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Church Training: More Than Sunday Night Place

Jesus said to his disciples: "No pupil is greater than his teacher; but every pupil, when he has completed his training, will be like his teacher" (Lk. 6:40 TEV).

Today God's people are pupils with potential and power just like the early disciples.

Kentucky Baptists' Church Training Department exists to teach people to obey Christ's teachings and become more Christlike in thoughts, actions and attitudes, according to C. Vernon Cole, director.

The department implements its work through conferences, workshops, seminars, letters, telephone and personal contact. Through these means it helps churches accomplish many purposes:

- To begin or develop an effective training program
 - To answer needs for a church recreation ministry
 - To plan with a purpose, utilizing committees operating with direction
 - To understand the need for and discover how to maintain a library, regardless of church size
 - To enrich family life of the members, creating a loving atmosphere.
- Training Union leaders, pastors, ministers of education, ministers of youth, even church secretaries and kindergarten and day care center workers benefit directly from programs offered by the

Church Training Department.

In all of this, says Cole, the department helps churches guide people into deeper discipleship with their Lord.

Sunday School Projects 11,000 Enrolment Gain

In 1976 Kentucky Baptist Sunday school enrolment stood at 370,104 out of a total church membership of 715,469.

Fred E. Halbrooks, state Sunday school director, isn't satisfied. He has announced a goal of 11,103 more Sunday school members during the 1977-78 year beginning Oct. 1.

The Sunday School Department purposes to assist churches and associations in strengthening the Bible teaching ministry. It does it in two ways: enrolling people in Bible study, and improving Bible teaching and learning in Sunday schools.

The department promotes the following programs which may be implemented by local churches and associations: Action enrolment plan, Think Senior Adults, Adult Start-A-Class, Reach Out '77, Preparation Week, January Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, Bible Venture, Sunday school enlargement campaign, Pastor-Director Workshop, regional and associational age group teams.

Statewide conferences are conducted annually at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek assemblies. Conferences for

small churches, central training schools, new directors conferences, associational program promotional meetings and area Bible teaching and learning workshops are also provided.

In addition to the enrolment increase projected for next year, Halbrooks hopes at least eight new Sunday schools will be organized, 1600 study course awards distributed and 400 new Sunday school units (classes and departments) begun. He expects the department to assist in at least 20 associational Action campaigns and 15 central training schools in 1977-78.

Halbrooks is assisted by James E. Rennell, department associate.

Business Functions Vital For Support of All Work In State Convention

Although the chief aim of the convention is spiritual in nature it cannot be denied that for it to achieve maximum effectiveness it must have efficient administration. It must further employ the basic principles of economics and scientific management.

Business management is a service function of the convention. Those involved serve the executive secretary-treasurer, divisions, departments and committees of the Executive Board, the board itself and churches.

Some of the department's services are: accounting and routine reporting of all funds received and disbursed by the Executive Board; purchase and maintenance of supplies and equipment; preparation of payroll records and maintenance of personnel files; reporting to governmental agencies; screening of applicants for employment; administration of employee benefit plans; operation and maintenance of the Kentucky Baptist Building; administration of an adequate insurance program for all convention-owned properties; printing, addressing and mailing; and preparation of the convention budget.

"Business management of the convention is not an end in itself," says Barry G. Allen, business manager. "It is a means to an end."

Allen's associates are Douglas D. Hays, accounting and data processing, and John Pate, general purpose.

Direct Missions Lets You Witness Thru 150 Persons

To help Kentucky Baptists respond to the missionary emphases of the New Testament the state convention has provided a Direct Missions Department for many years.

Robert C. Jones, director, believes the department helps Kentucky Baptists be more faithful and effective in their acceptance and discharge of the responsibilities of worldwide missions.

He sees a fourfold program structure: (1) To plan, develop, promote, evaluate and sponsor (with or without financial assistance) a program of missionary work for Kentucky Baptist churches, utilizing church program techniques in all areas of church life.

(2) To lead these churches to build and use a complete organizational structure of church life

(3) To encourage these churches to give prayer, witness and financial support to the full ministry of the Cooperative Program

(4) To furnish guidance, program materials, training and financial assistance to the missionary enterprises of local churches, associations and to special assigned projects.

The Direct Missions Department works with associational missions committees in providing financial assistance to 40 associational directors of missions. It cooperates with local churches to supplement salaries of six county seat town churches.

Together with the Home Mission Board and local churches the department assists four community missionary projects. It furnishes assistance to pastors of 20 local churches not yet strong enough to be self-supporting. Twenty-two more pastors' salaries are supplemented on a temporary basis.

The Direct Missions Department supports four language missionaries, two in Korean work and two ministering to the deaf. It cooperates with in-service guidance directors at Campbellsville and Cumberland colleges and Clear Creek Baptist School. Salaries of nine engaged in Christian social ministries are partially paid by the department.

I. Houston Lanier, the department's mountain missions director, works in 34 eastern Kentucky counties. In addition, from 25 to 40 student summer mission-

aries are employed, making a total fluctuating number of 130-150 persons whose salaries are supplemented through this department.

The department conducts a meeting for missionaries each January and a workshop for associational directors of missions each May. In July a mountain missions conference is conducted at Oneida Baptist Institute.



Nine weeks of camping experiences for boys such as these are provided each summer at Camp Rabro [Cedarmore Baptist Assembly] by the Brotherhood staff.

An 'Eggcellent' Idea Is Brotherhood Premise

Helping churches provide missionary education opportunities for men and boys is the reason Kentucky Baptists' Brotherhood Department exists.

"It is possible the greatest need in Brotherhood work in Kentucky today is for men of our 2200 churches to get away from home and see what size eggs the neighbors' chickens lay,"

affirms Forrest R. Sawyer, state Brotherhood director since 1958.

"One can check mileposts of progress initiated by Lucien Coleman Sr. (Sawyer's predecessor) when he took men on bus tours of KBC agencies and institutions," Sawyer continues. "As a result you find men who saw possibilities of lay involvement in the Lord's work. One can move from there to men who participated in mission tours, principally to Mexico, and find their actions and reflections in the life of their own churches."

In 1964 Kentucky had the second highest number of men participating in west coast evangelistic crusades. In addition, men of one church, on two African evangelistic tours, have witnessed thousands of public decisions.

Sawyer cites Honduras and Guatemala mission projects as recent reflections of the validity of men becoming involved in service outside their own churches. Response of men to flooded areas in our own state has been indicative of Sawyer's premise about the neighbors' chickens.

"Nothing this side the portals of heaven could possibly reflect the spirit engendered in churches as consecrated, committed, dedicated men endeavored to put the cause of righteousness first," he declares.

Sawyer is assisted by Calvin Fields, his associate for more than 10 years.

Currently state Brotherhood officers are addressing themselves to the need for more men in more churches to accept responsibility for Royal Ambassador programs. The Executive Board has also assigned the Brotherhood Department responsibilities in deacon ministries. This has been a servicing of requests as opposed to a strong promotional effort.

In the last decade the department has assisted in World Mission Conferences (formerly Schools of Missions) which are annually attended by 75,000 to 100,000 Kentuckians. Results, in addition to heightened missions awareness, include 230 conversions and 245 mission volunteers.

It is Sawyer's hope that by 1983 50% of the 2200 Kentucky Baptist churches will have organized Brotherhood work.

"Prayer provides that intangible and unifying concern for an involvement of men and boys in the work of our churches," he firmly believes.



One of the most popular events sponsored by the Church Training Department is the Bible drill. Vernon Cole [second from left] consults with participants.

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The Great Commission: Church Music Helps You In Carrying It Out

According to Eugene F. Quinn, the only state church music director Kentucky Baptists have ever known, the Church Music Department exists "to help Baptists fulfill the Great Commission.

"We help you 'go' by sending the gospel out through music to the ear and heart of unbelievers.

"We help you 'teach' by training you to sing great doctrinal hymns.

"We help you 'make disciples' through schools, festivals, hymn sings and church services.

"We help you 'observe all things' by enlisting and training you to worship and serve God through music.

"Finally, we aid the holy spirit in calling out music missionaries, ministers of music, dedicated church music



Professor W. Wayne Johnson of Georgetown College was clinician at a choir clinic sponsored by the KBC Church Music Department.

directors, dedicated singers and instrumentalists and blood-bought sinners and surrendered servants."

Quinn was called to his newly-created post in August 1956. In 1977 the department was expanded to include an associate, Donald A. Spencer.

Achievements of Kentucky Baptists in church music over the last two decades have been significant.

In the year 1956-57 attendance at department-sponsored training events

reached 998. Last year 2,400 persons came. Another 2,429 attended music festivals 20 years ago while in 1975-76 4,000 participated. Associational projects (hymn sings, festivals, concerts and conferences) climbed from 2,057 in 1956-57 to 14,576 last year.

Future goals, according to Quinn, include continuing to work on the complete music organization in the state, associations and local churches. Well trained leaders developing a balanced music ministry in each church affiliated with the KBC is the objective.

"Our plan is to aid churches in developing their own constituency into the kind of music leadership they need," notes Quinn. "We do this through employing music field workers, full time staff members and developing volunteer leaders to conduct projects to help groups of churches throughout the state.

"Another goal," he advises, "is to encourage every church to have as many graded choirs with appropriate leadership rehearsing them every week as their potential allows. This includes at least two choirs and well planned music for all services of each church."

KBF—A Name to Trust

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation Inc. was chartered and incorporated Mar. 8, 1945. Its purpose was to serve any religious, benevolent, charitable, educational or missionary undertaking, institution, church or agency fostered or having official sanction of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In 1946, its first full year of operation, the Foundation's total assets were \$184,488 while income earned \$6,911. By comparison, last year the Foundation's assets totaled \$7,310,462 and \$372,716 was earned.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation receives funds from individuals, churches, institutions and agencies. Individuals leave funds to it through wills, charitable trusts or outright gifts. Churches, institutions and agencies place funds with the Foundation for management on an agent-agreement basis.

The Foundation offers counsel for charitable giving without cost or obligation to any Baptist desiring information about wills, trusts and charitable

annuities.

Grady L. Randolph has been executive secretary of the KBF since 1969.

Helping Churches Win Is Evangelism's Goal

Representatives from state Baptist conventions cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention met in Dallas, Tex., Dec. 17-18, 1948, and adopted a four-point standard of excellence for a state evangelism program:

- (1) A separate evangelism department
- (2) A full time state secretary of evangelism
- (3) Two officers per association
- (4) An evangelism council in each church.

While that goal has not been fully implemented serious inroads resulted.

Kentucky Baptists provided a combined Department of Missions and Evangelism until 1965 when T. Hicks Shelton became secretary of the new Department of Evangelism. Jay Brown of Louisville succeeded him in April of this year.

The department administers Kentucky Baptist Convention evangelism programs and promotes the total evangelism program adopted by the SBC. It assists churches and associations in interpreting, promoting and relating the message, methods, motivation and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

The department is currently working toward seven objectives:

- (1) Providing the best resources for evangelism planning and personnel
- (2) Leading in training personal witnesses through lay evangelism schools, Tell Witness training, ministry evangelism weekends, Win Our World schools and other training events
- (3) Assisting associational evangelism chairmen in planning and conducting associational evangelism clinics and promoting evangelism in churches
- (4) Making available evangelism materials and literature
- (5) Planning and promoting the state evangelism conference in January
- (6) Working with the Home Mission Board to make programs of evangelism being developed available to churches, including personal and mass evangelism and Christian renewal

(7) Assisting in planning, promoting and implementing local revivals.

Says Brown, "Our goal for 1978-79 is to give assistance to leaders of associations and churches toward growing evangelistic churches for a bold mission thrust. We hope to have the largest number of baptisms, a deeper commitment of every Christian to witnessing and a stirring spiritual revival in every church in the next year."

For Student Work... A Golden Anniversary

Fifty years ago (Nov. 11, 1927) Baptist students from colleges and schools across the Bluegrass State met at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church to organize the Kentucky Baptist student convention. A golden anniversary is planned for the convention at that church in October.

The growth of student work in Kentucky in five decades has been nothing short of phenomenal. In 1939 A. L. 'Pete' Gillespie became the first state student secretary. A year later J. Chester Durham was elected the first full time campus worker in Kentucky, at Murray. He succeeded Gillespie as state secretary in 1942 and guided campus ministries in Kentucky for the next three decades.

Don Blaylock, current director, assumed the position in 1973. His associate at the Baptist Building is John David Book. Others serve in regional

areas across the state.

"The basic objective of campus ministry," says Blaylock, "is to lead unsaved students and faculty to faith in Christ as saviour and all believers to commitment to his lordship in every area of life."

Kentucky Baptists presently maintain Baptist student unions on 37 campuses. Fifteen full time professionals direct these ministries. Eight Baptist student centers are operated. A modern facility is presently under construction at U. K. Several other campuses utilize associational, church and university facilities.

Last year more than 12,000 students were involved in BSU programming in Kentucky. As a result 319 professions of faith were recorded.

In the last 30 years Kentucky BSUs have sponsored nearly 400 student summer missionaries. More than \$21,000 was raised this year to send 36 students to points of service all over the world.

In addition, special mission projects were carried out on 15 campuses and involved more than 250 students in many types of mission endeavor. "Student missions is gearing for the maximum response to the bold mission thrust," Blaylock intones.

"BSU work has come a long way in 50 years but its eyes are on the future as it celebrates the past. New and innovative approaches to campus ministry are necessary as the complexion of higher education changes. Student work is grateful for the Cooperative Program support which allows it to give direction and impetus to ministry on the campus," he concludes.



Students 'rap' at a Kentucky campus BSU gathering.

Multipurpose Cedarmore Hosts Four at Same Time

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, Ky., is in its 28th year of providing an outdoor Christian educational center.

Construction and improvements in recent years provide new or newly renovated facilities in four separate areas of operation, including an adult conference center, coed youth camp, girls' and boys' camps.

Cedarmore is operated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention to enable people to increase "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk. 2:52). It exists to provide an environment conducive for individuals to:

- worship God
- find Jesus as personal saviour
- become aware of God through the beauty of nature and understand their relationships to his handiwork
- discover that God has a purpose for their lives and commit themselves to fulfill that purpose
- gain the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to serve effectively in leadership roles
- find retreat contemplation, study and renewal
- enjoy fellowship and recreation in a Christian atmosphere.

The year-round assembly and camps program at Cedarmore, planned and directed by the various departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, provides outstanding and essential experiences in Bible study, spiritual renewal, missionary education, Christian worship, recreation and fellowship as well as denominational work. Week-long camps are held all summer for boys at Camp Rabro and for girls at Camp Cedar Crest under auspices of the state Brotherhood Department and Woman's Missionary Union, respectively.

Cedarmore facilities are also available to individual churches and associations on a rental basis for retreats, workshops and other outings.

Future plans for Cedarmore include improved recreational facilities. As demands arise additional buildings will be provided.

Frank A. Heberlein is manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

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Ministries, Life Work True Cooperative Plan

In 1966 the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention established the department of Interracial Cooperation with Herman Ihley as director. He was succeeded by William Rogers, the present director, in 1971.

Later the department name was changed to Cooperative Ministries and Christian Life and its scope broadened to include SBC Christian Life Commission concerns.

Rogers declares that the department attempts "to provide continuous and comprehensive leadership in all areas of fellowship and work with National (Black) Baptists in Kentucky. We also provide leadership for the program of the Christian life committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

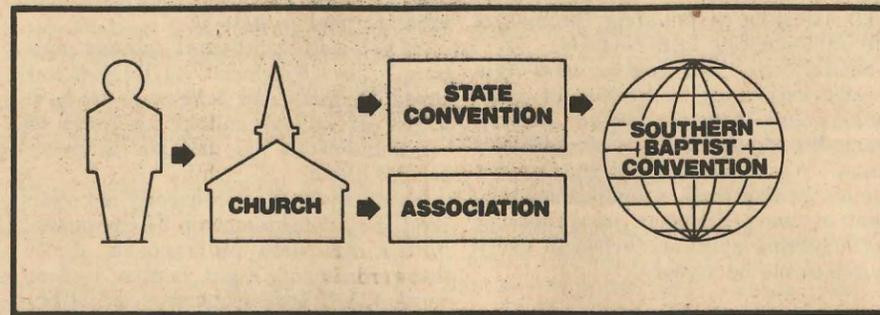
Recent achievements include development of a Black student ministry program on Kentucky State campus. A Black seminary student gives 25 hours on campus weekly under direction of the Student Department of the KBC.

Two student intern programs were developed to give a cross-cultural experience in ministry. One intern is at the American Baptist, Black Kentucky Baptist paper, while another is chaplain at LaGrange Reformatory. Two more interns will be added this fall.

Rogers works with other KBC department directors to provide educational opportunities and other services requested by churches of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (Black). A theological statement, "Together in Christ," has been approved by both KBC and General Association.

In the area of Christian life an annual conference on family life is jointly sponsored with the KBC Board of Child Care. Churches are requesting and being assisted with more and more family life conferences and marriage enrichment retreats.

The Christian life committee will offer a series of conferences on the subject "Discipleship in a Changing Legal System" Feb. 27-Mar. 3, 1978. These sessions will interpret new judicial reform to pastors and other church leaders in Kentucky. They will cover clergy confidentiality, drugs, child abuse, juvenile offenders and divorce.



How Do You Treat Your Staff? Annuity Asks

"What can we say that has not already been said?" questions Byrd Ison, director of Kentucky Baptists' Annuity Department.

"We would hope that eventually all our churches would see the impelling need for providing the necessary retirement plans for pastor and staff members. The need is becoming more critical each year for church action in total consideration for the staff in the same provisions that most members of the church have in their places of employment," he intones.

"Industry provides retirement, health and life insurance for its employees. Do we as a church and God's people care less for our employees? Are we less compassionate than the 'hard' business world? Think on these things, pray about these things, then act on these as God directs."

More than 50 percent of Kentucky Baptist churches are presently providing some portion of the annuity program for their pastors and staff members. Through the Cooperative Program almost \$300,000 in matching funds was provided last year for annuity programs. More than 380 retired or disabled men and women in Kentucky received over \$800,000 in benefits.

The Annuity Department's goal is to realize a 10 percent minimum of salary paid by each church for each employee into annuity programs.

"Through the annuity program many churches are making it possible for their pastor and staff to retire and live the gospel which they have preached and ministered," according to Ison.

Free counsel is available to any church upon request.

Stewardship-Promotion: Double Duty for Christ

The Stewardship-Promotion Department's two-pronged emphasis gives leadership to all giving efforts of churches and their members and provides public relations for the convention itself.

The 1977-78 theme "Bold Believers in Giving Through a Ministering Church" is a stewardship emphasis designed to lead church members to a new bold direction in Christian living and giving. It will develop a greater awareness of world mission needs and focus on the church's opportunity for ministry.

"The organization in your church responsible for carrying out this stewardship emphasis should be as simple and flexible as possible," says Jesse Stricker, department director.

"If any one thing is to be emphasized above all others it is leadership expectancy," Stricker states. "Teach the people biblical stewardship."

The Stewardship-Promotion Department maintains a large file of tracts available in quantity to help church members understand the biblical plan of giving. Through these and other literature items and conferences positive guidance is offered to improve individual and church stewardship.

Public relations activities include special events, a weekly radio program broadcast on many Kentucky stations, literature information and press relations.



1978, the Year WMU in Kentucky Marks 100

The year 1978 will be the 100th anniversary of organized Women's Missionary Union work in Kentucky.

In 1878 a central committee was appointed to organize Women's Mission Societies in Kentucky churches. Four years later it printed the first program material for use in societies throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. This was the forerunner of today's Royal Service, popular WMU magazine.

The Kentucky WMU became the group's official name in 1903. It was then and is now an auxiliary to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, maintaining its own board. Its purpose is to promote involvement in mission study, service and support, through mission organizations for women, girls, pre-schoolers and church-wide activities.

All work was done by volunteers until 1910 when the first executive secretary was employed. In 1921 a youth secretary was added. Additional staff was hired as the work expanded. The present professional staff consists of Kathryn Jasper, executive director; Rosa Fiechter, Baptist Women consultant; Mrs. Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Young Women consultant; Nancy Ferrell, Acteen consultant; and Mrs. Gwen Phillips, Girls in Action and Mission Friends consultant.

The WMU operating budget is included in Cooperative Program receipts, providing salaries, benefits, meeting expense, rent and utilities, office supplies, printing, etc. Activities planned by the Kentucky WMU are provided by the Eliza Broadus offering, to be taken next week in Kentucky Baptist churches. This offering meets numerous mission needs. Its goal this year is \$240,000.

The WMU organization's services to Kentucky Baptists are manifold.

Free materials for three special annual weeks of prayer are mailed annually to all churches by the WMU office. State leadership conferences for local church and associational officers are held periodically at Cedarmore, and sea activities are scheduled.

Eight weeks of summer camp are planned at Cedar Crest (on Cedarmore property) for GAs who have completed

4th grade and up and Acteens. More than 1200 participate in this camping experience each summer.

An annual statewide WMU meeting is held. About 1500 attended in 1977.

Kentucky Notes, a quarterly bulletin, is issued to all WMU church and associational officers. The staff provides special consultation upon request.

WMU in Kentucky is currently working toward five goals:

- (1) A WMU for every church, helping churches without WMU be aware of options for organizations meeting their particular needs
- (2) Making staff more available for church consultation
- (3) Improved mission study, to appeal to all church members
- (4) WMU magazines provided by the church to every WMU member
- (5) Observance of Weeks of Prayer church-wide in all churches.



Counselors prepare for camping season at Cedar Crest under WMU auspices.

First, Last, Always: Recorder Is Missions

What does a Baptist newsmagazine have to do with state missions? The answer is everything. The very purpose of Western Recorder is to undergird everything Kentucky Baptists attempt to do.

A state Baptist paper was not always a tool of the convention in its mission efforts. Early Baptist papers in Kentucky and in other states were privately owned. They carried some news and information about Baptist plans and activities but for the most part they

were filled with sermons and doctrinal dissertations.

As Baptists increased and became more and more engaged in local and world outreach it was apparent that some way had to be found to inform and to inspire the masses of Baptists. Baptists who knew what was happening and what was needed to undergird world outreach responded far more generously than those who were uninformed.

The occasion for the securing and publishing of its own paper by the Kentucky Baptist Convention was the \$75 million campaign of Southern Baptists in 1919. This campaign was conducted to undergird all the work of the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A goal of \$6,500,000 was adopted by Kentucky Baptists.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention requested that the states "place the denominational state paper in all of our Baptist homes as a method of publicity during the Seventy Five Million Campaign."

At that time there were two privately owned Baptist papers in Kentucky. Kentucky Baptist leaders recommended that the state convention endeavor to purchase the two papers and operate them under the direct control of the state board of missions. Accordingly, Western Recorder and Baptist World were purchased in 1919 by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and have been operated as one paper since.

What happened in Kentucky also happened in other states. Privately owned papers were purchased by conventions to publicize their plans and efforts.

Today it is unthinkable that a Baptist state convention would not have a regular publication as an indispensable part of its program. The older state conventions have all taken over papers already in existence and the first thing a new state convention provides for itself is a regular publication.

Yes, Western Recorder is missions. First, last and always.

The paper's present circulation is about 59,000 families and individuals per week. C. R. Daley is editor; James H. Cox is associate editor; and Paul Whitler is business and circulation manager.

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Baptist Child Care Fills Gap State Leaves Open

In the aftermath of America's Civil War a group of Christian women prayed that the needs of orphaned, dependent and neglected children would be met. Their concern bore fruit in 1869 when the child care program of Kentucky Baptists was begun in Louisville.

Today we live at a faster pace than a century ago. Our modern age has brought about desertion, divorce, alcoholism, drug addiction, imprisonment of one or both parents, financial strain, emotional stress—all of which cause families to break apart and children to lose the opportunity to develop their God-given potential.

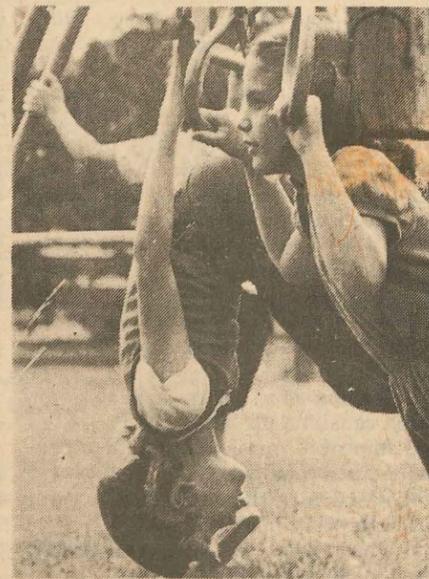
The Kentucky Baptist child care program helps young people recapture potential and become whole persons.

The state of Kentucky provides no institutional care for children who are dependent or neglected. It deals primarily with adjudicated youth in its institutional settings. This means, simply, that private children's homes annually provide between \$10-\$15 million in child care services to the state. As the largest private agency in the state the Baptist child care program carries virtually the total cost of Kentucky's child care services.

The program offers children pre-school to 18 years of age 10 distinct types of service: community services, temporary care/emergency shelter, children's homes, foster family care, family assistance, counseling services to children in their homes, referral services, unwed mother services, adoption services and services to our children who are students in colleges and special schools of training.

Two campus-type homes for children are provided, Spring Meadows, at Middletown, and Glen Dale, at Glendale. These provide a place for children during periods of separation from their own family. In family-type cottages, normally 10 children per cottage, houseparents give love, guidance and understanding. This type of care has proved helpful to a wide range of children—including those with one or both parents living.

Some, especially the youngest, flourish only in the intimacy and



The child—the important person to the staff of the Board of Child Care.

warmth of foster family care. Private Christian homes of Kentucky Baptist families open their doors and hearts to minister to children. For this service the child care program pays a cash amount for each child each month and provides clothing and medical care.

Providing for the physical, medical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the unwed mother is the purpose of the foster home for unwed mothers located in Louisville. Counseling the unwed mother and her family is also a part of maternity services. If the girl wishes it, continuing counseling is available following her pregnancy.



Mallory-Taylor Memorial Hospital serves residents of Oldham County ...

Hospital Operations Include Eight Units

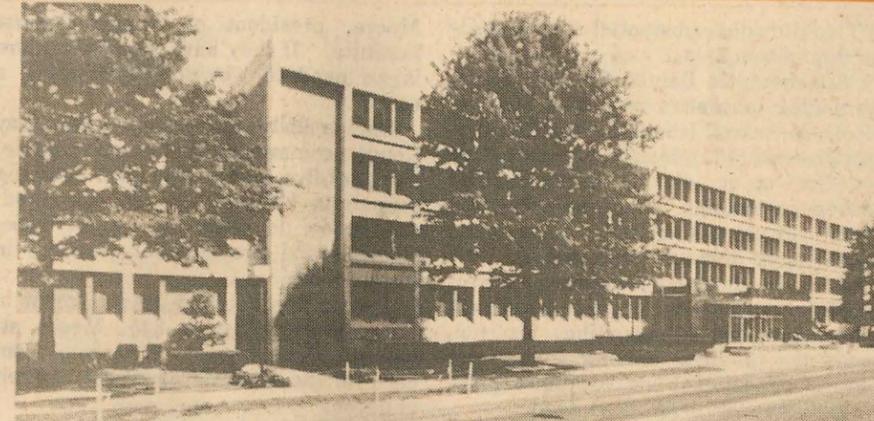
Baptist Hospital Inc. operates the hospital ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The board of directors is elected by the convention. Homer D. Coggins is president.

The combined operations budget for this year exceeded \$51 million. The convention allocates \$40,000 annually from the Cooperative Program and promotes the Mother's Day offering for the hospitals.

According to Coggins, "Our Baptist hospitals have always sought to heed Christ's threefold commission to teach, preach and heal. The healing ministry aspect is, of course, why we exist. At the same time we do not underestimate the importance of the preaching and teaching ministries for they are so closely entwined with the Christian philosophy of the healing ministry."

Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, was established in 1954 and now provides 297 beds and approximately 790 employees. This hospital recently completed a new obstetrical department, lobby and chapel. Dennis A. Hall is executive vice president.

Louisville Baptist Hospitals include Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Baptist Hospital East in St. Matthews, Mallory-Taylor Hospital in LaGrange, Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, H. Hart Hagan Clinic at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baptist East Doctors Building. Over 1400 persons are employed by Louisville Baptist Hospitals and 521



... while Western Baptist Hospital provides for those in and around Paducah.

beds are provided.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital, opened in 1924, is the oldest in the system. Extensive remodeling and renovation is underway here. Baptist Hospital East is the newest of the hospitals, having opened in March 1975. Mallory-Taylor serves the Oldham County community. Ben R. Brewer is executive vice president of these hospitals.

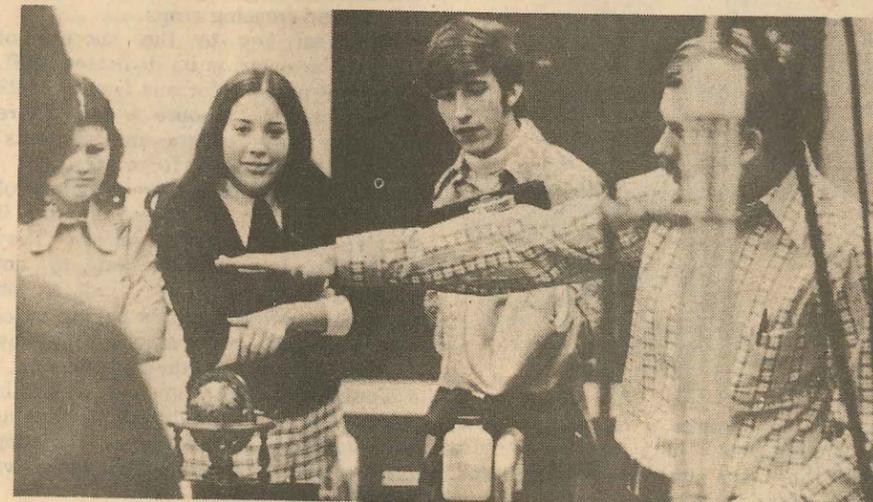
Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, is in its 24th year of continuous service to the health needs of its community. An addition and extensive renovation program has been completed and the community is now provided with some of the most up-to-date equipment and technology available. There is a 319-bed capacity plus 27 bassinets and approximately 890 employees serve here. Earl Feezor is executive vice president.

Georgetown: Excellence—Christian and Academic

In 1787, five years before Kentucky became a state, Elijah Craig, a Baptist minister, opened a classical school on a bluff overlooking Royal Springs. Tuition for the school was \$4.17 per quarter—half payable in cash and half in such produce as skins, tobacco and meats of bear and buffalo.

Primitive though it might have been this was the beginning of what later would develop into one of the oldest Baptist schools in the United States—

Academic excellence is among priorities at Georgetown College. Below, John Blackburn [r], chemistry chairman, makes a point to a group of students.



Georgetown College, at Georgetown. Since her modest beginnings Georgetown has grown from a small frame building with 30 students and four officers and professors to a highly respected four-year institution of higher learning entrenched in the liberal arts tradition.

Today with approximately 1,000 students Georgetown is a living testimony of moral and academic strength among institutions of higher learning with a Christian identity.

From the outset the college has held its relationship to the Kentucky Baptist Convention as one of its most cherished traditions. Continued and increasingly generous financial support is only one example of the denomination's belief in and support of Georgetown College. Georgetown ranks fifth among the 10 colleges and universities supplying more than 100 missionaries under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. Of 583 undergraduate institutions currently represented at Southern Seminary Georgetown ranks fourth in number attending. Major gifts amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars have come to Georgetown from highly respected individuals, corporations and foundations. A student center, science center and 12 modern dormitories have been completed in recent years.

The fourfold purpose of Georgetown remains the same: an atmosphere of Christian sensitivity, correlation of spiritual sensitivity with academic excellence, adhering to basic studies in humanities and sciences and healthy development of interest in professions.

According to Robert L. Mills, Georgetown's president, "After much prayer and months of study the long range planning committee of the board of trustees has recommended that the college consider three areas of major construction: a music building, library/media center and an athletic complex.

"It goes without saying that these projects require an earnest search for God's will and sincere prayer for his vision for Georgetown College.

"Though facilities have changed, the spirit of Georgetown remains the same. The basic goal is to enhance the life of the student by helping him prepare for continuing challenges of this world through Christian guidance and teaching. To this we are committed."

State Missions

Commitment to Religion Typical of Cumberland

Since its founding in 1889 Cumberland College at Williamsburg has endeavored "to provide Appalachian students with high quality, low cost, college level education in a Christian atmosphere," says J. M. Boswell, president.

"Our academic and social programs reflect our motto and seal, based on John 10:10b—that Christ is come so we may have a more abundant life," declares R. D. Baker, registrar.

Baker's position reflects that of Cumberland's faculty and staff, 21 of whom are ordained Kentucky Baptist ministers and 18 Baptist deacons.

In addition to requiring each student to successfully complete six semester hours of biblical studies, Cumberland also offers major and minor fields in religion, biblical studies, religious education and church music. A minor is offered in church recreation and an associate degree in church secretarial administration.

In five years the number of students majoring in religion, pastoral training and church vocational fields has increased by 307 percent. There were 294 students enrolled in these major fields during the last school year.

Approximately 75 percent of Cumberland's 8362 graduates have remained in southeastern Kentucky and north-eastern Tennessee, reports Oline Carmical Jr., director of alumni affairs.

"This provides substantial church leadership in this area."

An energetic Baptist Student Union providing innovative programs such as 'Love-in-Action' (sharing Christ through action-centered ministry) is indicative of the spirit of Cumberland. The college maintains direct contact with Kentucky Baptist churches through its department of church relations.

A counseling center provides students and staff opportunities for assistance in personal planning, decision making, problem solving, emotional stress, educational and vocational planning and meeting spiritual needs.

For nearly a decade Cumberland has been both Kentucky's largest Baptist college and the largest independent college in the commonwealth. It currently enrolls 1850 students, 1356 of whom are from Kentucky. Seventy-eight percent of these Kentuckians hold membership in a Kentucky Baptist church.

Cumberland's ongoing commitment to Christian service was revealed again this summer with 27 of its students serving in summer missions.

Oneida, Christian Plus For High School Youth

"At Oneida we teach people—no subjects. Basic education prepares students for a career. Our emphasis is more on character," says Barkley

Moore, president of Oneida Baptist Institute. "If they have character there is no need to worry about finding a career."

Oneida Institute, located in the Clay County community of the same name, is one of five high school level boarding schools in Kentucky. Fully accredited, the school is operated by Kentucky Baptists and provides for students in grades 7-12.

Oneida has doubled its enrollment in three years to reach 335. Moore attributes the increase to parents' concern for the "full development of their children."

He boasts that no one has ever been turned away from Oneida because he could not afford to attend. "All that is asked is that the student have the desire to learn, the willingness to work to help himself and others and to honor the Christian motivation guidance Oneida offers."

Sixty percent of Oneida's students are on scholarships. Those able to pay are charged a maximum of \$100 monthly (tuition, room and board).

"Oneida has never received a penny in government aid and we have no plans of ever doing so," Moore says. "Operating expenses run \$2000 per day. It's met by \$200 from the Co-operative Program and \$1800 from friends of the school."

Another interesting aspect of Oneida is that students raise their own food. As a part of their work program students are employed sweeping floors, maintaining buildings, working in the kitchen, feeding hogs and cattle and raising and freezing crops.

The real key to the success of Oneida, however, is its dedicated staff. "It is not unusual for our faculty of 23 to each put in 13 hours a day. There are after class events and students' personal problems," Moore says.

"Staff members receive a salary of \$4,000 per year. It doesn't matter if they've taught one year or 40. They teach here because they want to, not because they failed to find a job elsewhere. Most left jobs paying twice or three times the amount they now receive. You know their dedication."

Founded in 1899 Oneida exists not in competition with public schools but as an alternative providing a Christian plus for young people in their formative teenage years.

Clear Creek Is Unique In Ministers' Training

In the early 1900's L. C. Kelly was pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky. He often visited a nearby valley to fish, walk and meditate.

Kelly's hideaway was four miles away, down a dirt road at the forks of Big Clear Creek and Little Clear Creek. The sparkling mountain streams met in a rich valley where corn grew abundantly on fertile flat land bordered by the Cumberland Mountains.

One day as he quietly surveyed the tall stalks of corn swaying slightly in the breeze Kelly began to dream.

"There must be something better," he thought, "than a corn field for this lovely valley."

For years he had been concerned about the lack of education and training on the part of mountain pastors. It was unusual, in fact, to find a minister who could do more than write his own name.

Himself a trained man, Kelly well understood the need for God's spokesman to set the example.

In 1926 his vision bore fruit with the opening of Clear Creek Baptist School. It began as an encampment to which mountain preachers were invited to join Kelly and a small faculty in study of the Bible. It later became the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School and in 1956 adopted its present name.

D. M. Aldridge succeeded Kelly as president of the theological school in 1954. Enrollment has doubled in the past five years creating a shortage of student family housing. And yet, it is unique in other areas:

- Free of debt, a phenomenon almost unheard of today
- Unusually strong alumni and friends who continue to refer prospective students to Clear Creek in increasing numbers

• Only school in the world with a twofold media ministry of weekly radio broadcasts and newspaper features.

Nearly 100 radio stations broadcast three programs, Clear Creek Chimes, Clear Creek Country and The Sunday School Lesson each week. The Sunday School Lesson and Mountain Moments are published in over 300 newspapers in 16 states.

L. C. Kelly, who died in 1956, often

dreamed that the forks of Clear Creek would become the springboard from which a worldwide ministry would be launched. That dream is coming true!

Clear Creek will begin a fourth year degree program this fall in cooperation with Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri. A bachelor's degree with a major in Bible will be offered.

Trustees have voted to begin construction of several duplex student apartments as soon as possible to alleviate the student housing shortage.

A film about the school was recently produced and will be released to churches and civic groups this fall.

The L. C. Kelly Memorial, a project to raise \$200,000 that will perpetually endow a chair of Bible in the founder's honor, is now underway.

Church Major Influence On Campbellsville Life

Campbellsville College receives moral and financial support from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, which founded it.

"A unique part of our purpose is to educate students for responsible citizenship in the kingdom of God, leadership in the churches and service

through the churches to humanity," Randy Davenport, president, affirms.

"We seek to be a Christ-centered, coeducational and comprehensive institution of higher learning that combines a sense of high moral and spiritual values with a sense of academic excellence."

At a meeting in Salem in 1900 members of Russell Creek Baptist Association appointed a committee to raise funds for building a school. Russell Creek Academy was opened in 1906, becoming a junior college in 1923. A year later Campbellsville College grew out of that institution.

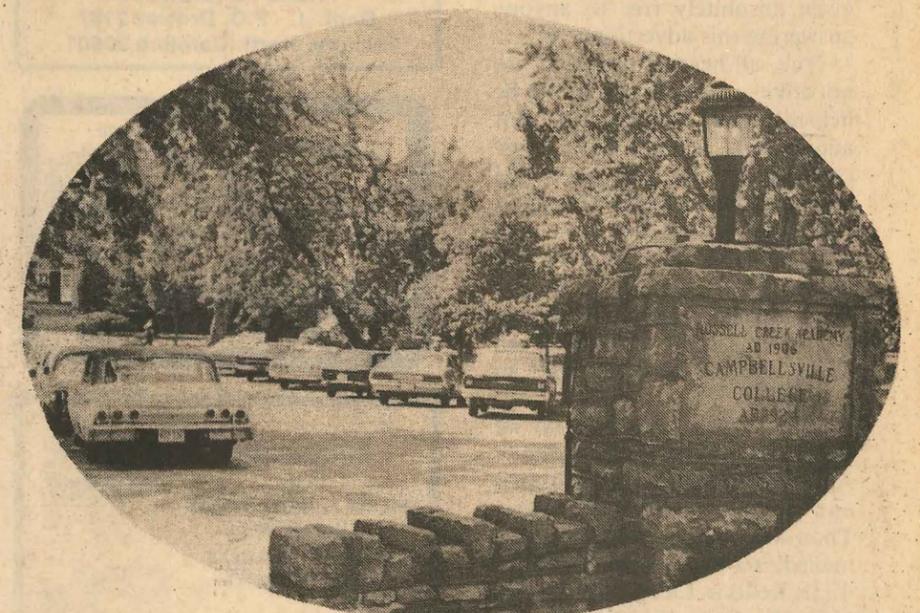
Presently nine degrees (including five associate and four bachelor's) are offered by the college in 18 major programs. Six pre-professional programs and 24 minor fields are available.

Departmental clubs, honor societies, student government activities, publications, sports programs and music organizations are a vital part of campus life at Campbellsville.

Of particular significance is the variety of opportunities provided for spiritual growth. Retreats, vespers, youth teams, service projects and dormitory devotions are regularly scheduled. Baptist Student Union, Ministerial Association, Baptist Young Women and Fellowship of Christian Athletes are groups which are active on campus.



Pastor George Bausum of Oneida Baptist Church baptizes a large number of converts in the Oneida Baptist Institute swimming pool. There were so many to be baptized with families and guests present there was not room in the church. Nearly 100 accepted Jesus on the campus during the past year.



The entrance to Campbellsville College is a familiar landmark to its alumni.

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