



1984 SBC boards report released

by Dan Martin

The 1984 Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards report was released Apr. 25 in accordance with a new bylaw requiring the report be released "at least 45 days" before the annual meeting of the 14.1 million member denomination.

The report, released by chairman Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., includes 215 nominations; 103 renominations of persons eligible to serve a second term and 112 new trustees for the 20 national agencies and standing committees of the SBC.

Messengers at the 1984 annual meeting of the SBC in Kansas City, Mo. must adopt the report before it is official.

Fuller said, "I think it is correct to say the committee worked harmoniously, but not necessarily unanimously in its selections. There were certain names offered in nomination which brought response from the group, both in support and not in support."

Fuller said the nomination of appeals court judge Paul Pressler, a member of First Baptist Church, Houston, to an unexpired term on the SBC Executive Committee has created the most interest and reaction.

"I have had quite a few comments about it (Pressler's nomination)," he said. "Mostly, it was more the reaction of others rather than a question about my reaction. I think, no question, this is THE nomination of the report and it has caused much interest and reaction."

Pressler, a vocal critic of the "liberal drift" of the convention and its institutions, particularly the six seminaries, was nominated to fill the unexpired term of C. Welton Gaddy, who became ineligible to serve after resigning his pastorate in Ft. Worth, Tex. to become campus minister at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Pressler was nominated to serve the remaining three years of Gaddy's four year term. Under current rules, if Pressler is elected by messengers he could serve the unexpired term of three years plus two full four year terms, for

a total of 11 years as a member of the Executive Committee, which functions as the convention "ad interim."

Fuller said the committee adopted three "general policies" to govern its work: that it would not appoint current committee members; that members of the 1983 committee on committees would not be given trusteeships and that persons eligible for renomination to second terms would be renominated unless there was a compelling reason not to do so.

"There were five exceptions to the policies," Fuller said. "Three were nominations of persons who were on the 1983 committee on committees, one from Florida, one from Missouri and one from the District of Columbia."

The 1983 committee on committees, named by the convention president, selected the 1984 committee on boards, commissions and standing committees. The general guideline, Fuller said, has been adopted in recent years to protect against conflict of interest.

Exceptions include Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., named to the SBC Executive Committee; Stephen G. Hyde, pastor of First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md. (District of Columbia Baptist Convention), named to the board of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Ted Garrison, a medical doctor and member of First Baptist Church, Camdentown, Mo., named to the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Fuller said another exception was the naming of 1984 committee on boards member Ronald E. Stewart, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Lebanon, Oh., to the board of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Stewart had been named an interim trustee at Southern Seminary—allowed under the seminary's charter—prior to being told of the guidelines. The committee made an exception in Stewart's case, Fuller said, and nominated the Ohioan to a full five year term.

Fuller said "some questions were raised" about a North Carolina man who was eligible for renomination as a trustee but was not renominated. Richard Eskew, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yadkinville, N. C., had served an unexpired term of three years and a full term of four years, and was eligible under convention bylaws for a second full term on the Home Mission Board.

"The reason the North Carolinian gave for not renominating Eskew was that he had served an unexpired term and then a full term, and another term would give him 11 years on the Home Mission Board. The North Carolina representative said that was an 'excessively long period of time,' especially when there were many other people in North Carolina qualified to serve who had not been able to do so," Fuller said.

Fuller said the committee accepted the nomination of Thomas S. Freeman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dunn, N. C., to replace Eskew on the Home Mission Board, but raised a number of questions.

Nominees are clergy or denominational related, unless specified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (69 members): 20 nominations considered; 12 persons renominated, eight new members.

New members include William D. Powell, a dentist from Shades Mountain church,

Birmingham, new Alabama member; Wallace E. Jones of Fee Fee church, Bridgeton, Mo., replacing William C. Link Jr., of Liberty, who resigned; Doyle Collins, of Vine Street church, Roseburg, Ore., replacing Jack D. Stuart of Springfield, Ore., who died.

New members named to unexpired terms include Charles W. Sullivan of First church, Lenoir City, Tenn., replacing Earl Wilson of Knoxville, who resigned (term to expire in 1987); and Paul Pressler, an attorney from First church, Houston, replacing C. Welton Gaddy of Ft. Worth, Tex., who moved (term to expire in 1987).

New members replacing persons ineligible for second terms are Jerry Passmore of Olive church, Pensacola, Fla., replacing Conrad Willard, Miami; John T. Tippet Jr. of Calvary church, Savannah, Ga., replacing James C. Bruner, Macon, and Joe E. Warwick, businessman from Second church, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing William A. Fortune, Knoxville.

Nominees for second terms are Mrs. Jerry Miller, Huntsville, Ala.; Alvin O. West, District of Columbia; John R. McCall, Louisville; John Sullivan, Shreveport, La.; Malcolm A. Jones, Silver Spring, Md. (Maryland Convention); Jerry Springer, Warren, Mich.; Tommy King, Monticello, Miss.; John Bunn, Sylva, N. C.; Kenneth Mahanes, Dayton, Oh.; Dan Hobbs, Norman, Okla.; John C. Cochran, Greenville, S. C., and James E. Baucom, Martinsville, Va.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (84 members): 23 nominations considered; 12 renominations, 10 new members.

New members include Joseph P. Hester, minister of missions activity at Cottage Hill church, Mobile, new Alabama member; William L. Hancock of Highview church, Louisville, replacing John C. Huffman of Mayfield, who moved.

New members filling unexpired terms include Bill Hall of Gethsemane church, Danville, Ky., replacing Marion T. Duncan, of Catlettsburg, who died (term to expire in 1986); and Hal Browning Boone Jr., a physician from First church, Friendswood, Tex., replacing Rick A. Forrester of Vernon, who moved (term to end in 1986).

New members replacing persons ineligible for a second term include Bryan W. Judge, a farmer/rancher from First church, St. Cloud, Fla., replacing Mrs. R. J. Alexander, Jacksonville; Mrs. Harriett Gilbert, a homemaker from First church, Brunswick, Ga., replacing Mrs. W. Jack Smith, Brunswick; E. Harmon Moore, retired executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Brownsburg, replacing Ronald P. Liesmann, Bloomington; Jerry Don Abernathy, evangelism director of the Oklahoma General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, replacing William E. Neptune, Vivian; Paul E. Martin, an attorney from West Memorial Church, Houston, replacing Harold T. Branch, Corpus Christi, and Hunter Riggins, a layman from Emmaus church, Poquoson, Va., replacing Raymond L. Spence Jr., Richmond.

Nominated for second terms are Harrell R. Cushing, Gadsden, Ala.; Mrs. Glen N. Crofts, Phoenix, Ariz.; W. N. Prather Sr., Eunice, La.; W. W. Walley, Waynesboro, Miss.; Jim E. Jeffries, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. James F. Dalton, Asheville, N. C.; Jimmie H. Carpenter, Seneca, S. C.; Carroll C. Owen, Nashville, Tenn.; Robert E. Smith, Weslaco, Tex.; Mrs. R. L. Rhodes Jr., Grafton, Va.; Wayne Varner, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Walter L. Bradley, Richmond, Va., and Meriwether W. Buckalew, Falls Church, Va.

HOME MISSION BOARD (84 members): 21 nominations considered; 11 renominations, 10 new members.

New members are Troy Morrison of 12th Street church, Gadsden, new Alabama member; John Click of Immanuel church, Wichita, Kan., replacing John B. Cox of

Millard, Neb., who resigned (term expiring 1987); Thomas M. Freeman of First church, Dunn, N. C., replacing Richard S. Eskew of Yadkinville, who was eligible for a second full term but was not renominated;

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Joe Bob Mizell of Alberta church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., replacing O. Wyndell Jones, Montgomery, Ala.; J. Don Aderhold of Columbia Drive church, Decatur, Ga.; replacing Stanley Howells, Macon; Wendell Romans of Boone's Creek church, Lexington, Ky., replacing William L. Turner, Lexington; William H. Delaney of South Seminole church, Chattanooga, Tenn., replacing Gerald L. Stowe of Cookeville; Albert E. Simms of Derbyshire church, Richmond, Va., replacing Emmett C. Stroop of Harrisonburg; Mrs. Ellington E. Wheelless, pastor's wife from First church, Springfield, Va., replacing Charles B. Nunn, Richmond, and Mrs. Rachel Howard, a homemaker from First church, Doraville, Ga., replacing Mrs. Weldon Shom of Atlanta.

Members renominated include Mrs. Cathleen Lewis, Montgomery, Ala.; Johnny Jackson, Little Rock, Ark.; Warren G. Hall, Los Altos, Cal.; John L. Hessel, Martintown, Ill.; Kenneth L. Fournet, Martinsville, La.; Mrs. Lloyd Haworth, Centertown, Mo.; P. Edward Rickenbacker, Belton, S. C.; Mrs. Bruce McIver, Dallas; D. F. Norton, Stone Mountain, Ga.; James C. Strickland Jr., Cartersville, Ga.; Frank B. Lowndes Jr., Atlanta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (84 members): 23 nominations considered; 12 renominated, 11 new members:

New members are Lavan G. Parker of Central church, Birmingham, new Alabama member; Jeff McBeth of Academy church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Rowland Gregory of Denver, who moved (term to expire in 1985); Janice L. Williams, a supervisory rehabilitation counselor with the District of Columbia government, from Tacoma Park church, Washington, replacing J. Franklin Helms, Greenbelt, Md., who died (term to expire in 1987); Floyd E. Hughes of First church, DeWitt, Mich., replacing Michael J. Clingenpeel of Ann Arbor, who moved (term to end in 1987);

T. W. Garrison Jr., a physician from First church, Camdentown, Mo., replacing J. R. McNeil of Ft. Dodge, Ia., who died; Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston, replacing Leon Marsh of Ft. Worth, Tex., who declined to serve a second term;

Filmore Strunk of Central church, Oak Ridge, Tenn., replacing Harold D. Smith of Columbia, who resigned; and Robert L. York, a businessman from First church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing John B. Daley of Nashville, who resigned.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Gary W. Bearce of Pleasant Valley church, Liberty, Mo., replacing A. L. Palmer of Trenton; Joseph T. Knott, an attorney from First church, Raleigh, N. C., replacing Alton G. Elmore of Edenton, and Jerry D. Burden, an executive with Gideons International from First church, Donelson, Tenn., replacing G. Wayne Brown of Brentwood.

Members renominated include Mrs. J. R. Stevenson, Auburn, Ala.; Joe H. Courson, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Samuel H. Letson Jr., Norcross, Ga.; David C. Jackson, Frankfort, Ky.; Charles W. Adams, Dover, Md.; Frank L. Palmer, Oak Harbor (Northwest), Wash.; J. Thomas Terry, Shawnee, Okla.; Lloyd E. Batson, Pickens, S. C.; Earl C. Davis, Memphis, Tenn.; Thomas M. Chism, El Paso, Tex.; Mrs. Jerome George, Dallas, and William G. Hurt, Hampton, Va.

Trustees for the six Southern Baptist Convention affiliated seminaries have also been nominated by the 1984 SBC committee on Boards, commissions and standing committees.

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Southern Baptists are becoming a new and different denomination

Since 1979 something has been happening to Southern Baptists which has never happened before and, unless it is thwarted soon, the result will be a different convention from what most of us have known.

Ironically, a new convention is beginning to take shape in front of our eyes though is not recognized by many who are helping it along by their votes as convention messengers. In the name of returning to fundamentals of the faith, we are moving toward a new kind of denomination characterized by stifling rigidity instead of wholesome diversity. 1979 is the year when a bold and determined effort to change the direction of the convention by taking over the convention's political process was begun. The effort so far has been eminently successful.

Reaction to doctrinal directions in the convention and especially in the seminaries is not a new thing. The growing use of the historical-critical approach to the study of the Bible in Southern Baptist seminaries and acceptance of some conclusions from some such study had brought earlier reactions from more conservative Southern Baptists. In 1961 Prof. Ralph Elliott, a Midwestern Seminary faculty member, authored a book on Genesis which aroused ultra-conservatives and ultimately led to his dismissal. The Broadman Commentary in the late '60s brought the same kind of reaction. Volume I of this set which appeared in 1969 contained the conclusion of the historical-critical approach known as the documentary hypothesis. The criticism was severe and Volume I was withdrawn upon request of convention messengers and was rewritten by another writer.

The Elliott and Broadman controversies were reflected in denominational politics. K. Owen White, a strong critic of Elliott's views, was elected convention president in 1962. The choice of W. A. Criswell for convention president in 1968 and 1969 was partly due to his known conservatism and his occasional charges against seminary teachers.

The 1979 reaction now known as the inerrancy controversy appeared at first to be but another chapter in the continuing debate between moderate conservatives and ultra-conservatives in the convention. As it has turned out, the 1979 reaction is far more serious. It is more than a tempest in the teapot. It stands to capture the teapot and change its contents.

What is the difference between the Elliott and Broadman controversies and the inerrancy controversy? Why is the inerrancy cause so much more successful?

In the first place, the earlier reactions were unorganized and were without a strong, determined leader and without a long range game plan. Not so with the inerrancy movement.

A head coach for the inerrancy cause emerged in Houston in 1979. He was Paul Pressler, a very able superconservative attorney with proven organizational ability and political experience. Paige Patterson, head of the ultra-conservative Criswell Bible Institute, took the field as quarterback. Adrian Rogers was chosen as the first running back and scored a touchdown on his first run with the help of convention messengers generated by Patterson's and Pressler's pre-convention work.

The set-up has not changed in the five intervening years. Pressler and Patterson are still in charge. They have masterminded every convention presidential election since 1979 and by now they have a network of selected supporters in many states with whom they stay in contact by phone and visits.

Pressler and Patterson rightly realized the control of a majority of the messengers at the annual convention was necessary for the success of their game plan and they have seen to this too. It appears Pressler or Patterson and sometimes both have managed to secure block hotel reservations in every convention city since 1979 to house messengers friendly to their cause. No such politicizing of the convention process and manipulation of messengers have ever been seen in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Players selected and coached by Pressler and Patterson have run the plays the way they have been called. And this fact makes the second big difference between the Elliott and Broadman Commentary episodes and the inerrancy movement.

Presidents K. Owen White and W. A. Criswell had no coach. They did not use their appointive powers as president in the way Pressler and Patterson sponsored convention presidents have; therefore the political process continued as usual.

The convention president appoints two persons from each state conven-

tion to compose the Committee on Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Committee on Committees, in turn, nominates two persons from each state to compose the Committee on Boards. This is the key committee in the Pressler-Patterson strategy because it nominates trustees and directors of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies and the Executive Committee which is the most powerful committee in the convention structure.

Convention messengers must approve the nominees of the Committee on Boards but this has generally been routinely done. Besides, acceptance of nominees by messengers is no problem when the strategists have control of the majority of messengers. The practical result is the convention president in appointing the Committee on Committees largely determines who goes on the boards of the agencies. Of course control of these boards is the objective of the Pressler-Patterson plan.

How successful have Pressler and Patterson been so far in reaching their objective? The answer is they have been more successful than most observers would have predicted. They have not achieved a majority on any Southern Baptist agency board yet but are well on their way. The slate of nominees for board vacancies from the Committee on Boards this year, if approved, will put them considerably closer to their objective.

Is this plan for gaining control of the convention agencies really something new? When questioned or criticized, its defenders answer that it's the same old denominational politics with a new group in control. There is some truth to this but there's also a major difference.

It is true that the Committee on Boards in former years was dominated by well-known pastors and laymen from the states. Most of these ordained members of the Committee were seminary graduates who regarded the seminaries as sound doctrinally and the lay members of the committee were mostly in sympathy with the directions of the denomination. The consequence was the various agencies got mostly agreeable board members who endorsed most recommendations of agency heads without questions.

And so the agencies went on their merry way and most of them more and more reflected the progressive thinking of the denomination. But this was not the result of a conscious plan. It was not being orchestrated by leaders with a stated objective.

Not so with the present strategy of the inerrancy movement. It is a plan with a stated objective and clearly defined methods.

Herein lies its danger. When any larger body of a movement is manipulated and controlled by a small segment of the group, the movement stands to change its course and become something new.

Dr. James Sullivan rightly points out that doctrinally Southern Baptists throughout their history have been characterized by having about 10 to 15 percent on one end and about 10 to 15 percent on the opposite end with 70 to 80 percent in the center. He further observes that periodically one or the other of these groups tries to take the main body along with it and this poses the danger.

This is the effort of the inerrancy group today. Its leaders claim they represent the large majority of Baptists and they have been convincing so far. The truth is, however, though practically all Southern Baptists have a strong belief in the absolute truth and authority of the Bible, they have recognized and respected a variety of interpretations and not insisted on uniformity. Most of them have confidence in Southern Baptist seminaries because they have been preached to and taught by seminary graduates to believe, to love and to live the Bible. Nor do they find serious doctrinal deviation in Southern Baptist Sunday School Board literature.

Whatever they claim, Pressler and Patterson are not representatives of the major body of Southern Baptists. Their goal is not to take Southern Baptists back to some place where they were but to some place they have never been. They have fundamentalist theology and mentality and these have never characterized the main body of Southern Baptists.

And the claims of the inerrancy zealot that representation or parity on Southern Baptist convention sponsored seminary faculties is their goal are not true. Patterson heads a theological school and neither parity nor representation of different views is his policy. In his school one viewpoint is embraced and all others rejected. He has been quoted recently that if he had his way, all seminary faculty members would be inerrantists.

Actually Pressler and Patterson do not represent conservatism in the best sense. Theirs is a fundamentalism which has been espoused by independent Baptists who have left the main body of Baptists but never has been espoused by Southern Baptists. We have always resisted the one and only one interpretation approach of fundamentalism and should do so now. If not, we will wake up before long and discover we are a new and different convention.

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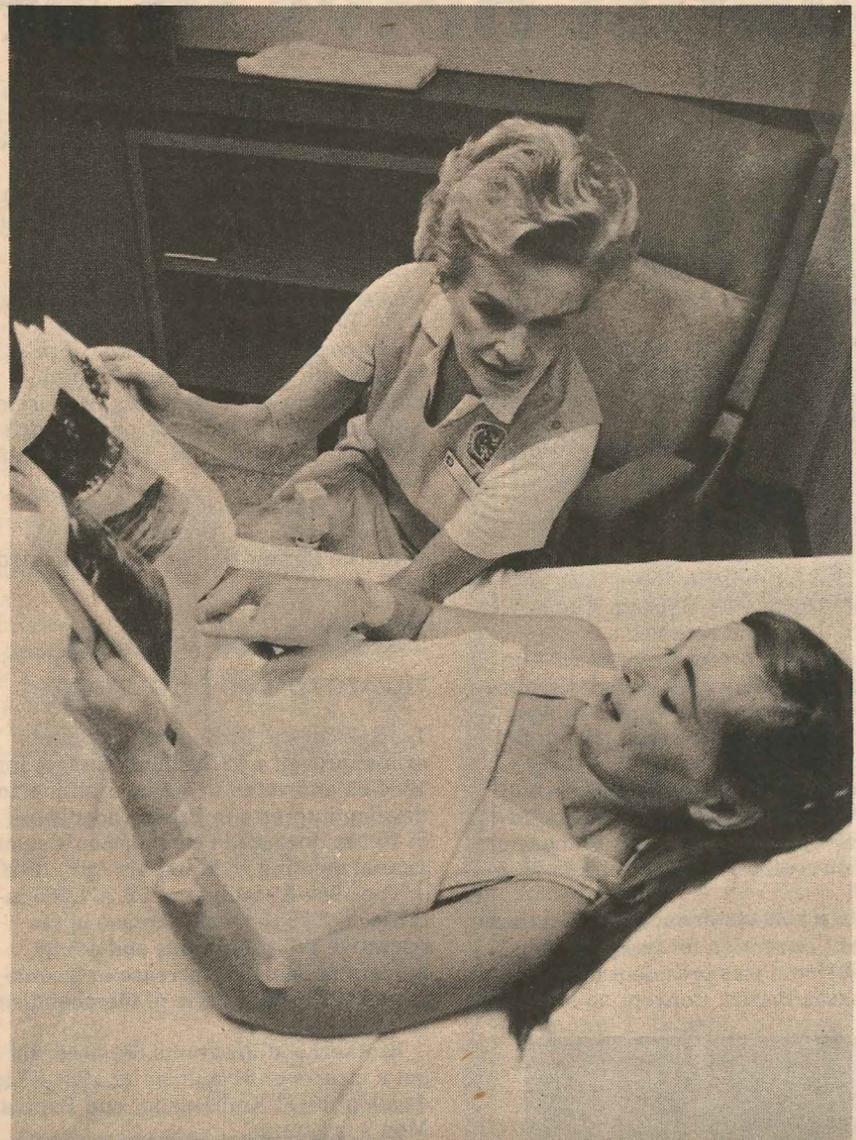


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Ramsey Pollard dies in Memphis

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Ramsey Pollard, 81, died Apr. 20 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., following a brief illness.

Pollard was pastor of churches in his native Texas and in Florida before going to Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., in 1939. He stayed in the Knoxville church for nearly 21 years before becoming pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, in 1960 where he stayed until his retirement in 1972.

He was a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and received a distinguished alumni award from that institution in 1966. He was awarded honorary degrees by Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Atlanta College of Law, Atlanta.

Since his retirement Pollard kept busy with revivals and interim pastorates, recently serving as interim pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Pollard was president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years (1960-61) and was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1954.

He was president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, chairman of the SBC Executive Committee and chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. He preached the convention sermon at the 1959 SBC. Other SBC positions included a term on the Home Mission Board and preaching on "The Baptist Hour."

Memorial services were held Apr. 23 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. The service was led by two former SBC presidents, Bellevue pastor Adrian Rogers and Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Burial was Apr. 25 at Restland Memorial Chapel, Dallas, beside his wife, the former Della Pickle, who died in January 1980.

Brotherhood trustees approve 1984-85 budget

Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission approved a \$2.7 million budget for 1984-85 and voted to set up a project to develop interests in Brotherhood work in Korea during the commission's semi-annual meeting in Memphis Apr. 19-20.

The 1984-85 budget of \$2,737,285 includes a 2.79 percent increase in Co-operative Program funds and a 5.99 percent anticipated increase in income generated through sale of merchandise and magazines.

Brotherhood Programs Services will get a little over \$1 million for 1984-85 to develop Royal Ambassador and Baptist Men's programs.

The Baptist Men's programs will receive \$309,873 for training, program development and promotion, disaster relief projects, lay renewal projects and production of World Mission Journal, the Commission's publication for men.

Pioneer Royal Ambassador programming will receive \$138,369 for program development for teenagers including



Mississippi youth present the flags of 103 countries to 8000 people at the beginning of a missionary appointment service in Biloxi, Miss. Baptists and guests from three Gulf Coast states—primarily Mississippi—came to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Apr. 10 to witness the appointment of 12 Southern Baptist missionary couples. The service was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

production of Probe, the commission's magazine for teenagers and Pioneer Plans, the leadership magazine for Pioneer counselors.

Crusader Royal Ambassador programs will receive \$122,187 for program development and production of Crusader, the commission's magazine for boys in grades 1-6 and Crusader Counselor, leadership magazine for Crusader counselors.

Another \$400,000 of program services in 1984-85 budget is earmarked for inner-agency programs, leadership development, world mission conferences, associational Brotherhood promotion and church relations.

Trustees also approved \$657,562 for support service to use in marketing, public relations, shipping of merchandise and magazines, and approved

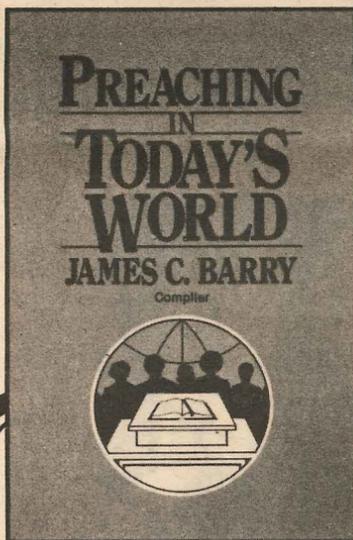
another \$412,127 for business services and \$583,490 for administrative services.

Missions conference yields \$100,000

Southern Baptist mission programs will receive \$100,000 and the commitment of 42 people because of the second World Missions Conference at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

During the four-day conference in March the church's one-time gift to missions in 1984 was taken. The \$90,011 given will be supplemented by funds from last year's missions conference so the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC will receive \$65,000, the Home Mission Board \$30,000 and the Tennessee Baptist Convention state mission offering \$5,000.

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced the church also will pay off a \$23,300 mortgage for the Solid Rock Southern Baptist Church in Altoona, Pa. The Pennsylvania church has already started two missions of its own. The pastor, Steve Umholtz, was one of the speakers at the Bellevue conference.



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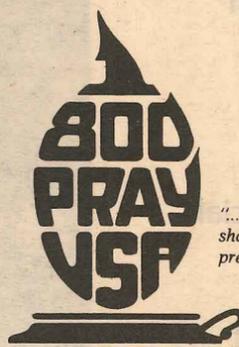
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Correction made for Apr. 3 issue

In an article on page one of the Apr. 3 Western Recorder, a statement from Mrs. Anne Neil's Mar. 28 chapel address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was inaccurately reported. The article quotes her as having said, "The Holy Spirit is not inclusive." She actually said, "The Holy Spirit is inclusive."

SBC prayer meetings scheduled

John Sullivan, prayer coordinator for the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City on June 11-14, has announced that the prayer meetings at the Convention Center will be in Room 204 West and at the Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel in Room 364. Sullivan says he has received many positive reports concerning the 1984 prayer emphasis and he requests that the prayer list include the Local Arrangements Committee from the Kansas City area, Don Wideman, chairman.

Home, Foreign Boards sweep BPRA awards

The Home Mission Board took 17 awards and the Foreign Baptist Public Relations Association awards competition.

Joanna Pinneo of the Foreign Mission Board was the top individual winner, receiving the Fon H. Scofield award for excellence in photography as well as five individual honors. She took first place awards for feature photograph and feature photo story, and second place honors for news photo story, single feature photograph and general photograph.

Four other special awards noting excellence also were presented.

Home Mission Board staffers received three of the awards: Michael Tutterow won the Frank Burkhalter award for excellence in writing; Margaret McCommon, the Arthur S. Davenport award for public relations/development; and Ben L. Sherman, the M. E. Dodd award for audio-visuals.

Kathy Palen of Oklahoma Baptist University was awarded the Albert McClellan award in publications/print

media.

The Commission magazine, published by the Foreign Mission Board and edited by Leland Webb, received magazine honors and SBC Today, an independent publication edited by Walker L. Knight in Decatur, Ga., won first prize for news publications.

Other persons receiving multiple awards included Richard Shock of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, who received four first place certificates. He won single news photograph, single feature photograph and feature photo story in the photography categories, and—along with David Wilkinson and Marv Knox—in the newsletter category. Knox also won a second in investigative/interpretive reporting.

Resolutions body slates May meeting

The 1984 Southern Baptist Convention Resolutions Committee will meet May 17-18 to begin planning their work at the annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

The pre-convention meeting in 1983 to allow the Resolutions Committee time to prepare its work for the annual meeting. In recent years, the volume of proposed resolutions has increased to the point that an additional meeting is necessary.

In announcing the pre-convention meeting, Bailey Stone, pastor of First Baptist Church of Odessa, Tex. and committee chairman, asked persons who plan to present resolutions at the SBC to submit them prior to the May 17-18 meeting.

"During the meeting we will set our procedures and make plans for how we will do our work," Stone said.

Persons planning to submit resolutions are asked to send them to Stone in care of the Resolutions Committee at the SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Pkwy., Nashville, TN 37219.

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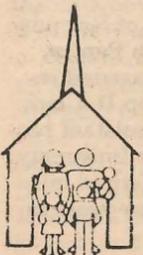
Potts named Alabama executive secretary

A. Earl Potts of Montgomery, Ala., was named executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama State Convention by the convention's executive board at a special called meeting Apr. 19.

Potts has been executive secretary-treasurer since Jan. 1, 1984, following the retirement of George E. Bagley who had been executive secretary-treasurer for 20 years.

Potts is married to the former Louise Green of Greene County, retired Mission Friends director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala. A son, David, is vice president for development at Judson College, Marion, Ala. A daughter, Libby, is minister to college students and singles at Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

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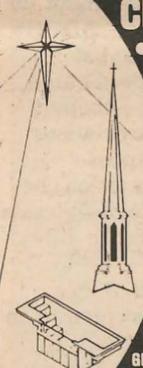


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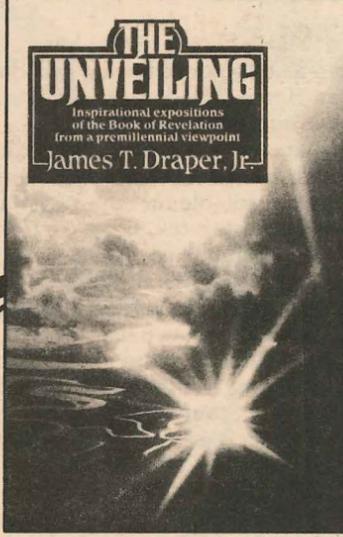
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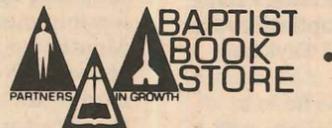
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personnel

Jesse A. Hatfield (see photo) has resigned as director of Spring Meadows Children Home, Middletown, after nearly seven years of service. His future plans include a counseling ministry which he has already begun. He will also be available for supply preaching, interim pastorates, Bible conferences and possibly a pastorate. His resignation is effective May 1.

In his 35 years of ministry, Hatfield has served 28 years as pastor of churches in Kentucky and one church in Indiana. Among Kentucky churches he has served are Stanford Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association, and First Baptist Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College and received his theological training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

For several years Hatfield has been preparing for a second career ministry in the field of counseling. He is a fellow of the American College of Counselors and is certified in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the National Alliance of Family Life.

He leads workshops in marriage enrichment for couples, communication skills for married couples, single parenting, crisis intervention and other related areas.

Since his present counseling services do not require full time and he wants to continue to minister in local churches, Hatfield will welcome opportunities to preach. He can be reached at Goldsmith Building, Suite 103, 3310 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville 40218, (502) 452-1405.

Chuck Summers (see photo) became pastor of Rock Haven Community Baptist Church, Salem Association, effective Apr. 1.

A native of Paducah, Summers is a graduate of Union University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently a PhD student at Southern. Married to the former Bonita Bonta of Crestview, Fla. he previously served as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Grayson County Association.

Robert Hendrick (see photo) assumed duties as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Apr. 8. A native of Florida, Hendrick is a graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Florida, Ohio and Kentucky for the past 15 years.

He and wife Bonnie have two children, Kristen, 12, and Robbie, 9.



Hatfield



Summers



Hendrick

Jerrell G. White, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Blood River Association, for the last 14 years, has accepted the pastorate of Second Baptist Church, Union City, Tenn.

A native of Lyon County and a graduate of Bethel College in Hopkinsville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was also pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association, and First Baptist Church, Sesser, Ill.

Mary Neal Morgan, native of Harrodsburg and a former Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, was married recently in Atlanta to Coleman D. Clark. Mrs. Clark now works as assistant professor of English at Mercer University in Atlanta. Clark is also a retired missionary, having served many years in Japan.

Douglas Olive, a former Kentucky Baptist pastor, is undergoing treatment for a malignancy in Montgomery, Ala. He was pastor of Beechridge Baptist Church and Highland Baptist Church, both in Shelby Association; Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association; and DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, before accepting the pastorate of Dalraida Baptist Church, Montgomery in July 1980.

His parents, Howard and Marge Olive, Southern Baptist missionaries to India, have returned to the states to be with their son and his family. The address of the Douglas Olives is 3783 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL 36109.

Lloyd Williamson assumed duties as pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Wayne County Association. He previously served Friendship Baptist Church, Russell County Association, and Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Williamson is married to the former Martha Baker. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Other featured speakers for the four joint sessions of the conference include Leon Simpson, president, Clear Creek Baptist School; James Adkins, director of missions for Huntington and Tug Valley Associations, West Virginia; and C. E. Jacobs, pastor, Pleasant Hills Baptist Church, Somerset. Pike Association pastors on the program include Sam Sowder, Jennings West, Berry Tackett and Tom Moore.

The conference will also include four seminars, each to be offered twice.

Ron Barnett, director of evangelism for Pike Association, is coordinating the event.

More information is available from the associational office, Box 2973, Pikeville 41501, (606) 432-2660.

Gene Crowder is the new pastor of Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association. A 1980 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, he was pastor of Benton Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

Crowder and wife Mabel have three daughters, Cynthia, 16; Suzanne, 13; and Mary, 8.

Paul Nixon is now pastor of East View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He formerly pastored Otto Baptist Church near Waco.

East View was organized in 1877 and has 129 members.

Ace Gilbert accepted the call to pastor Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association. He assumed duties on Apr. 1 and will serve as a bivocational pastor.

A native of Cleveland, Oh., he is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo. He has pastored churches in Cincinnati and Batavia, Oh.

He and wife Patty have three daughters.

Max Hetzel recently assumed duties as pastor of Nortonville Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. A graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he has pastored in Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky.

He and wife Carol have one son, Ashley.

Bill Graham is the new pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

The congregation was founded in 1841 and has 189 members.

Charles Shacklette was called as pastor of Valley Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He assumed his duties May 1.

James G. Ivey was called as minister of youth at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Mar. 28.

Gerald Britt is now pastor of New Middle Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association.

The congregation was founded in 1866 and has 131 members.

Paul Peterson has become full time pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Mission, Long Run Association. The congregation is jointly supported by Kings Baptist Church, Plum Creek Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Taylorsville.

A native of Mattoon, Ill., he is a graduate of Georgetown College and is presently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gary Tilton assumed duties as minister

of education and outreach at Fairmount Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

James Furr and **Fred Bongiovanni** were approved as new staff members of Long Run Baptist Association. Furr is now director of missions and ministries and Bongiovanni is administrative assistant.

A native of Texas, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex.; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He and his wife Betsy have two children.

Bongiovanni is a native of Baltimore, Md. He is a graduate of Towson State University, Towson, Md.; and Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Dee Bratcher.

Louis Walters assumed the pastorate of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

The congregation was founded in 1863 and has 199 members.

Thomas Query was called to be assistant director of the Habersham Christian Learning Center, Cornelia, Ga. He is currently completing a pastoral care residency at University Hospital, Louisville, with Wayne E. Oates and is pastoral counselor with Ninth and O Baptist Church, also in Louisville. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will reside in Clarksville, Ga.

Bill Wright will assume duties as minister of youth and music for Russell Cave Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association June 3.

Billy Riley began as pastor of Grand Rivers Baptist Church, Ohio River Association in April.

He and wife Kathi have one son, Derek.

The congregation was founded in 1889 and has 234 members.

Mike Berry is the new minister of youth and education for First Baptist Church, Middletown, Long Run Association. A native of Jefferson City, Tenn., and a graduate of Carson-Newman College in the same city, he is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He and wife Kathy reside in Louisville.

Larry Orange will begin as pastor of West Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association, May 20. He was formerly pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Central Association.

congregations

The following churches were inadvertently left off a list of the top 100 Kentucky churches in baptisms for 1982-83 provided for the Western Recorder: **Binghamtown Baptist Church**, Bell Association, W. B. Bingham, pastor, 91 baptisms; **Cedar Grove Baptist Church**, Muhlenberg Association, Gerald Jones, pastor, 39 baptisms.

Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association, held a special dedication service for their new sanctuary Apr. 8 following morning worship and a fellowship meal. Four former pastors of Mouthcard Baptist Church, mother church to Feds Creek, spoke. Mouthcard's current pastor, Sam Sowder, and the director of missions for Pike Association, John Pate, were also on the program.

Jennings West is pastor of Feds Creek.

Smith to speak at conference

J. Harold Smith is among a full slate of preachers scheduled to speak at the first annual Pike Association Evangelism Conference to be held at First Baptist Church of Pikeville, May 14-15.

Smith founded the Radio Bible

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Smith

Guthrie Baptist Church, Bethel Association, held a salad bar supper Apr. 18 to initiate a fund raising drive to enable the congregation to pay off all its debts by June 17, when the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

According to pastor Ron Grace, church members were asked to contribute whatever they wished and approximately \$8000 was raised at the event. He said the church should be debt free by the midsummer occasion.

All former members are urged to attend the anniversary celebration, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., June 17.

Licking Valley Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, will hold a weekend celebration of its 130 years as a congregation, May 5-6.

William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will speak May 5 at Bullittsburg Baptist Assembly, with a potluck dinner following. Participants are invited to stay overnight at the Assembly. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. on May 6. Worship services will follow.

The celebration will also honor Harold E. Moore, who is in his 20th year as pastor of Licking Valley.

Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, will host a songfest for the youth of Elkhorn Association churches, May 11. Churches are invited to send youth choirs, ensembles and soloists. No judging will be involved.

Churches wishing to participate should contact the Elkhorn Association office at 1161 Red Mile Parkway, Lexington 40504, (606) 254-7747 by May 6.

ordinations

H. Bailey Sadler, retiring pastor of First Baptist Church of McDowell, Enterprise Association, ordained two men to the deaconate in his last service Apr. 1. They were Wayne Akers and Lenord Clisdeane.

Sadler is resigning due to illness.

Woodrow High was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church of Augusta, Bracken Association. He is pastor of Washington Baptist Chapel, which is sponsored by Central Baptist Church of Maysville.

Camp Joy begins fund raising drive

According to director Randy Weaver, Camp Joy Baptist Assembly, Brownsville, will receive a donation of \$50,000 if a matching amount can be raised in Southern Baptist churches in the 12 associations of south central Kentucky by Aug. 1.

A special offering for Camp Joy has been scheduled for May 13, said Weaver. All area churches are urged to participate. Information on obtaining special offering envelopes and bulletin inserts is available by calling Don McConnaughay at (502) 726-6944 or J. W. Cropper at (502) 542-6318.

Camp Joy was founded by Kentucky WMU members in 1950 and now operates a full nine week summer program for boys and girls of all ages.

The camp is in special need of a drainage system, renovation of one of its largest buildings and resurfacing of its drives and parking areas among other additions and repairs, according to Weaver.



Barnett



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Bumgardner



Roberts



Zbinden

Five from Kentucky named to mission field

Five of 65 young adults approved by the Foreign Mission Board for training as journeymen in April have Kentucky ties.

All college graduates age 26 and under, the candidates will work as auxiliary personnel for two years alongside Southern Baptist career and associate missionaries. They will be among the first journeymen to be trained at the board's new Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va.

Michael Barnett of Kevil was assigned as a teacher and youth worker in Yekepa, Liberia. Most recently employed as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Henderson, Tenn., he attended Paducah Community College and Georgetown College before going to Union University, Jackson, Tenn., where he will graduate in August. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Barnett of Kevil.

Sally Boyd of Hopkinsville will work

as a nursing instructor in Eku, Nigeria. She was most recently employed as a clinical instructor of obstetrics at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She attended Hopkinsville Community and received nursing degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky. She is a member of Gardendale Baptist Church, Lexington, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Boyd of Hopkinsville.

Mark Bumgardner was assigned as an MK teacher and music worker in Antigua. Born in Louisville, he has since lived in West Germany and Charlotte, N. C., but considers Kannapolis, N. C., his hometown. A graduate of Mars Hill (N. C.) College, he is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Warner Bumgardner of Kannapolis.

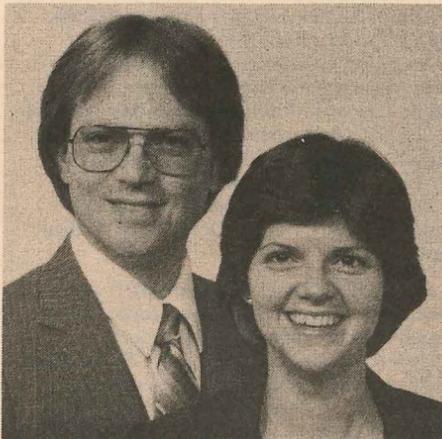
Kenneth F. Roberts of Monticello will

be a student worker at Kenya Technical Teachers College, Nairobi, Kenya. He was most recently employed by Ralston Purina Co., Louisville. A graduate of Berea College, he has also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is a member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roberts of Monticello.

Kelly Zbinden was assigned as a teacher and discipler in Lampang, Thailand. Born in Covington, he considers Ashburn, Ga., his hometown. He will graduate from Shorter College, Rome, Ga. this year and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Zbinden of Ashburn.

The five will be commissioned for service July 20, after completing their five week training program.

missions



James and Diane Ailor were among 24 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Apr. 10 at Gulf Coast Coliseum, Biloxi, Miss.

The Ailors will work in Korea, where he will be a music consultant and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. They are members of Paden Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., where he recently served as music and youth director.

Ailor considers Jefferson City, Mo. his hometown. He received the bachelor of music degree from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. and the master of church music degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also served as music director at West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

His wife is the former Diane Lollar of Pinson, Ala. She is also a graduate of Samford University.

The Ailors have one child, Jamie Diane, born in 1981. The family will go to Rockville, Va. in August for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.



Six Kentucky women took part in a recent three-day conference at Shocco Springs, Ala. The series of meetings was designed to teach the basic techniques and necessary skills for leading a successful conference. It was planned and led by WMU, SBC consultants. Pictured [1 to r, top photo] are: Betty Morris, Margaret Barron, Jane Allison, Alice Sloan, Cindy Willis and Karen Hamm. All are from Middletown. Kentucky WMU staff members also participated in the conference. They include [bottom photo, 1 to r]: Carol Noffsinger, Baptist Young Women director; Cathy Howle, Acteens director; Brenda Price, Girls in Action/Mission Friends director; and Doris Mullendore, president.



1984 SBC boards

Continued from page 1

Seminary trustees serve five year terms and according to convention bylaws are eligible for two full terms on the boards.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (63 trustees): 16 nominations considered; eight renominated, eight new trustees.

New trustees include Ronald D. Stewart of Northside church, Lebanon, Oh., replacing Roger Roberts of Fairborn, who moved (term to expire in 1985); Jess Moody of First church, Van Nuys, Cal., replacing J. Walker Campbell of La Habra, who resigned (term to expire in 1987); Gary W. Schwitz of Orchard Hills church, Novi, Mich., replacing Joyce Martin of Garden City, who moved (term to expire in 1987); George Steincross, of Second church, Liberty, Mo., replacing Harlan E. Spurgeon of Bolivar, who moved (full term).

Trustees replacing board members ineligible for second terms include W. Horace Benjamin of Berea First church, Greenville, S. C., replacing Maurice B. Morrow Jr., of Gaffney; John R. Michael, a coal company executive from Highview church, Louisville, replacing Homer Parker of Louisville, and Henry B. Huff, an attorney from Crescent Hill church, Louisville, replacing Joe D. Cross of Louisville.

A trustee from Louisiana to replace Kelly Fitzgerald of Baton Rouge, La., ineligible for renomination, will be named by the subcommittee in Kansas City, Mo.

Trustees renominated include Wilson C. Deese of Little Rock, Ark.; James L. Monroe of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; William L. Wilson of Owensboro, Ky.; Cline L. Vice of Glen Burnie, Md.; James P. Craine of Anderson, S. C.; Stephen W. Anderson of Memphis, Tenn.; Eldon F. Wood of Charlottesville, Va., and Richard O. Sutton of Topeka, Kan.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (36 members): Nine nominations considered; three renominated and six new members.

New members include Delmar G. Morris of Calvary church, Seymour, Ind., replacing Calvin T. Harvell of Evansville, who moved (term to expire in 1987), and Bartis Harper of Tylertown church, Tylertown, Miss., replacing James M. Keith of First church, Gulfport, who moved (term to expire in 1988).

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Billy J. Tolbert of El Toro church, El Toro, Cal., replacing Floyd W. Strickland of Clearlake Oaks; Stephen G. Hyde of First church, Silver Spring, Md. (D. C. Convention), replacing C. Wade Freeman Jr., a government worker from Washington; Jim M. Bolton, a businessman from First church, Dallas, replacing Mrs. Gladys Sherman Lewis of Oklahoma City, and James T. Draper Jr., of First church, Euless, Tex., replacing W. M. Shamburger of Tyler.

Renominated for second terms were Earl E. (Gene) Hawkins, Topeka, Kan.; Lewis N. McDonald, Bel Air, Md., and C. W. Farrar of Landrum, S. C.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (36 trustees): seven nominations were considered; four were renominated and three new members.

New members include George F. Webb of First Southern church, Holbrook, Ariz., replacing James E. Carter of Phoenix; Charles Dampier of First church, Fairfield, Ill., replacing Charles W. Boling of Pinckneyville, and J. Roy McComb of First church, Columbia, Miss., replacing Frank Gunn of Biloxi.

Renominations include Donald D. Jackson of Mariposa, Cal.; J. E. Moak of Moultrie, Ga.; Robert M. Jelks of Paris, Tenn., and James Davison of Ruston, La.

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (30 trustees): six nominations considered, three renominated, three new members.

New members include Thomas M. Metts Jr., an executive with Prison Fellowship from Providence church, Raleigh, N. C., replacing Edgar M. Wyatt of Raleigh, and

Eddie L. Sellers, a businessman from Burkemont church, Morganton, N. C., replacing David M. Britt of Raleigh.

A trustee from Georgia to replace Sam D. Allen of Savannah, Ga., who is ineligible for renomination, will be nominated by the subcommittee in Kansas City, Mo.

Renominated were Charles W. Midkiff of Greenville, Ky.; W. Lee Beaver Jr. of St. Louis, and C. Warren Pearson of Hobbs, N. M.

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (35 trustees): nine nominations considered; five renominations; four new members.

New members Timothy K. Norman of Ginter Park church, Richmond, Va., replacing M. Vernon Davis of Alexandria, who resigned (term to end in 1985); Jack D. Amis, a physician from First church, Hopkinsville, Ky., replacing Ronald W. Stone of Winchester, who moved (term to expire in 1986); Mrs. Carolyn D. Snider, housewife from First church, Pagosa Springs, Colo., replacing Ronald L. Thayer of Security, who moved.

James E. Graves, a public school administrator from Red Bridge church, Kansas City, Mo., replaces Edward I. Van Deusen of Raytown, who is ineligible for renomination.

Renominated to second terms are Russell R. Reid Jr., Smithburg, Md.; James W. Jones, Detroit, Mich.; T. Robert Mullinax of Raleigh, N. C.; C. Eugene Dempsey of Everett, Wash., and J. W. Simmons of Windsor, Mo.

GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (35 members): eight nominations considered; one renominated, seven new members.

New members include Mrs. David Butler, a pastor's wife from Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing Mrs. Grady Cothen of Nashville, who moved (term to expire in 1986); Lawrence H. Langford of Highland Avenue church, Cincinnati, replacing L. Frank Welch of Dayton, who moved (term to expire in 1988), and Mrs. Sandra Casteel, an attorney's wife from First church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., replacing Mrs. Doyle E. Carlton Jr., of Wauchula, who declined to serve a second term.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination are Calvin Kelly of Ridgecrest church, Montgomery, Ala., replacing John R. Riddle of Birmingham; Calvin L. Capps of Southside church, Greensboro, N. C., replacing William T. Mills of Hickory; Herman E. Wooten, director of missions of the Orange County Baptist Association, Anaheim, Cal., replacing Cristobal M. Dona of San Jose; and Robert D. Lewis of Temple church, Fairfield, Cal., replacing Sheldon H. Russell of Portersfield.

Renominated was O. M. Kington of First church, Madisonville, Ky.

Persons to serve as trustees of Southern Baptist Convention agencies have also been nominated by the 1984 committee on boards, commissions and standing committees.

Nominees for nine agencies and three standing committees follow. All are clergy or denominational service related unless otherwise specified:

ANNUITY BOARD (55 members, being reduced to 48): 11 nominees considered; one place was eliminated by not replacing a trustee who died; five were renominated and six are new members.

Robert C. Mann of Boone, N. C., died and was not replaced on the board.

Bob R. Howard, a general insurance agent from First church, Independence, Mo., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Roy R. Heimbürger of St. Louis, who resigned. The term ends in 1986.

Other new members are Joe S. Martinez of Primeria Iglesia Bautista in Denver, Colo., replacing Sam Burk Jr., of Aurora; Dallas E. Pulliam of Greenbelt church, Greenbelt, Md., replacing Harold W. Sorrell Jr., of Clinton; William S. Baird, a stockbroker from Roswell Street church, Marietta, Ga., replacing Stanley R. Hahn of Savannah; C. Eugene Phillips of Woodland church, Peoria, Ill., replaces Stanley H. Dill of Urbana, and Paul W. Powell of Greenacres church, Tyler, Tex., replaces D. L. Lowrie of Lubbock.

Renominated were Beverly V. Tinnin of Meridian, Miss.; Ronald G. Davis of Longview (Northwest), Wash.; Mrs. Irene D. Horn of Owasso, Okla., and Alden H. Wilson of Jackson, Tenn.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members, including 15 laypersons, representatives of SBC agencies plus the convention president): 11 persons considered; five renominated, six new members.

New agency representatives include Hoffman C. Harless, American Seminary Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; Norris E. Smith, Historical Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; Frank M. Morris, Radio-Television Commission, Opelika, Ala.; plus representatives to be named by the subcommittee in Kansas City for the Executive Committee and Midwestern Seminary.

New at-large member is Robert G. Lamons, a banker from First church, Jackson, Tenn.

Renominated are agency representatives Alden H. Wilson, Annuity Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Charles R. Wade, Christian Life Commission, Arlington, Tex.

Also renominated are Calvin R. Guest, Bryan, Tex.; Roy L. Depue, Hendersonville, Tenn., and James R. Bocell, St. Joseph, Mo.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COMMISSION ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (16 members): four persons considered; one renominated, three new members.

New members include Donald L. Sharp of Faith Tabernacle church, Chicago, Ill., replacing Harold A. Collins of Atlanta, Ga.; Kenneth L. Castleberry of Dalewood church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing Hiram A. Lemay of Nashville, and Charles E. Barham, a high school teacher from First church, Donelson, Tenn., replacing Mrs. J. Thomas Bryan of Nashville.

Renominated was Thelma A. Pearson of Hattiesburg, Miss.

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): five persons considered; two reappointed, three new members.

New members include William R. Cotton, a farmer, Lemon Heights church, Palatka, Fla.; replacing Robert D. Walker Jr., of Gainesville; George Brannon, an attorney from Morningside church, Atlanta, replacing J. Theodore Phillips of Douglasville, and W. Randolph Davenport of Campbellsville church, Campbellsville, Ky., replacing J. M. Boswell of Williamsburg, Ky.

Renominated were John E. Johns of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Doris Nunn of Sacramento, Cal.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (36 members): nine persons considered; two reappointed and seven new members.

New members include Robert E. Gaultney of Reynoldsburg church, Reynoldsburg, Oh., replacing James Efrid of Niles, Oh., who died (term to expire in 1987).

New members replacing persons ineligible for second terms include Ellis M. Norris, a government employe from Pennsylvania Avenue church, Washington, replacing Louis S. Clapper of Silver Spring, Md.; Donald N. Varnado, a hospital administrator from Hillcrest church, Franklinton, La., replacing Carl E. Voda of Alexandria;

Claire L. Bowe Jr., a rancher from San Jon, N. M., replacing Fred L. Harris of Hatch; Wendell C. Reed, an insurance supervisor from Ft. Lewis church, Salem, Va., replacing Harry Houchins of Purcellville; John C. Baxley, a businessman from Anastasia church, St. Augustine, Fla., replacing James Threlkeld of Memphis, Tenn., and Walter G. Barnes, an insurance executive from Shades Crest church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing James M. Gardner of Blytheville, Ark.

Renominated were Spurgeon Willet Jr., of Warren, Mich., and Don Donaldson of Oklahoma City, Okla.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (30 members): seven persons considered; five renominated, two new members.

New members are Richard G. Elkins, a savings and loan official from Hoffmantown church, Albuquerque, N. M., replacing David King of Albuquerque, and Ruffin E. Snow of First church of Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash., replacing Mrs. Irene E. Brame of Tacoma.

Renominated were James E. Harvey of Glendale, Ariz.; Lynn P. Clayton of Alexandria, La.; Donald Blanton of Bel Air, Md.; Mrs. Verna R. Haushalter of Livonia, Mich., and Charles R. Wade of Arlington, Tex.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (34 members): eight persons considered; three renominated, five new members.

New members include Ray Granade, professor at Ouachita Baptist University from First church, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Jerry L. Tillman of Trinity church, Fresno, Cal., replacing Stephen P. Carleton of Riverside; Sam A. Harvey of Calvary church, Renton, Wash.; Mrs. Margaret Melton, a homemaker from Northside church, Lebanon, Oh., replacing Gerald A. Bishop of Cincinnati; and David McDaniel, a businessman from Judson church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing John G. Justice of Nashville.

Renominated were Ben M. Primer of Baltimore, Md.; E. Jerry Vardaman of Lampkin, Miss., and Ira V. Birdwhistell of Georgetown, Ky.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (26 members): six persons considered; one renominated, five new members.

New members include Ted E. Savage of First church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Stewart R. McChesney of Arvada; Len B. Turner of First church, Merritt Island, Fla., replacing N. B. Langford Jr., of Panama City; David John Williams of Naperville church, Naperville, Ill., replacing George H. Davis of Urbana;

James Russell Capps, a broadcaster from Tabernacle church, Raleigh, N. C., replacing Tommy Joe Payne of Washington, N. C., and Harold T. Brundige, an attorney from First church, Martin, Tenn., replacing Fred W. Isaacs Jr., of Cosby.

Renominated was J. Clark Hensley of Jackson, Miss.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (26 members): six persons were considered; four renominated and two new members.

New members are Lloyd A. Sparkman of First church, Crossett, Ark., replacing Mrs. Roy E. Cooper of Jonesboro, and Daniel Pena, a high school counselor from New Life church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Robert J. Oxford of Wheat Ridge.

Renominated were Dewey Corder of Montgomery, Ala.; Glen W. Zumwalt of Wichita, Kan.; Dan T. Stowe of Dublin, Oh., and Jim D. Bowmer of Temple, Tex.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (15 members, eight of whom serve by virtue of office as SBC administrators): two persons considered, two new members. The committee on boards also selected the PAC chairman.

New members are Don Turner, editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, newsjournal of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, and member of Trinity church, Aurora, Colo., replacing R. G. (Gene) Puckett, Raleigh, N. C., and Jim I. Ginnings, independent oil producer and chairman of deacons at First church, Wichita Falls, Tex., replacing Donald P. Aiesi, Greenville, S. C.

The committee also reelected Samuel T. Currin, U. S. attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina and member of Hays-Barton church, Raleigh, to a second term as chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): two persons considered; two new members were appointed and the committee on boards selected the committee chairman.

New members are Fred Powell of Pisgah church, Excelsior Springs, Mo., replacing Russell Bush of Columbia, Miss., and James C. Waits of First church, Laurel, Miss., replacing William H. Cook of Bartlesville, Okla.

Mrs. Don (Skeet) Workman of Lubbock, Tex., was named chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS (7 members, including the SBC president): two persons were considered; two new members were named and the committee chairman also was selected.

New members are Stan Coffey of First church, Albuquerque, N. M., replacing Charles G. Fuller of Roanoke, Va., and Jay Strack of Riverside church, Ft. Myers, Fla., replacing C. Bruce McIver of Dallas, Tex.

Morris H. Chapman of First church, Wichita Falls, Tex., was named chairman.



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on mission together

Spirituality in barbed wire

Following a preaching assignment in eastern Kentucky a few weeks ago I drove another 200 miles east to Virginia where we own a few acres of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Three spring-fed streams flow down from the mountains across the property. On it is the now vanished site of a home washed away by torrents created by hurricane Camille in 1969. More than 200 Nelson countians lost their lives that horrible night, including the wife of the landowner. A modest cottage was constructed for the widower by Mennonite relief teams.

Taking a few days vacation, I returned for some necessary business and to complete some fencing so my neighbor could graze some of his cattle. The neighbor, Alec Kidd, and I strung barbed wire for three days. By the

middle of each day, it was very obvious who was in the best shape. The older-but-stronger mountain man patiently waited for me to set the wire-stretchers before he drove home each staple. Hauling and stringing barbed wire up and down hills is not my every day work. In those three days he taught me to identify the best locust trees for posts; how to split logs into good stakes; and how to stretch and nail wire alone (no easy feat!).

Alec and "Sis" had me for supper two nights. Sitting around the kitchen table, their hospitality was as warming as the wood cookstove beside us. A bond of new friendship was born and I was given the gift of being accepted into "their" community as a legitimate neighbor.

As I made my way back to the trailer on the last night the stars were bright and seemed close enough to touch.

Deer grazed in a nearby field. My hands were still stinging from scratches and swelling and my body ached all over. Still, I felt something deeply spiritual in my fatigue. It was a different kind of "tired" from what I feel at the end of a day of meetings, conferences and long drives. Perhaps it was because my objectives for those few days had been simple—taking care of a little business and finishing a fence. So much of modern man's work is never completed—only a part of a seemingly endless continuum. Or perhaps it was because I had experienced again a much simpler lifestyle which in my inner heart is very appealing. Maybe it was simply because I needed to touch base again, in a special way, with the creator of the hills, the stars and the streams. In any event, Alice somehow noted a new sparkle in my eyes when I returned.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 6, 1984

Life and Work Series

Families nurturing faith

Deuteronomy 6:6-7a Through his word God teaches parents how to live and how to train their children. He commands parents to study and obey his word and to teach it diligently to their children through their lips and to demonstrate it through their lives. If parents will perform this God-given duty, they will be able to introduce their children to Christ during the tender years of childhood, and enable them to achieve the highest and best in life.

Luke 2:21-22, 24 The Lord Jesus was reared in the atmosphere of a devout couple, Mary, his mother, and Joseph, his foster father. Following the custom of the typical pious Jewish family, Joseph and Mary had the Lord Jesus circumcised, presented him to God in the temple and observed the rite of making a sacrifice at the time of Mary's purification. Mary did not have a lamb for an offering at the ceremony of purification, due to her poverty, so she presented a pair of turtledoves instead, which was permissible.

Luke 2:41-43 When Jesus reached the age of 12, Mary and Joseph journeyed to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of the Passover. When this feast was over they started home with their relatives and friends. During the first day of their journey they did not see Jesus, assuming he was in the group. At eventide they discovered he was not

with them, so they decided to return to Jerusalem to seek his whereabouts. **Luke 2:48-49, 52** When Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple conversing with the teachers of the law, Mary inquired: "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?"

Without any attempt to excuse himself, Christ replied: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He made it clear that his supreme task was to do the will of his father.

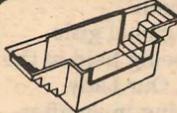
International Series

Be faithful through works

James 1:22-27 A Christian's responsibility to the Lord has not been discharged when he has attended church services and listened to the preaching and teaching of God's word. Christians should be good listeners, but they should also know from experience the great delight of doing the will of God by putting into practice that which is taught in his word. To the believer who beholds himself in the mirror of God's word, his weaknesses, failures, sins and need of cleansing will be revealed. Tempers, tongues and lives are to be regulated by its precepts. True Christianity is expressed in a demonstration of mercy towards the suffering, an active love for the needy and by keeping one's self untarnished or undefiled by the pollution of the world. **James 2:14-24** James protested against all attempts to divorce faith and works. He considered them as two vital units of a whole. The faith that brings salvation produces good works. James did not minimize faith, but he did insist that it be demonstrated in good works. If one has saving faith it is certain to manifest itself in good works. Faith and works are united inseparably.

Our love must express itself in a practical manner. It is not enough for us to say we love, but we must prove it by our deeds. The test of love is not in saying, but in doing. We help others by our deeds and not by pious good wishes. If one truly loves, he will extend his compassion toward those in need.

The relationship of faith and works was exhibited in the life of Abraham. Abraham was justified by faith when he believed on or exercised faith in God. Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac as a sacrifice on the altar, in obedience to the specific command of God. His faith in God enabled Abraham to do what he did. His works constituted positive proof that his faith was living and effectual.



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homes for children

Director Hatfield resigns

Jesse A. Hatfield Jr. has resigned as director of Spring Meadows Children's Home effective Apr. 30, 1984. He came to Spring Meadows from the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Princeton, Ky. He brought to the position many years of experience in the pastorate and working with families, along with a deep commitment to the Lord, to youth and to families.

During his time of service at Spring Meadows, Jesse Hatfield has had a significant influence. Under his leadership, the staff has had continuous in-service training, much of which was led by the director himself. This has resulted in a significant upgrading of the houseparents' skills in dealing with troubled and dependent youth. One of the best program improvements initiated by Hatfield has been the planning, development and implementing of the stages program for the youth in our care. The stages provide goals for learning, activities, responsibilities and privileges. Therefore each youth can experience measurable progress toward living skills.

Now after almost seven years as director of Spring Meadows, Jesse Hatfield is turning toward another facet of ministry in the Lord's vineyard. His pulpit ministry, personal ministry and service at Spring Meadows has been family oriented. He has an earned doctorate of ministry in counseling and is certified in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the National Alliance of Family Life.

At this moment Hatfield is open to a multi-faceted ministry—a pastorate or church staff position oriented to family ministry, pulpit supply, Bible studies, marriage enrichment retreats, group training in effective parenting and "how to" conferences on topics such as: how to minister in crises; how to deal with stress; how to do follow-up ministry. Hatfield has wide experience in counseling with individuals, couples, families and groups. Churches and pastors who have called upon his services testify he is a good preacher, a good teacher and a good counselor.

Hatfield may be reached at his counseling office, Suite 103 in the Goldsmith Building, 2210 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville (502-452-1405).



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oneida journal

An alarming experience

I had a truly alarming experience recently! I thought I was losing my eyesight or my memory or both!

I was attending the regional girls basketball tournament being held in the new Williamsburg gym. Our Lady Mountaineers were playing in an afternoon game, their first time to ever be in regional play.

It was my understanding that none of our students would be at the game. Our school was involved in end-of-quarter final exams and students were due to leave later in the day for a nine day "spring break."

But seeing a large section of students vigorously cheering for our girls team I thought there must be some change in plans. I didn't give particular attention as I talked with an Oneida alumnus. But little by little, as I scanned the crowd, it slowly dawned on me that I did not know the name of a single one of my cheering students! I looked and looked again. "I must really be slipping ping!" I thought. "And only 42 years old!"

Expressing some concern to those seated around me, I was soon reassured. I was informed that the more than 100 cheering students had traveled from Barbourville's Knox Central High School to cheer for our girls. They had done so when they had learned that none of our students could be there. Cheer after cheer rose for Oneida. I could hear but not see very well. My eyes had misted over. Just the night before these same Knox Central students had vigorously cheered against Oneida as their Bulldogs ended our boys 25-13 season in regional play at Knox Central.

Last fall we were having an excellent boys and girls season in cross-country defeating many of the schools closest to us. On the way to play in the regional tourney at Paintsville, our bus broke down about 30 miles out of Oneida. It has not been a good year for several of

our buses! Telephone calls had to be made back to Oneida for a backup bus to pick up our stranded team. Also a call was made to the tournament site to explain the reason for our late arrival.

Regional cross-country officials decided the tournament needed to proceed without us. Some of our warmest rivals apparently had other ideas. One of the girls teams decided they needed first to walk the course to familiarize themselves. They walked slowly. They got "lost." There was a long delay. Others had to go find them. More delay. Then this happened. And that.

An hour and a half later the officials had all the girls teams on the line ready to start when our bus came into view. Our boys and girls had been fretting for nearly three hours, imagining the meet already half over. Our girls rushed off the bus. There was no time to go to the bathroom. No time for a drink. No time to warmup. Our girls ran into the line and the race was on. Despite it all our girls came in third place in the region and qualified for the state.

Later in the day our boys won the regional championship. It was a wonderful victory. It was even more wonderful because competitive rivals, who are also friends, sort of held up the show so our team could have a fair shot and not lose by default.

Our boys basketball team went to northern Kentucky in early February to play in the "A" classic of 18 "top" schools with 500 students or less. Because it was a four day tournament no one else from our school was able to go. Our boys were there without any cheerleader support or other home support.

But the good people of Walton-Verona took our boys into their homes and their hearts. Former three year Lady Mountaineer coach Layna Cheesman is now a math teacher and coach in the Walton-Verona system. She led in organizing the hospitality. Oneida defeated Wheelwright, Greenville and Spencer County in hard fought games.

Hundreds of Walton-Verona people became a huge cheering section for our Mountaineers. This climaxed on the night Oneida battled the Ludlow Panthers for the championship. The uniformed Walton-Verona cheerleaders led a roaring crowd in cheers for our team from the very beginning of the game in the Northern Kentucky University gym. Our boys responded with a thrilling game, ending Ludlow's nine game winning streak by giving them a 63-55 defeat.

People make schools. Not buildings but people. We have seen some of the best. They are in our hearts.



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clear creek comment

Scattered preaching

It is commencement time at Clear Creek! This Friday evening more than 40 students will graduate. They and their families will go into all the world to serve the Lord. We are so proud and so blessed to have been a part of encouraging and guiding and training them for the work of the Lord.

In Acts 8:4 we read, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." It is thrilling to imagine where God will lead some of these outstanding preachers of the word. Many of them will pastor in Kentucky. But others will be led to other states and some will eventually serve in foreign countries. They are all God's missionaries bearing witness to Jesus and we are a missionary training school.

Today I am thinking about each of our new graduates and his family. Where will they go and what ministry will he find for the Lord? How will God bless his faithful witness for Jesus in years to come and what trials and tribulations will he and his family encounter?

Every time I think of all the men of God who have graduated from Clear Creek I am amazed to consider that God has scattered more than a thousand of our alumni abroad in 43 states and several foreign countries preaching the gospel for him. Every day I remind myself that a thousand preachers and their families are preaching the word all over the world.

I am also reminded of the difference between a fresh, new graduate of Clear Creek and a seasoned alumnus who has served the Lord for years. Our new alumni, while not as young as typical college students (after all, our average student is 34 years of age) are nevertheless young in the ministry. They are joyous and enthusiastic looking forward to all that God will do in and through their lives.

However, as our alumni inevitably discover, they encounter trials and tribulations as well as blessings along the way. Satan is very real and he sees to it that God's servants are tempted to discouragement and despair. Opposition from the world (and even from God's people at times) arises and obstacles often loom on the horizon.

So today I am asking you to pray for Clear Creek and for our many alumni who are faithfully witnessing for the Lord. They have been scattered everywhere and they are preaching the Word!

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Daley Observations reprise

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

The Baptist treasure

(From Nov. 4, 1965)

In this day of materialistic standards we are prone to judge everything by numbers, size or cost in dollars. This standard even invades the realm of religion causing us sometimes to become confused in our sense of values.

Where is the greatness of Southern Baptists really to be found? What is our true treasure? Is it in our numbers? From our small beginnings in 1845 we have grown to a mighty host of more than 10 million. Thousands of beautiful church buildings costing billions of dollars have been built by Baptists.

Is our greatness in our institutional ministry? We have magnificent institutions of learning, hospitals for healing, homes for the homeless and all kinds of ministries in the name of the Lord. In our pulpits stand powerful preachers and able men lead our far flung missionary and education ministries. All of these must be counted in the achievements of Southern Baptists.

Our true greatness, however, does not lie in sheer numbers, our financial success, our magnificent buildings, our great institutions nor even our able preachers and leaders. Our true treasure is in the simple and humble people whose redeemed hearts have responded to Jesus Christ in sincere service day by day. Regrettably not all who are called Baptists have this quality of life but there are millions of these and some are found in every congregation.

These are those who have in childlike faith come to Jesus for salvation. Many of them cannot describe this experience in theological terms but they know it is real. So they love the Bible, they read it and try to live by its teachings. They are not concerned about the scholarly problems connected with the study of scripture but they have confidence in sincere preachers and honest teachers who wrestle with these matters in the search for more light.

They resist the sagging standards of morality in our modern world, holding to the virtues exalted in God's Word. Wives love their husbands and treasure their children. Husbands love their wives and are faithful to their marriage vows at home and away from home. As mothers and fathers they exercise discipline and control over their children, taking them to church without letting them vote on it until they reach some maturity.

These people give a tithe or more of the Lord's blessings to them, trusting their church and their denomination to be good stewards. Their hearts are touched also by special needs and so they give extra for homeless children and foreign mission needs at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

They love the pastor because he is the man of God and they are willing to overlook his faults and weaknesses remembering he is only human. They want the preacher to visit their home and they want their children to feel at home around the preacher.

They love the old hymns and heartfelt prayers when they worship. They expect to be told about their sins when they come to church. They appreciate brevity but are not clock watchers when the preacher is speaking for God. Neither do they hurry home when the last amen is said without taking some time to enjoy the after service fellowship.

On and on extends the list of sterling qualities of these humble and simple children of God who make our Baptist treasure. I have a deeper appreciation for this treasure and more hope for the future of our denomination everytime I get out of the editor's office and live with such people. This was my happy experience recently in a week of revival services with Pastor Charles Minch at Highland Heights near Newport. At Highland Heights I found more than the usual proportion of such saints of the Lord.

Welfare of pupils is first

(From Sept. 3, 1964)

A few years ago Wesley Shrader, writing in a national magazine, called the Sunday school the most wasted hour of the week. His charges stung and shocked many. This editor was among those who took issue with Mr. Shrader but experience and observation of many Baptist Sunday schools since then make me wonder how wrong he really was. For while he surely overstated the case, if what goes on in countless Sunday school classrooms every Sunday morning is not the most wasted hour of the week, it is a shameful substitute for effective Bible instruction.

A person with serious intention about vital Bible study has reason for frustration in many Baptist Sunday schools. The difficulty of beginning on time and the consequent result in getting to the actual classes late is all too common. Inefficient and extended record taking, discussion of church activities, absentees and other matters of more or less importance leave precious little time before the bell rings ending the period and setting off the unholy commotion which goes on in most churches between Sunday school and the worship service.

The saddest part of all is what often goes on during the short class period. Unprepared teachers sometimes read monotonously from unfamiliar material which was never intended for such use. Pupils and teachers engage in conversation and discussion more suited for a lawn party than a Bible class. Personal opinions of teachers and pupils on current social and political issues are exchanged without much regard for the biblical basis for moral judgments. Even with this some teachers run out of soap, dismiss their classes early and disrupt other classes.

This does not mean that there is not some very effective Bible study going on in Baptist Sunday schools. Nor does it mean one has to be highly educated to be an able Sunday school teacher. It does mean that in too many instances the minds and souls of Sunday school pupils are being dealt with carelessly.

How can pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and nominating committees go about the task of achieving better quality in Baptist Sunday schools? A good starting point is the goal of using only qualified and dedicated teachers. In recent years we have heard more about grading the Sunday school by ages than the grade of those who staff this enlarged organization. The grading plan calls for training an adequate number of teachers but the truth is we have succeeded more often in dividing classes than providing for able teachers.

A person not willing to pay the price of preparation should not be entrusted with such a serious responsibility as teaching. The challenge for teachers should be on the basis of a God-given ministry and not merely agreeing to take the place because someone must.

It must be recognized that not everyone who will teach can really be a teacher. Some sincere persons who really try still fail as teachers and should be given other church assignments. This brings the problem of what to do about teachers who are inefficient either due to lack of ability or lack of commitment. They should be removed. But this is easier said than done. In many instances a teacher or Sunday school officer resents any suggestion of a change and a pastor and nominating committee are prone to put up with a bad situation rather than run the risk of offending the sensitive person.

This is unfortunate. The welfare of the pupils and not the sensitivity of an immature church member should be the first concern. Better run the risk of offending such a person than to sin against the impressionable minds and precious souls of Sunday school pupils.

Nor should the pastor alone have to bear the blame when such action is necessary. One offended member too often runs a pastor away or mars his ministry. The church leadership should be kind and gentle but altogether straightforward in such instances.

Imparting the mind of God as revealed in the Holy Bible to pupils in such a way as to change their lives is the high goal of the Sunday school and nothing should be allowed to hinder this. Peace and tranquility are a goal but not a god for churches. And if they are achieved only at the sacrifice of the high goal of Bible teaching, they become idols and false gods.

Disagreeing in love

(From May 27, 1965)

There is a much needed Christian grace among Baptists today. This is the ability to disagree with each other on principles without letting it become a personal matter. We have given lip service to this precious trait, but have found it difficult to practice. Our failure has resulted in unchristian conduct on the part of fellow church members and fellow Baptists in other relationships. Our Christian witness is dimmed and the world has reason to wonder if being a Christian makes any difference.

If this failure to respect and love each other while disagreeing were confined to young and immature Christians, it might be overlooked. Tragically, however, too many in high places of responsibility display the same littleness and pettiness. Occasionally it is out in the open; more often it is behind the scenes.

The ability to hold and express opposite convictions without personal feelings is basic to Baptist principles. Our belief in the competency of every individual to seek and discover God's will and the right of every individual to express himself demand that we allow for disagreement without taking personal offense.

There is a feeling in too many Baptist churches that one had better not disagree with the powers that be. By the powers that be is generally meant the pastor and the deacons. The fear is that to raise an objection to the "official" recommendation is to become a marked person.

Sometimes when this is claimed, it is not true. It is only the mistaken idea of some overly sensitive person. Regrettably, it is true sometimes and this is shameful. It is a sad day for Baptists when honest conviction cannot be expressed for fear of offending someone who has another opinion.

This doesn't mean that one must express himself on every matter just for the sake of airing his opinion. One who reacts to every proposal and expresses his private views without prayerfully seeking God's wisdom is a fool and a trouble-maker. However, one who remains silent giving the impression he agrees when he actually disagrees is a hypocrite, and one who waits until after the meeting to mouth his disagreement is a coward.

No Baptist has the right to impose his conviction or opinion on any other Baptist. A person is completely out of place who feels that if you are not for what he is for, you are against him. It's a vain and overbearing person who says if you are his friend, you will support his position. Such a person is no friend to anyone, but rather views everyone as a tool to be used for self-advancement.

Human personality is the most precious thing in this world. Respect for human personality demands we give every person a right to his opinion without making it a personal matter. After all, no one has a corner on God's mind and any feeling of infallibility, no matter how important a person is, is completely out of place among Baptists.

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