ky.; and Donald, Middlesboro, Ky. God has also blessed them with 12 grandchildren.

Fox attended Union University and graduated from Clear Creek in 1949. He has served two terms in the Army and has pastored in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Indiana. He attended Clear Creek as a student under L. C. Kelly, served as a staff member for 20 years with D. M. Aldridge, and has served as assistant to the president with me for the last two years. He is a valuable and trusted colleague who enjoys the admiration and respect of our alumni, faculty and students.

He has served as Clear Creek's first full time director of public relations, and also as the first administrative assistant to the president. Fox states, "These have been glorious years. It has been a joy to be affiliated with such an institution. It has grown in many, many ways over the years. The years of the D. M. Aldridge administration was a time of unbelievable progress and the coming years under the leadership of Leon Simpson promise to be golden years."

Fox is retiring in May of this year. He will continue to represent Clear Creek and will always be part of our family.

May the Lord bless you richly, Claude and Gladys, and give you many more years of fruitful service.

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Daley Observations reprise

Some of Daley's thoughts in print over the past 27 years

(From the Nov. 30, 1961 issue)

A Bed-Time Story

Once upon a time there was a group of people called Southern Baptists. They grew from a small number to a mighty host of people in a shorter time than most other religious groups had ever grown.

These people called Baptists believed strongly in individualism and put great stress on personal freedom. They would have nothing to do with bishops and other ecclesiastical authorities. They thought that every person should read the Bible for himself and with the help of the Holy Spirit, arrive at his own convictions. They considered every church completely in control of its own affairs.

These Baptists had many things in common including the same convictions on the great doctrines found in the Bible, but possessed great varieties of beliefs on many other details of doctrine and polity.

At first most of the Baptist churches because of their individualism and independence went their own way and had little to do with other Baptist churches. Some even believed that it was wrong to join with other Baptist churches in trying to send missionaries or do other things one church could not do by itself.

But before long they learned to love one another and work together willingly. They did this in order to support missionaries and have schools in which to train missionaries and preachers. This worked so fine that they joined together to build many great institutions and agencies for carrying out the Great Commission. This plan was so successful that only few Baptists and Baptist churches did not join in gladly.

Because Baptists believe so strongly in the Bible, they considered it important to have preachers who could preach and teach the great truths of the Bible. For this purpose they built Baptist schools and seminaries to train their preachers. To these schools and seminaries went thousands of young men and women to prepare for what the Lord had called them to do.

In the early days of the Baptist seminaries, there was a good spirit though there was some criticism.

By and by things changed. Some of the bright seminary students became teachers in the seminaries. They went away to non-Baptist schools for advanced training and heard new and interesting viewpoints and inter-

pretations of the Bible. Some of these things they did not believe; others seemed to them to be nearer right than what they had heard from childhood. They were honest enough to say so and this got them into trouble.

Occasionally, a seminary teacher seemed to be immature and carried away with almost any new viewpoint. He accepted as truth what was only theory and passed it on to students. Sometimes he was even cynical about some beliefs most Baptists held very precious through the years. Most of the seminary teachers, however, diligently and honestly searched for truth and courageously talked about what they found.

In turn there arose a good many critics of the seminaries and these teachers. Some of these critics were either insincere, sincere but misinformed, conscious or unconscious attention seekers, or just plain critics of anything and anybody but theirs and themselves.

Other critics were responsible and sincere. They had justified concern for doctrinal purity and sound biblical scholarship in Baptist seminaries. They feared the theological liberalism and modernism which had overtaken other denominations.

One of the sad things about all this was that fellow Baptists seemed to lose respect and love for each other. One was not willing to tolerate another unless the other agreed completely with him. Instead of sitting down with the seminary professor to discuss the matter, the critic assumed he understood the teacher's position and labeled it heresy.

Sadder still the critics apparently assumed that the presidents and duly elected trustees could not be trusted to save Baptist seminaries from false teaching and so sent off tirades to all the state papers. The seminary presidents and trustees then had to appeal to the editors not to run the criticism lest it do irreparable damage to the seminary and Baptist work in general. A sad state of affairs!

And so what was the most vigorous and dynamic people of God in America became dangerously close to damaging divisiveness and prospective rupture. Only mutual responsibility for self-correction, love and trust toward each other, and common commitment to God's leadership could save this mighty people. Otherwise a bed-time story would end up a death bed account.

(from the Sept. 26, 1963 issue)

For Whom the Judgment Bells Toll

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1963 will forever be one of the darkest days in American history. It's almost impossible to believe the truth. Four innocent American children were ruthlessly murdered by fellow Americans and this while the children were studying the Holy Bible in their own church. For this to happen in a land more than 300 years after it was founded for the sake of freedom and equality almost defies the imagination.

It's easy to assess blame and accuse someone else for such a tragic sin. It is harder to realize corporate responsibility and repent as a nation of people.

Those in Birmingham find some comfort in blaming it all on the Supreme Court, the national administration and agitation from outsiders. Outsiders, unfamiliar with the total situation, can point a pharisaical finger toward Birmingham while overlooking similar or other sins in their own backyard. The fact is all of us have sown the seeds which have brought such a sad harvest.

To say such a deed is representative of all of the people of Birmingham would be grossly false. But to say attitudes and actions of responsible citizens who themselves would never stoop so low did not encourage the lunatic fringe to such depths would also be false.

There have been voices unheeded that might well have been heeded. Alabama Baptist editor Leon Macon, whose words reach 100,000 or more Alabama Baptist families every week, spoke clearly and loudly on the side of law and order in the crisis. Some Baptist pastors and other preachers spoke as bravely and at the greatest personal hazard. But the reality of the tragedy still haunts us.

This black Sunday is a judgment upon Birmingham. It is judgment upon a society built on the philosophy of white supremacy. It is judgment upon outsiders who blamed insiders, and insiders who blamed outsiders. It is judgment upon America founded for freedom and equality of every race and color. It is judgment upon unscrupulous politicians willing to grow fat

and powerful upon the blood of the innocent.

But more than upon anyone else, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1963 is judgment upon people called Baptists. There are more Baptists in Birmingham and elsewhere in the South than any people claiming relationship with Jesus Christ. More people through the years have listened to more Baptist preaching than to any other voices speaking for God. Baptists must bear the greatest responsibility because they have enjoyed the greatest opportunity.

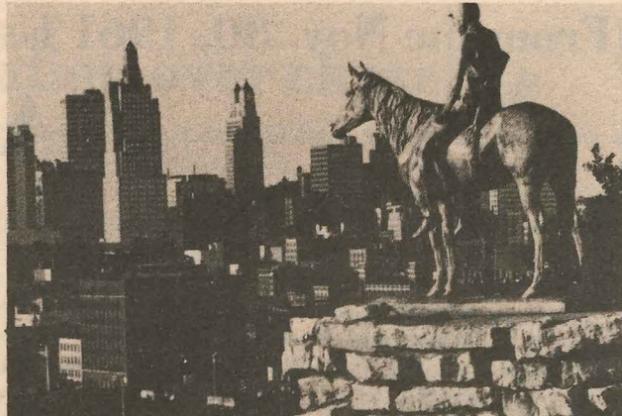
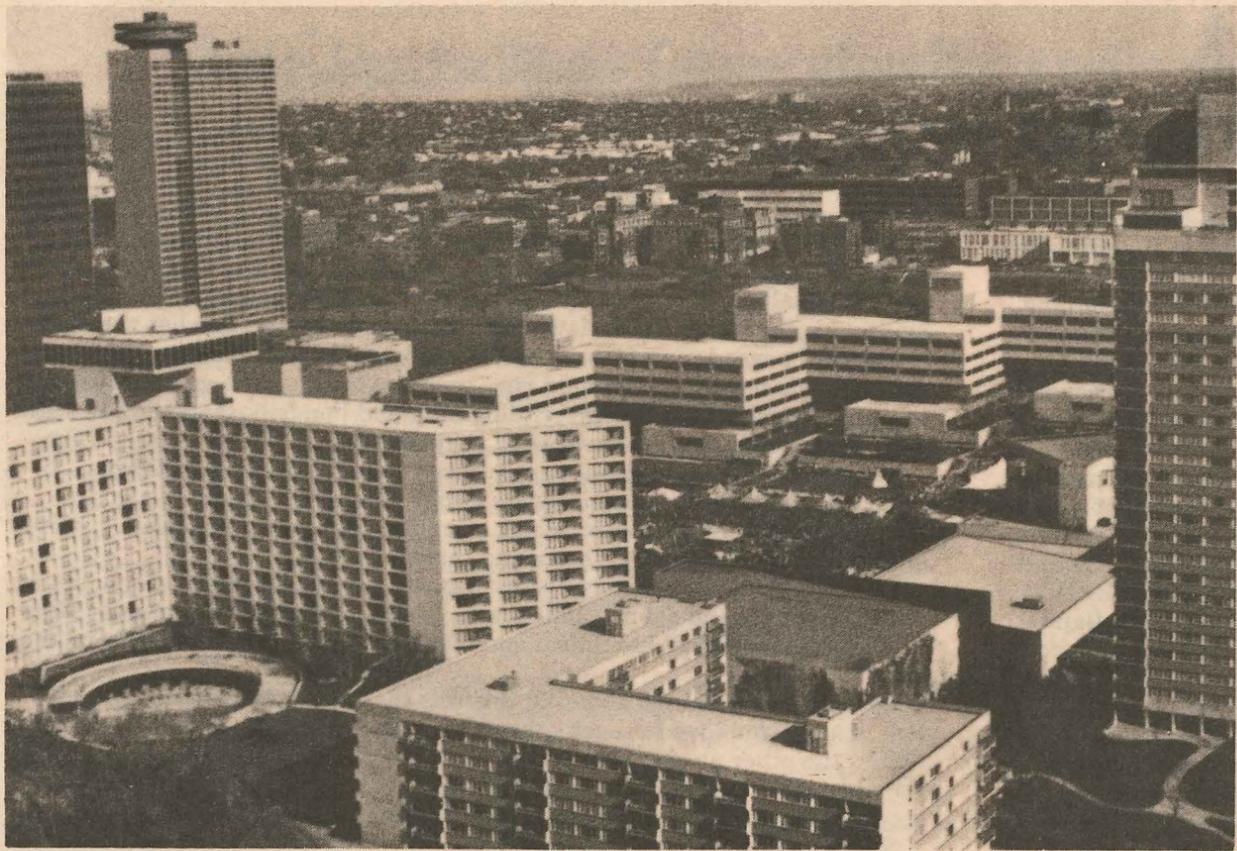
Great and mighty Baptist churches dot the Birmingham skyline, and even as bodies were mangled and blood spilt in the basement of one Baptist church, thousands of Baptists were in Bible study and worship services in other Baptist churches in Birmingham and across the nation. What did the Bible they studied and the sermons they heard say about injustice, intolerance and murder?

And while the smell of dynamite lingers and the soil is fresh upon the graves of innocent children, hundreds of Baptist district associations across the land are in session as is the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville. What will be talked about in these Baptist gatherings? In the corridors and churchyards remarks about the tragedy of Birmingham will be exchanged, but this will be soon forgotten as we use Baptist statistics to prove we are God's chosen as we make careful plans to keep the offerings higher than last year.

But still the blood of Birmingham cries out. At whose hands will it be required? How long will Southern Baptists be satisfied only to go on raising a million and more dollars a day to help keep up our far flung enterprise while justice, mercy, and love go begging? When will we lay down our robes of respectability and popular approval and our money bags of success for the sackcloth and ashes of repentance? What will it profit a denomination if it gains the whole world and loses its own soul?

Sept. 15, 1963 is not only a sad day in the history of the United States of America. It's a sad day in Southern Baptist history.

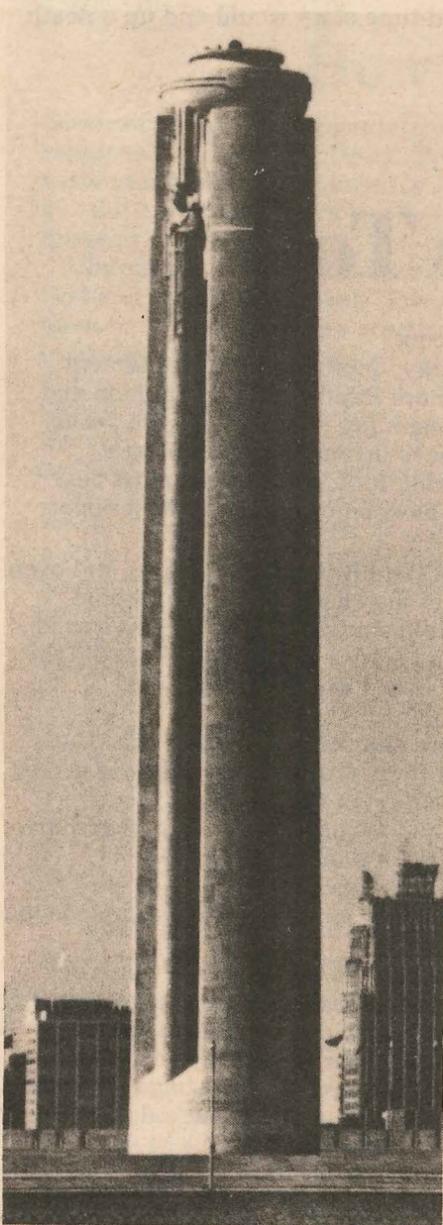
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