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Southern Baptist Leads  
Pre-Bowl Game Bible Study

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The quiet group was like a calm eye in the middle of the Cotton Bowl storm.

Six University of Nebraska (NU) football coaches--including head coach Tom Osborne--sat with a couple of NU football players and Southern Baptist campus minister Brett Yohn.

Discussion was not about the Cotton Bowl game with the University of Texas played on the gridiron a few hours later. No game plan, strategy or key player was mentioned.

Rather, the subject was the Bible and its meaning in the lives of each man. "The Lord worked in mysterious ways to bring about such a time," an observer noted. "He brought together" a Southern Baptist campus minister who raises most of his own salary, a dedicated Methodist layman who became head football coach at NU, a Southern Baptist assistant coach and four other assistant coaches who are tied to independent Bible churches.

From this group was formed a center of caring and "Bible believing, Christian influence" amid a major collegiate football power.

Southern Baptist involvement with this group in a new work area, north of the "Bible Belt," began some 18 months ago. Brett and Mary Yohn, a Southern Baptist couple, said they felt led to begin a student ministry on the NU campus. The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists was in the midst of financial difficulties and couldn't provide all the funds for starting or maintaining a work on the campus.

The Yohns, certain of God's direction and with the blessings of the Kansas-Nebraska convention's student department, set about to raise funds for their salary and organizational activities.

Yohn, who might be mistaken for a NU guard or tackle, said, "We went to laymen we knew and told them we wanted to start this ministry at NU, and we let them have the opportunity of participating financially, if they could.

"We emphasized that we weren't interested in any money that they were currently giving to their local church, Cooperative Program (Southern Baptists' unified budget) or any mission offerings.

"I explained the financial situation in the Kansas-Nebraska convention and told the people that if we waited until the state convention or local churches could totally support the ministry on some of these campuses, we would be waiting until Jesus comes," Yohn said.

"We shared with them our feeling that there needs to be direct mission help to some campuses in new work areas, just like some churches here need direct mission help," he added.

When the Yohns arrived on the NU campus, they went to the head coach to ask about starting a Bible study for the athletes. They were referred to Osborne, a Methodist lay leader, who was then freshman football coach.

Osborne responded to Yohn's inquiry, "Look, Kid, I've been trying to lead a Bible study for freshman players. Why don't you handle it for me?" Brett did. It wasn't long before some 35 players attended the weekly study group.

Osborne eventually moved to the head coaching position at NU, and Christian influence spread on the campus.

When NU quarterback-and-wide-receiver coach, Jerry Moore, a Baylor University (Waco, Tex.) graduate and a Southern Baptist, joined Osborne's staff, Moore also joined the Bible study group.

"The Cotton Bowl Bible study was just a part of what has become a normal routine for us as coaches," Moore said. "We started having a Bible study before each game this fall. Brett was invited by Osborne to lead the first session.

"He did such a bang-up, good job we just kept asking him back. He led about seven (studies) for us this year (1973)--including the Cotton Bowl. When we were on the road, one of the coaches led the study."

Nebraska won the Cotton Bowl, 19-3, over the Texas Longhorns. Yohn and his wife went to Dallas at their own expense to lead the pre-game Bible study and to participate in a Sunday worship service held for interested NU team members.

Conducting the service was Bill Krisher, director of the Southwestern United States, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. About 15 players and the team's coaches attended.

Yohn's relationships to football coaches have helped in his total campus ministry, he said. At the beginning of the 1973-74 school year, more than 500 NU students came to hear two of the university's coaches give their "Christian testimony."

After this meeting, about 15 Bible study groups were begun out of interest created, Yohn said. The coaches are frequent speakers at the Baptist Student Union's (BSU) dormitory Bible studies and other meetings, he added.

Both Moore and Yohn agreed that the Bible studies and Christian evangelism growth will require time to expand. Yohn said, "This is a new dimension for the players. They're not used to having this in the locker room."

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#### Both Earn Ph.Ds

Nice Things Come in  
Pairs for Baptist Couple

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Robert and Bonnie Lynn of the Oklahoma Baptist University staff here say their household could accurately be called an "equal educational opportunity family."

It's an event worth celebrating when one member of a family is awarded a doctoral degree, but in this case, Lynn, vice president for administration at OBU and his wife both were awarded doctor of philosophy degrees by the University of Oklahoma just before New Years.

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Cooperative Program Running  
Ahead in First Quarter

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Giving through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget during the 1973-74 fiscal year is running 10.85 per cent ahead of the first quarter of the record-setting 1972-73 fiscal year.

Southern Baptists gave \$8,874,306, October through December, as compared with \$8,005,405 in the first quarter of last year, according to figures released by John Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

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In December alone, Cooperative Program contributions amounted to \$3,065,660--the third time in 1973 the figure exceeded \$3 million. Cooperative Program totals had never reached the \$3 million mark in previous years.

December's increase, however, was running only \$97,523--or 3.2 per cent--ahead of the \$2,968,137 contributed in December, 1972.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, expressed gratitude for the continuing response of Southern Baptists to worldwide mission needs and noted that the \$3,065,660 "will help a great deal toward the \$35,000,000 goal for the 1973-74 fiscal year."

Designated giving through Southern Baptist churches during the first quarter of 1973-74 totaled \$991,069. That's 9.67 per cent ahead of \$903,699 given at the same point in 1972-73. In December, designated giving amounted to \$388,570--more than 32.2 per cent above the \$293,883 designated in December, 1972.

Total gifts to world missions, including the Cooperative Program and designated contributions, showed increases for both the month and the quarter.

December's total of \$3,454,230 exceeded the previous December total by \$192,209--5.89 per cent--and first quarter gifts of \$9,865,374 ran 10.73 per cent ahead of \$8,909,104 given in the first quarter of 1972-73.

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Retired Pastor, 88, Has  
New Worlds to Conquer

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MARION, Ill. (BP)--L.G. Hartley, retired pastor of Third Baptist Church here, decided he'd "gotten rather old to run about of nights supplying pulpits" so he took up writing "to keep myself occupied."

At 88, Hartley is learning to use an electric typewriter, and his writing is beginning to pay off.

Outdoor Illinois magazine at Benton has published one of his stories: "The Barefoot Mule and the 1903 Ice Storm." It tells about a January when he, as a boy of 16, carried the U.S. Mail from Hartsville, Ill. to Harrisburg, Ill., in an ice storm.

"Paw Hartley," as he's known around the Southern Illinois communities he served for more than half a century with his wife, "Maw Hartley," may well prove age is no barrier to a new "career."

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Handicap Doesn't Slow  
Down Illinois Pastor

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GRAYVILLE, Ill. (BP)--What's so unusual about assigning a pastor to write Sunday School lesson materials for a Baptist newspaper?

Not much--unless the pastor is blind.

That's the case with Edgar J. Schulz, 49, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Grayville, who will write Life and Work Sunday School lesson comments for the Illinois Baptist during the first quarter of the year.

A native of Indiana, he was found to have a malady known as retinitus pigmentosa at age 17. The disease progressed until he is legally blind--and has been since age 28--with less than 10 per cent vision.

He graduated from Oakland City (Ind.) College in 1948 and has served as pastor of eight churches in Indiana and Illinois. While he was pastor at Otterville, Ill., some 45 miles north of St. Louis, the church was recognized as the state convention's rural church of the year.

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Schulz went on from there to Big Creek Baptist Church, about 20 miles north of Cairo, Ill., which received rural church of the year honors twice on the state level and once on the Southern Baptist Convention-wide level.

Last July, Schulz was elected moderator of the National Church Conference of the Blind in Memphis, attended by 180 members from 22 states. He will preside over this summer's meeting in Atlantic City.

Schulz is so active in church and community affairs and activities in his association of Baptist churches that a fellow minister recently quipped: "That man just doesn't know he's blind."

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Professor and Student Win  
Hymn Arranging Awards

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--A college professor from Abilene, Tex., and a student from Birmingham, Ala., have been named winners in the annual B.B. McKinney Hymn Arranging Contest.

James D. Cram, head of the choral department at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, won the \$150 first prize in the professional writers' competition, and Gregory S. Sewell, a student at Samford University, Birmingham, received the \$75 first place award in the student competition.

Announcement of the winners was made here by Warren M. Angell, president of the B.B. McKinney Foundation, located on the Oklahoma Baptist University campus.

Claud L. Bass, chairman of the music theory department at OBU, won the \$100 second prize and George M. Frink of Fort Worth, Tex., the \$50 third prize in the professional writers' competition.

Second and third place awards in the student competition went to John Findley and Ed Steele, both juniors at OBU.

The B.B. McKinney Foundation houses most of the original manuscripts of the late McKinney, well-known Southern Baptist composer and first secretary of the church music department for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The foundation funnels scholarship funds to church music majors and also has an extensive church music library.

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Anderson Named Missions  
Professor at Southwestern

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Justice C. Anderson, professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, since 1959, will become a professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in August.

He will be the third professor in the seminary's missions department, joining R. Cal Guy, Bottoms professor of missions, and L. Jack Gray, professor of missions.

A native of Bay City, Tex., Anderson was appointed as a missionary by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1957. He spent a year in Costa Rica studying Spanish before moving to Argentina.

Besides teaching at the seminary in Argentina, Anderson also has been president and vice president of the Argentine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in that country) and has been on the executive board of the Argentine Baptist Convention.

Holder of two degrees from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Anderson received the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He taught missions at Southwestern during his 1970-71 furlough year.

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Lottie Moon Offering Gets  
\$25,000 from Centenarian

By Edgar R. Cooper

MELBOURNE, Fla. (BP)--A centenarian recently honored the centennial of the arrival of former missionary Lottie Moon in China by contributing \$25,000 to the Southern Baptist Foreign missions offering named for Miss Moon.

C.L. Howard, a Baptist layman who turned 103 on Oct. 26, 1973, was three years old when Lottie Moon arrived in China in 1873 to begin her missionary career. One hundred years later his \$25,000 gift to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is appraised by the Foreign Mission Board as one of the largest gifts, if not the largest, ever given to the offering by a living individual.

A native North Carolinian, Howard comes from a strong Christian background. My father was a man who had prayers and devotions every night," Howard said. "We'd meet around the fireplace. Sometimes he'd read from the Bible--just a verse or two with a lot of meaning and he'd always pray.

"He had the reputation of being the prayingest man in church. My mother and father never had any cross words and they were always good to each other ."

Close to church work all his life, Howard served as a deacon in Greensboro, N.C., where he makes his summer home, and also functioned in the same capacity in the First Baptist Church of Melbourne, Fla., where he lives during the winter.

A member of the Melbourne church said, "He made the church wiggle when he came in." Always sensitive to the needs of his church, he at one time gave an entire month's salary for a special plea. Likewise he always sees that his church goes over its Lottie Moon goal.

One of Charlie Howard's chief joys is having a son in the ministry. Charles Jr. has been assistant to the pastor of First Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla., for 18 years.

Howard, retired from a successful career as real estate and grocery executive, says he has not deviated from his convictions about never smoking, never working on the Lord's day, and practicing honesty and firmness in all business transactions. "I believe in treating people fair and square and working as if the devil was after me."

After 103 years and many disappointments, Charlie Howard's faith in the Lord is alive and strong. "The Lord's been with me," he says.

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