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\$10 million budget plan drawn by KBC board

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention adopted a \$10 million budget for the convention's fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1979 in its spring meeting at Cedarmore last week. The \$10 million includes a basic operating goal of \$8.8 million and a challenge section of \$1.2 million.

In the new budget, 35% (or \$3,080,000) is designated for SBC causes and 65% (\$5,720,000) is scheduled to remain within Kentucky.

Principal recipients in the state include Christian education, \$1,773,200; direct missions, \$697,715; annuity plans, \$450,000; KBC business management, \$430,354; student work, \$418,817; Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, \$383,625; KBC executive office, \$222,181; Woman's Missionary Union, \$208,732; and Kentucky Baptist Building debt retirement, \$200,000.

Other major allocations include general debt retirement, \$175,000; KBC Sunday School Department, \$161,390; Western Recorder, \$127,550; Child Care, \$126,666; KBC Church Training Department, \$124,035; and KBC Brotherhood Department, \$101,943.

In other actions, the executive board:

- Removed eligibility of pastors' sons and daughters from KBC matching scholarships to avoid conflicts in local churches and because other aid is available for pastors' children.
- Recommended the executive board accept reimbursement from persons, institutions and agencies for whom the board performs services.



Above, Kentucky Baptist Convention president Hicks Shelton poses during a break in the executive board meeting with his assistants: Eugene Enlow [l], second vice president, and Austin Roberts [r], first vice president. Below, Cedarmore manager Marshall Phillips [l] presents a check to Sam Satterley in recognition of 15 years as maintenance man at Cedarmore. Seated between them is Mrs. Satterley.



- Agreed to a joint session with black Baptists at the 1981 state evangelism conference in Louisville.
- Referred a question about restricted Cooperative Program gifts from churches to the board's administrative committee for study.
- Received the report of the board's committee on nominations, filling executive board vacancies as follows: Boones Creek Association, term ending 1980, Sam Hatton, Winchester, assigned to missions committee; Booneville Association, 1979, Dennis Rush, Manchester, agencies committee; Logan Association, 1979, Jerry Barker, Auburn, agencies; Long Run, 1979, Donald Burke, Louisville, missions; Lynn Association, 1979, Howard M. Srygler, Munfordville, missions.

In addition, the following were approved for service on various boards of the convention: Oneida Baptist Institute, term ending 1979, Mrs. Olivia D. Robinson, Corbin; term ending 1980, John Holloway, McKee; Board of Child Care, 1980, Mrs. Alma Williams, Corbin; Georgetown College, 1980, Leroy Highbaugh Jr., Louisville.

The church building loan fund rate was advanced from 6% to 8% effective immediately.

The next meeting of the KBC executive board was set for Nov. 12 at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

Four employees of the executive board were recognized and honored for length of service during this meeting of the board. They include Mrs. Shirley Haynes, secretary in the executive office, and Grady Lonzo Randolph, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, both 10 years; Samuel Owen Satterly Sr., Cedarmore maintenance employe, and Esther Marie Weller, KBC switchboard operator, 15 years each.

Earlier in the executive board meeting KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen sounded a note of caution in the matter of fiscal responsibility of the convention's institutions and agencies to their constituency.

He specifically cited Campbellsville and Georgetown Colleges for heavy indebtedness and the Board of Child Care for dipping into reserves for operating expenses.

"Though our executive board has no control, we are frightened to see glorious institutions . . . projecting courses which, if pursued long enough, can end in eventual collapse," Owen warned.

"We plead for our brethren to plan now to live and program themselves within anticipated income before reaching the bottom of their borrowing power.

"Repeated, deepening indebtedness, or depletion of reserves, should not be pursued while an agency continues to propagate programs beyond those deemed to be the bare minimum essentials of an ongoing institution," he continued.

"You who are continuing deficit spending are under obligation to your constituencies to consider the prompt reduction or discontinuation of whatever programs that will not jeopardize your accreditation," Owen concluded.

Separate interviews with each of the agency heads following this session indicated surprise.

Randy Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, acknowledged that while his institution was in debt to \$2 million plus, it has reduced by \$600,000 its indebtedness thus far.

Georgetown College president Ben Elrod, who's been on the job less than a year, said the school has a current debt ceiling of about \$900,000, and will reach a projected \$127,000 deficit spending this year. However, no deficit spending is projected for the 1979-80 academic year.

William E. Amos, executive director of the Board of Child Care, acknowledged that his agency kept a minimum \$2 million reserve at all times. He said they were spending unrestricted monies from wills and bequests which is the central issue.

Texans push for SBC head favoring biblical inerrancy in campaigns in 15 states

by Toby Druin

Paige Patterson of Dallas has confirmed reports that meetings have been held in at least 15 states in recent months to encourage messengers to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston June 12-14 to elect a president committed to biblical inerrancy.

Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies operated by First Baptist Church, Dallas, acknowledged he and Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler have attended many of the meetings. Patterson has attended a half dozen or more of the "spontaneous meetings" and Pressler at least three or four.

Both Patterson and Pressler previously have been linked to the ultraconservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, although Patterson said he had never been a member of it and the organization, in his opinion, had exercised "poor judgment" in the past. The BFMF has sought to ferret so-called "liberals" in the SBC.

Pressler said he had been a member of the fellowship but had let his membership lapse several months ago.

The meetings, Patterson said, have had two priorities:

1. "To meet together with fellow Baptists who were greatly concerned about some things happening in the Southern Baptist Convention with a view to discussing how we could help those in leadership know what we feel the majority viewpoint really is and especially as it concerns the reliability of the scriptures.

"2. To discuss ways by which we might be able to secure the elected leadership of the convention from among those we know are committed to biblical inerrancy."

Both Patterson and Pressler cited "liberal" teachings in Southern Baptist seminaries such as Southern and Southeastern and in state Baptist colleges such as Wake Forest University and the University of Richmond as cause for alarm.

Both Patterson and Pressler stressed they were pushing no particular person for president at the time, although Patterson said there were several men who would be acceptable—Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; and John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston.

SBC hopefuls lining up at presidential starting gate

At least three persons have announced they expect to be nominated for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention next month in Houston, and others have said they are thinking it over.

Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and A. Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., have consented to let their names be placed in nomination.

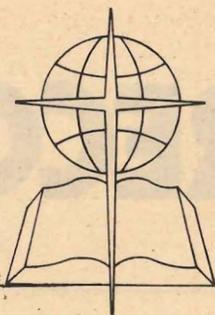
William L. Self, pastor of Atlanta's Wieuca Road Baptist Church, and Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., have figured for weeks in preconvention speculation.

Watterson is the convention's current first vice president and Self is the second vice president. All the potential nominees named are ordained with the exception of McCall who is a layman.

Jimmy R. Allen, the convention's current president, is not eligible to be reelected for a third one year term.

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Shame on senators from Kentucky

It would be good to believe that United States senators from Kentucky are statesmen instead of politicians but when the chips are down, true colors come through. The latest incident revealing the attitude of Senators Huddleston and Ford was the passing by the United States senate last week of legislation requiring a warning label on alcoholic beverages containing more than 24 percent alcohol. Beer and wine were not included in the legislation.

Press reports record the frantic efforts of Huddleston and Ford to head off the legislation. Their efforts failed but they must have made a favorable impression on the liquor industry.

It appears absurd that a warning of possible hazard to health is required for tobacco but not for liquor. I am no doctor but it is obvious liquor is a far greater health hazard than tobacco. If tobacco slays thousands, liquor slays tens of thousands.

The liquor industry tries to wash its hands in innocence by admitting excessive drinking is harmful while claiming moderate drinking is not harmful. This argument ignores the fact that alcohol is addictive and that an alarming percentage of those who start as moderate drinkers become alcoholics. It also ignores the fact that with all the drug abuse of this age, alcohol is still the number one drug problem.

How long will legislators put economic interests ahead of morality? Is it impossible for an office holder to survive without selling his soul?

This criticism of the action of Senators Huddleston and Ford on this legislation is not a blanket denunciation. Both these men have demonstrated statesmanship on other issues and no office holder should be voted against on the basis of one issue. They should be reprimanded, however, for serving the liquor industry.

The position of our senators on this issue is ironic in a way. Huddleston is a Methodist and the son of a minister and Ford is a Baptist. Historically, Methodists and Baptists have been leaders in anti-liquor efforts but politics changes things.

Actually, it probably would not reduce drinking by printing a warning on its containers but it would reflect some moral responsibility.

The chances of such a warning being put on liquor are not high. The House of Representatives would have to pass similar legislation and the President would have to sign it before it would be effective. In the meantime the liquor lobbyists would go into action and they rarely lose.

Equal recognition for equal servants

The Kentucky Baptist executive board has a practice of giving special recognition to its career employes who have served 10 years or more. These recognitions are in the form of testimonial dinners during semiannual meetings of the executive board. Last week career employes recognized were Shirley Haynes for 10 years; Grady Randolph, 10 years; Sam Satterley, 15 years; and Esther Weller, 15 years.

Family members of those recognized are invited to the dinner and are seated at the head table with the honorees. It is one of the rare occasions Baptist Building workers see each others' family members. In addition to being given special recognition the employes receive modest honoraria based on the number of years they have served.

There is something wholesome about how these recognitions are made. They are based purely on longevity and fidelity of service and not upon positions held. For example, Shirley Haynes is a clerical worker while Grady Randolph is the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation but their recognition and honoraria for 10 years' service were identical.

Esther Weller has 15 years of outstanding service as receptionist. She generally is the first person to greet visitors to the building and hers is the helpful voice answering most telephone calls from outside the building.

There was special significance to the honoring of one of these career employes last week. Most executive board members recognized Shirley, Grady and Esther from contacts in the Baptist Building, but the other honoree was unfamiliar. Who was this young clean cut fellow who was being honored with the others? As young as he appeared, how would he have been around 15 years.

It turned out he was Sam Satterley. He was not a Baptist Building worker but rather a maintenance man for Cedarmore. There he was at the head table with his attractive wife and two sons. When recognized he drew enthusiastic applause from board members and was presented his \$200 honorarium for 15 years' service.

What is significant about Sam's recognition? It is significant because it has not always been that he would have been recognized. Until recent years Cedarmore workers were not under the same employment policies and benefits as other executive board employes. Their wages were lower and benefits fewer. Sam began working at Cedarmore at the age of 17 for 75 cents an hour.

It is to the credit of executive secretary Frank Owen that Cedarmore employes have been elevated to the same pay scale and benefits as Baptist Building workers. God is no respecter of persons and neither should the Kentucky Baptist Convention be.

Sam is a vital part of the total program of Kentucky Baptists. He is gifted and skilled in a way few of us are. He can do almost anything needed done at Cedarmore and does it with joy and enthusiasm.

The fact that Kentucky Baptists honor a maintenance worker with the same recognition and the same honorarium as they do the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation is nothing to boast of because that's the way it should have always been. But it is worth taking note of because it was not always that way, neither is it that way in most American life and some Baptist life.

Guest Editorial

Finding a place to serve

by J. B. Simmons, Pastor,
Irvington Baptist Church, Irvington, Ky.

Searching for church staff positions can be a painful experience. As one seminary graduate put it, "If I had known finding a church would be this difficult and painful I would have had second thoughts about training for the pastoral ministry."

A recent informal survey revealed the graduating seminary student might receive as few as one reply for each seven letters written requesting assistance in placement. Few ministers, denominational leaders or pulpit committee members seem to be fully satisfied with the communication which takes place as each works to fill vacancies in church staff positions.

Seminary students are especially tender emotionally when they begin to search for "their" position in church work. They have experienced years of financial, personal and family strain to complete seminary training. They probably are hurt and depressed with the apparent lack of interest shown toward them from church and denominational leaders.

Proper understanding and clear communication is vitally necessary as we engage in church-minister relationships. The initial contacts which a church and its prospective staff worker have with each other do much to influence the kind of lasting relationships they will form.

Some suggestions to pulpit committees might be helpful. First, be honest with your potential staff worker about your church, your serious intent in dealing with him and the procedure your committee is following in filling its vacancy. Be understanding of the emotional and financial sensitivity a seminary student might be experiencing after several years of academic struggle. Finally, treat your prospective minister with the same courtesy with which you would want to be treated.

Probably the most significant word which could be said to denominational leaders, both state and associational, helping in the area of placement, would be to be a pastor to each person who comes to you for help. Consider their hardship and then respond appropriately.

To the seminary student, maintain your sense of Christian commitment throughout this difficult process, though this might be quite hard to do. Realize as you go through this valley of experience God might be able to build strengths within you which will be helpful later in your ministry. Most importantly, you must believe if God has called you to his service he will provide a place for you to serve, although it might not meet your expectations.

We Baptists can form many valuable relationships as we search to find God's right person for each position to be filled. May we work together in such a way that each one will be strengthened by the process.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Seminary book store receives award
The Baptist Book Store at Southern Seminary is one of six stores in the nationwide chain to receive an award based on 1978 performance, according to William S. Graham, director of the Baptist Book Store operation.

The store, managed by Tom Pace, was cited for best overall performance among medium-sized stores based on local sales.

The awards are "an attempt to say 'thank you' to the more than 600 employes of Baptist Book Stores for their work during the past year."

Second Baptist to "broadcast" services
Second Baptist Church, Russellville, is completing plans to "broadcast" Sunday worship services to Russellville Health Manor by leased phone line and speakers they will install there.

Parkway honors Wallace
Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington, will have a special recognition and celebration service for its pastor, John T. Wallace, Sunday, May 20.

In May 1949 Wallace came to Felix Memorial Baptist Church. In 1964 Felix Memorial moved to a new location and changed its name to Parkway Baptist Church.

Wallace has been very active in denominational service. He has been moderator of Elkhorn Baptist Association, member of the KBC executive board, trustee for Clear Creek School and Kentucky president of the alumni association of Southwestern Seminary.

In addition to denominational service Wallace has written for many Baptist publications.

He is a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern.

He and his wife, the former Mary Curtis of Lexington, have three children: John, James and Mary.

\$1500 for home missions

One hundred and twenty-six persons, representing 11 churches, participated in the annual South District Association youth "Walk-a-thon for Home Missions."

This year's 10-mile walk netted over \$1500 in pledges.

Mrs. Trixie Wright, 68, Gravel Switch Baptist Church, was the oldest participant.

Burke goes Hawaiian

Donald J. Burke, pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, has been invited to Iao Congregation Church, Maui, Hawaii, to supply preach.

The Iao congregation is the oldest Japanese Christian church on Maui.

Emmanuel finishes new building
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Berea, has officially moved into its new building.

The church, under the direction of Tates Creek Association, was officially constituted into a New Testament church in full cooperation with the programs of the Southern Baptist Convention July 9, 1978.

Frank DeClue is pastor at Emmanuel.

Corbin High: A change of heart

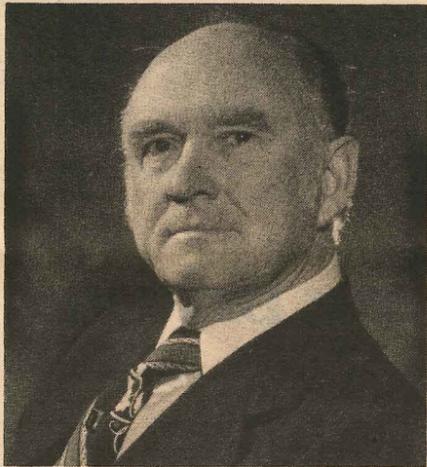
A few months ago, Corbin High School English teacher Mrs. Troy Foley wondered if some students and faculty might come, on their time, for meditation. She talked with some but found little encouragement.

During a revival at Corbin First Baptist Church she felt this would be the time. Early one morning she sensed God directing her. She talked with the principal who said fine. The format would be to meet 10 minutes before school began. A scripture would be read with a comment from a devotional book followed by a silent prayer.

School was out for spring break. No public announcement had been or would be made, only the information spread by word of mouth. Mrs. Foley did not expect many, if any, that Monday morning. To her surprise the room was full. The next day they were seated on the floor. They now have moved to a larger room.

There is a change of attitude in the school, partly a result of beginning the day in quiet meditation with God and part a growing commitment of youth.

How long will this continue? How much more will it grow in interest? No one knows, but at this point in time God is doing something wonderful in the lives of his people at Corbin.



Wallace

Moore home: A Baptist heritage

The home of William Dudley Moore, located near Harrodsburg Rd., has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Moore was influential in Anderson County during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

He preferred to be called "brother" and considered himself a country preacher.

This unique country preacher traveled to Europe and the Holy Land and visited Buena Vista where his father fought in the Spanish-American War.

Moore was ordained to the gospel ministry May 26, 1886 at Salvisa Baptist Church.

He was a leader in the formation of Sand Spring Baptist Church and his daughter, Mrs. Sallie Short, 96, is the only living charter member at Sand Spring.

His pastorates included Salvisa, Sand Spring, Glensboro, Friendship, Mt. Pleasant, Bethel and Old Goshen. These pastorates covered the counties of Anderson, Jessamine, Mercer and Boyle.

He attended Lawrenceburg Seminary (which was discontinued in 1875) and Georgetown College.

He died in August 1935 of injuries received in an automobile accident.

His two surviving daughters are Mrs. Sallie Short and Mrs. Ophelia Moffett.

Revivals

142 decisions at Parkland
Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville,

has just completed a revival with Clyde Chiles of St. Louis.

John Newsom, Vinton, Va., was the singer. There were 67 professions of faith, 68 rededications and seven by letter.

Don Zuberer is the pastor.

Franks led New Hope revival

There were 16 professions of faith and three additions by letter during a recent revival at New Hope Baptist Church, Cadiz.

William Franks was the evangelist, Bill Outland, music director, and Barbara Jan Futtrell, pianist.

Lloyd Perrin is pastor at New Hope.

Personnel

Barron to Park Avenue

Park Avenue Baptist Church, Madisonville, has called Richard R. Barron as minister of music and youth.

Barron is a senior at Indiana State University.

He and his wife, the former Joyce Ann Watkins, Henderson, have one son.

Marvin Freeman is pastor at Park Avenue.

New staff member at Fordsville

Wendell W. Cothran has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Fordsville Baptist Church.

Cothran came to Fordsville from Secona Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C.

Cothran is currently enrolled in the MCM program at Southern Seminary. He is a member of the Male Chorale and Oratorio Chorus on campus.

He is married to the former Judy Edwards.

David Deck is pastor at Fordsville.

Pettyjohn new Franklin pastor

Franklin Baptist Church has called Robert Pettyjohn as pastor.

Pettyjohn is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and is currently a student at Southern Seminary.

Bethel Flock calls new pastor

Vernon E. Callahan, Jr. has been called as pastor of Bethel Flock Baptist Church, Louisville.

Callahan was previously youth minister at Stewart Avenue Baptist Church, Hapeville, Ga.

A graduate of Mercer University, Callahan is presently a student at Southern Seminary.

His wife is the former Cathy Roberts of Newman, Ga.

Larry Baker to Liberty

Larry Baker assumed the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, Apr. 15.

He came from Whippoorwill Baptist Church near Russellville where he had been minister of youth.

Baker, 28, has also been a staff member at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Russellville; West Baptist Church, Hickman; and Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah.

He and his wife Carolyn have three children.

Curtis Fox to Swiss Colony

Curtis Fox was called as music and youth director at Swiss Colony Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Fox is a student at Cumberland College. He and his wife have three children.

C. K. Coffman called to Arkansas

C. K. Coffman has been called as pastor of Whitton (Ark.) Baptist Church.

Coffman is currently enrolled in the MDiv program at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

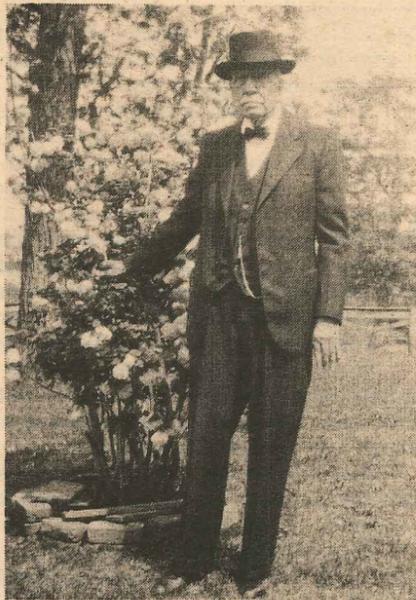
He and his wife have two children.

Provow accepts Cunningham church

Ray Provow has been called as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham. He will assume duties May 20.

Provow came from Emmanuel Baptist, Mayfield.

He is a graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.



W. D. Moore



Historic Moore home located near Lawrenceburg.



Clear Creek: they're burning bridges behind them

by James H. Cox, *Associate Editor*

Clear Creek Baptist School, an adult Bible institute operated by Kentucky Baptists at Pineville, is loaded with distinctives which run counter to most popular educational theories today. Among them:

- A faculty-student ratio of 1-18.
- No one under 21 accepted, and few that young, underscoring the school's dedication to training the older man. Younger ones are encouraged to attend college and seminary.
- Operation in the black. No money is borrowed, and new buildings are not constructed until the cash is in hand.
- Ninety-five percent of the students are terminal. Upon completion of their academic programs, most of them go immediately into service.
- Enrolment is permanently booked to capacity months in advance. A waiting list is maintained to accommodate the crowds who wish to attend and must wait for an opening. Lack of sufficient housing is

the school's greatest problem.

Who is the typical student at Clear Creek?

The average student is male, age 34, married and has three children, according to D. M. Aldridge, president of the 53-year-old theological institute since 1954.

"When a man gives up his job and home to go to school, he means business," Aldridge attests. "His age and his family situation means he doesn't go to seminary. More often than not he will not have a college degree."

Tom Hoftzclaw, Clear Creek's admissions director, suggests these are men "who are burning bridges behind them."

"They find a personal touch here in the midst of a caring environment," he declares. "We don't offer any hard sell. If the Lord wants a man here, then we want him here."

Thinking big about small churches

"Clear Creek is exactly the kind of school we need to train men for the smaller churches," Aldridge avers. "Seminary men aren't going to these churches, and we are filling a void."

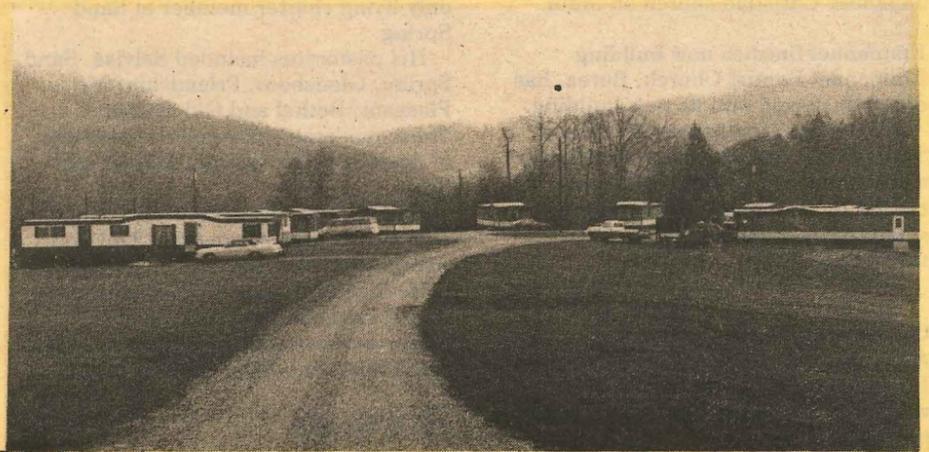
He points out that of 34,849 Southern Baptist churches, 25,293 have memberships under 400. In Kentucky, there are 1635 Southern Baptist churches in this category out of a total of 2138 churches. "This is the target we are preparing men for," explains Aldridge.

Bill Gott, 24, of Mooresville, Ind., a second-year student, is one of those who found answers to his questions at Clear Creek. He cites "low cost" and "individual care by professors" as two of the school's most attractive assets.

Enrolled in the four-year program preparing for the chaplaincy, Gott, like a majority of other Clear Creek



Student housing at Clear Creek may be like this modern apartment building . . .



. . . or a trailer village, such as this new one of mobile homes.



President and Mrs. D. M. Aldridge felt called to prepare for service in the mountains nearly four decades ago. They've been there ever since, convinced God would not have led them otherwise.



Clear Creek alumni are fiercely loyal to their school. Each Christmas their contributions place a turkey, grocery basket valued at \$10 and \$15 for incidentals on the table of every current student's family. Mona Blake helps Bill Whittaker of Murray, who has headed the project several years, distribute a load of Christmas turkeys from the graduates.

students, holds a nearby pastorate.

Twice a week he drives 60 miles round trip to Pruden, Tenn., to serve a small congregation which has traditionally relied upon the school for its pastors. The arrangement offers the dual benefit of providing a pastor for the congregation at compensation within its means, and offering the minister on-the-job experience for the work the Lord has so recently called him to do.

Gott is married, has two preschool children and lives in a trailer owned by the school, which he rents for \$35 monthly. He is also employed as a janitor by the school.

Alternatives to education

A student at Clear Creek may choose from three academic programs:

- A two-year course for student wives, including Christian homemaking, family, first aid, etc.
- A basic three-year course for men, similar to the former BD (Bachelor of Divinity) degree at seminaries.
- A four-year course for men who are high school graduates and who have reached a certain academic level.

Three degrees are offered—BRE (Bachelor of Religious Education), BSM (Bachelor of Sacred Music) and BT (Bachelor of Theology).

Three hundred seventy-five former Clear Creek students currently hold Kentucky pastorates, and many more serve in 42 other states and six foreign countries. Some graduates have become associational directors of missions.

When Aldridge accepted the school's presidency a quarter-of-a-century ago there were 65 students enrolled. In the spring of 1978 there were 78 graduates, more than the total enrolment when Aldridge became president. There were 300 students last year and 265 this year.

Today, Clear Creek boasts a faculty of 19 persons, including 14 full time instructors.

The school expects full accreditation soon by the American Association of Bible Colleges. A cooperative arrangement with Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., for exchange of academic credit is currently under study.

Denominational support—for 33 years

While L. C. Kelly, then pastor of Pineville's First Baptist Church, launched Clear Creek Baptist School in 1926 (then known as Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School), two decades elapsed before Kentucky Baptists included it in their family of educational institutions.

Today the convention elects the school's 18 trustees and is underwriting about 18% of its current \$648,000 budget through the Cooperative Program. The school is receiving gifts of about \$400,000 per year, with smaller gifts dominating. Aldridge observes that the institution is almost completely excluded from foundation gifts because it is a theological school.

A student may attend Clear Creek for a full year for the unbelievably low sum of \$250, including tuition and fees. If he is married, and most students are, his wife may enrol in the two-year program without charge. For 50 cents a week she can put their preschool youngsters in the children's building on



Preschoolers aren't forgotten at Clear Creek. These are loved and cared for daily at the children's building while their mothers attend classes with their daddies.

campus while she attends classes.

Unfurnished apartments owned by the school rent for \$30 to \$60 a month. The school stands ready to help its students with basic necessities, also. A school-owned refrigerator, for example, rents for \$1.50 monthly. At these prices, one might find it cheaper to go to school than live elsewhere!

The opportunity exists further for students to work on campus to defray some of their expenses. Maintenance, cooking, library work, nursery, secretarial assistance and other types of jobs are available.

A student is prayed with—and for

Admissions director Hoftzclaw, who also doubles as professor of theology, explains the procedure for admitting a new student at Clear Creek:

"We discuss their salvation experience and their calling to the ministry. We go through the procedure for enrolment, and I usually spend about three hours with each man and his wife. We pray together, not that Clear Creek will be the answer for them, but that they may find God's direction for their lives. If we can be instrumental in carrying out his purpose for them, fine. But we do not push them into coming here at any point."

Talking with D.M. Aldridge, the school's president, one can read at least three things into the conversation. Taking a faraway look at the hills surrounding him as he speaks, Aldridge hints of a man who is thoroughly committed and has achieved a high degree of satisfaction. At the same time, he is still dreaming dreams and seeing visions of what is yet to be.

Aldridge first came to teach at Clear Creek in 1946. He left it only briefly, to be president of the late Magoffin Institute, from 1950-54.

"My wife and I dedicated ourselves to mountain missions and education many years ago," he observes. "We've never had any reason to believe it was a mistake."

The many success stories evolving from the little mountain theological training center for adults attest to that. The school's motto seems to say it all adequately: "A Bible school that will be needed as long as the Bible is needed."

Clear Creek, it looks as if you've got your work cut out for you.

Baptist News in Brief

Water, water everywhere

Baptist families and churches were among those suffering damage in the wake of heavy rains and flooding in several counties of Middle Tennessee which President Jimmy Carter has designated a disaster area.

Churches in the Nashville area were among the hardest hit, according to reports on the flooding which forced over 1600 middle Tennessee families out of their homes.

The disaster relief team of the Tennessee Baptist Convention joined relief efforts in cooperation with Miracle Baptist Church, LaVergne, Tenn., serving meals to area families forced out by flood waters, according to Archie King, state Brotherhood director.

Concord Baptist Church in southeast Nashville reported over \$150,000 in damage as flood waters from Mill Creek reached 40 inches inside the church's auditorium. All of the furnishings and personal items in pastor Reggie Peltier's home, located across the street from the church, were also inundated.

At First Baptist Church, Antioch, Tenn., flood waters from Mill Creek rose to nearly four feet in the auditorium, destroying the piano, organ, song books and numerous other items. O. L. Taylor, pastor, said that the waters then traveled to the educational plant destroying all of the nursery and children's equipment and furnishings.

Members of the church began arriving the next morning to carry out some of the furnishings. "We are drying off what we can save, but there isn't much," Taylor said.

Charles Livengood, director of missions in Alpha Association, reported that waters from Beaver Dam Creek lacked a foot of reaching Cross Roads Baptist Church near Linden. Both Perry and Hickman counties in that association were hard hit, but no Baptist churches suffered damage.

Church members give \$1 million in 40 days

Sagemont Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., raised more than a million dollars between Mar. 18 and Apr. 29 because 300 families gave their total income for those 40 days to a building fund.

John D. Morgan, pastor, told the congregation at 10 p.m. Apr. 29 in an extended Sunday service they had contributed \$1,077,469 in 40 days toward their new sanctuary. The pastor said the sum is primarily cash but some other commitments such as stock will be converted to cash.

Sagemont members, including the pastor and his family, pulled out all stops for 40 days. They gave salaries, painted fences and cut expenses by eating vegetable soup together at the church to come up with the money because "we pay cash for everything."

A man made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized because of the witness of Sagemont men who painted his home to make extra money for the building fund.

The stamina to give the church "as much as we could earn with our talents and energies in 40 days" was developed during the past two years. Morgan said the Sagemont experience can happen anywhere a church becomes as important to people as their boats, hunting leases, vacations and second cars."

Most of the 300 families and individuals who gave all their income during the 40 days have become free of major debts after completing "financial freedom seminars" led by their pastor.

The 40 day period was selected because "several places in scripture the Lord chose 40 days in which to accomplish a certain work," Morgan said. The Sagemont pastor secured 300 families to volunteer their incomes, comparing his 'army' with the army of Gideon in the Old Testament.

Several hundred families were prepared when the church decided the time had come this spring to give a million dollars to start the new sanctuary. Most of the families who gave their total incomes paid bills a month in advance of the 40 days. "They set aside enough to live on during the 40 days, spent only what was necessary, and loved it," Morgan said.

The congregation seemed to thrive on the "warm fellowship" generated in the intensive effort of raising a million dollars. About 200 families bought groceries cooperatively to save money during the 40 days. They bought enough to feed a family of five with fruits and vegetables for seven dollars a week. Some members plan to continue buying groceries in groups of 10 to 12 families.

Help wanted: in Uganda

Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda are requesting seven volunteers and eight career missionaries to assist in community rehabilitation and restoring Baptist work after receiving assurance of religious freedom from the new government.

The Ugandan government has given Baptists responsibility for aid distribution in eastern Uganda, the area where Baptist work was strongest before they and 26 other religious groups were banned by former president Idi Amin in 1977.

A plan worked out by missionaries G. Webster Carroll and James L. Rice calls for churches in the villages to be distribution points for food, medical supplies and agricultural aids flowing in from government and private relief agencies.

Relief spelled M-O-N-E-Y

Moving quickly to meet needs on a large scale, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted to send more than \$715,000 to finance relief work in six countries.

More than half the funds—over \$380,000—will go to Uganda, the East African nation where religious freedom is being restored in the wake of fighting that deposed President Idi Amin.

Another \$300,000 will finance a major community development project in India. The 3- to 5-year program will be administered by the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore.

The mail must go through

The Baptist Missionary Society has received news of Christian work in China, according to European Baptist Press Service.

In a letter, addressed simply to "The BMS, London," a lay leader in Sian recently wrote that the church is well and truly alive, although there is no

public worship and Bibles are in desperately short supply.

The letter was intended for four former pastors in China, Cranston Bell, Arthur Elder, Ernest Madge and George Young. Madge, former overseas secretary for the BMS after serving in India and then in China for 16 years, read the letter to the society's general committee.

Step down to step up BMT

Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention since 1969, has announced early retirement effective Apr. 30, 1980.

Ashcraft, 62, said he wants to become more personally involved in Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist goal to give everyone in the world a chance to hear the gospel of Jesus by the year 2000.

He plans to help train Mexican clergymen at the International Bible Institute in El Paso, Tex., and says he wants to be instrumental in establishing at least one mission chapel.

The red rose of Texas?

Georgi Vins, dissident Soviet Baptist pastor, will give the final address at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston June 12-14.

Vins was among five Soviet dissidents sent to the U. S. in exchange for two convicted spies Apr. 27. He is the secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians—Baptists in the Soviet Union, which broke away from the officially sanctioned All Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists.

Vins' address will come at 9 p.m. at the Summit, site of the majority of the meetings for the three-day annual session. The original program said the meeting would close after the address by Emmanuel Scott, Los Angeles pastor. Vins' appearance is an addition to the program.

A two time winner?

Samuel T. Ola Akande, president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named general secretary of the 300,000-member Nigerian Convention.

Akande, 53, has been acting general secretary since the death of Emanuel A. Dahunsi early this year. For the past two years he has been president of the convention and pastor of Orita Mefa Baptist Church in Ibadan.

Akande is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and a two time graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He taught New Testament at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoshos.

Kids will have field days

More than 300 children 6-11 years old will learn about Christian missions in the outdoors June 12-14 while their parents conduct the business of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Houston Summit.

The occasion is a three-day mission day camp at Second Baptist Church sponsored by Texas Baptist Men and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The camp will open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings prior to convention sessions and close at the end of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday and the morning session Wednesday, when no afternoon session is scheduled.

A registration fee of \$5 per day covers insurance, supplies, lunch and transportation between the Summit and Second Baptist Church.

CC panel gives \$126,012

A kick-off banquet for a fund-raising drive among trustees and former trustees of Campbellsville College has netted pledges of \$126,012 toward a goal of \$200,000.

Campbellsville president W. R. Davenport was principal speaker at the May 1 event on campus. He alluded to Campbellsville's "great heritage."

"Our lives—our whole culture—is different because of these influences. We should project and continue that vision for the men and women of future years who also need the influences of Christian education," he concluded.

The banquet was the launch event of a diamond jubilee campaign to help the school celebrate its 75th year in 1981.

Arizona selects Johnson

Jack Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla., was elected executive director-treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention in a special called session. He will take office in early June.

Messengers from Arizona Baptists' 287 churches and missions cast 90 percent of their ballots in favor of their executive board's earlier election of Johnson to succeed Roy F. Sutton, who retired Dec. 31. The Arizona convention's constitution requires affirmation for the chief executive by a two-thirds vote of the convention after election by the executive board.

A vote in a similar called convention in July 1978 failed by 11 votes to affirm the nomination of Mark Short for executive director-treasurer. Short, now church program consultant for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, was then a staff member of Houston's South Main Baptist Church.

Johnson, 44, has been at First Baptist since 1976 and is chairman of the administrative division of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's executive board.

Warren to B&R post

Charlie Warren of Memphis has been named associate editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee's state Baptist newspaper.

Warren, 31, associate editor of Brotherhood Commission's World Mission Journal since 1977, will join the staff July 15. He fills a vacancy which has existed since Oct. 1975, when David Keel resigned as circulation manager of the publication.

In another Baptist and Reflector staff adjustment, Eura Lannom was shifted from assistant to editor Al Shackelford to a position as advertising and circulation manager. Mrs. Lannom, who has held various positions with the paper for 38 years, served as acting editor, Aug. 1974 to Nov. 1976.

Before joining World Mission Journal, Warren served as senior editor of press relations for four years at the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

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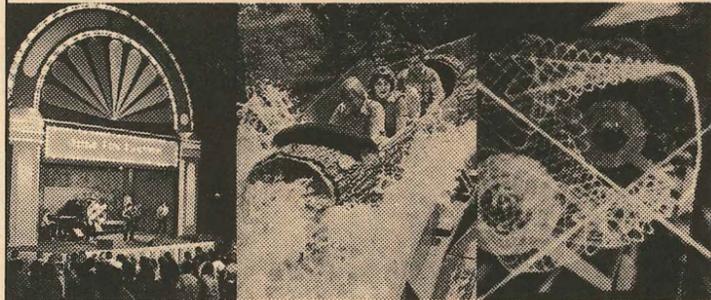
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When Amos pronounced the judgment of God upon the pagan nations the people of Israel rejoiced to hear his condemnation of Judah. As soon as Amos directed his attention to the sins of Israel and to warn her people of God's inevitable judgment, their demeanor changed quickly and completely.

Amos 7:7-8 God used the figure of a plumbline to show Amos how far Israel had departed from the divine standard. A plumbline is a line with a metal weight suspended at one end, which a builder drops from the top of a wall to determine whether or not the wall is perpendicular. It stands for rectitude, and is the symbol of judgment according to righteousness. In applying the plumbline of his word to us God means to make us morally and spiritually straight-up-and-down people.

Amos 7:10, 12-13 Amos went to Bethel, the capital of the Northern Kingdom, which had acquired so much wealth and power, with the results of self-indulgence, corruption and idolatry. Amos fearlessly told the people the truth about their sins and how God wanted them to live. His plain and pointed messages provoked Amaziah, the priest in charge of the idol worship at Bethel and he falsely accused Amos of conspiracy and treason. Amaziah ordered Amos back to his own country and to prophesy to his own people, but the prophet refused to obey him. Amos denounced Amaziah and predicted the judgment which would befall him, his family and the nation.

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Far flung

Frank Owen

During the first quarter of this century Southern Baptists were still largely confined to the territory of the old Confederacy, plus the two neutral states and as far west as Texas and Oklahoma. Most of this was the "Old South," a contiguous geographical unit with a common climate, a common culture, heritage and tradition—a great many things held it together.

In such compact setting the Southern Baptist Convention grew and grew until it was stronger than the far flung, wider spread Northern Baptist Convention whose affiliated states sprawled from Maine to Southern California.

While Baptists of the old solid south grew, the more loosely federated Northern Baptist Convention was unable to hold together. In recent years Southern Baptists have been filling many vacuums where American Baptists, the largest remnant of the now fragmented Northern Convention, only sparsely cover their territory.

The Southern Baptist Convention now is sprawled all across our nation, operating in some measure in every state. It now potentially contains all of the divergent geography and cultures that the Northern Convention had when it fragmented. Will scattered Southern Baptists be able to hang together, united, though far flung and varied?

We have some things in our favor at this point. Southern Baptists have tended to stay closer to the scriptures. We have a great world mission program that we know would collapse if we should ever fragment. Our realization of the importance of the cause tends to hold us together when we differ.

The years ahead are going to be interesting ones. I doubt that we can hold together much better than Northern Baptists did if we become content with mere housekeeping.

Our Bold Mission Thrust is the big enough program sufficient to inspire and unify our now many and scattered congregations. Will enough of our churches and people wade far enough into it to find the unifying thrill of achieving still greater things? Let us pray so.



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3 receive SWBTS degrees

Three Kentuckians received degrees during spring commencement at Southwestern Seminary.

The ceremony was held May 11 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth.

Receiving degrees were Eric William Fruge, Owensboro, MDiv.; Janette Lee Hockensmith, Lexington, MRE; and James Phillip Majors, Corbin, MDiv.

White state BSU president

Stephen White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman White of Lebanon, Tenn., was elected 1979-80 president of Baptist Student Union for the state of Kentucky.

A senior at Campbellville College, White is a Christian studies and sociology major. He is actively involved in the BSU on his campus, having been evangelism chairman two years and president this year.

White was recently elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." He is a member of First Baptist Church, Lebanon.

Honorary degrees awarded

Georgetown College will award honorary degrees to four persons during commencement exercises May 19.

Named by the board of trustees are Carl Fields, Georgetown; James Henry, Orlando, Fla.; Porter Routh, Nashville; and Harry Snyder, Lexington.

Fields joined the faculty of Georgetown College in 1935. In 1963 he became Georgetown's academic dean. He returned to the classroom as distinguished professor of history in 1976.

He will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

James B. Henry will be awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Also receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree will be Porter Routh, retiring executive secretary-treasurer of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The fourth honorary degree recipient will be Harry M. Snyder, executive director of Kentucky's Council on Higher Education.

He will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Georgetown history complete

The History of Georgetown College, an account of events in the life of the oldest Baptist college west of the Alleghenies, has been completed by Robert Snyder, chairman of Georgetown's department of political science.

Snyder says the theme centers around "the building of a small Christian liberal arts college in central Kentucky. It is a story of dedicated people and their significant contributions."

Copies will be available during Georgetown's 150th spring commencement exercises May 18-19 and in the college book store.

The Duke remains

Trustees of Southern Seminary extended the service of president Duke K. McCall, named a chief administrative officer for student services and elected three new faculty members during their annual meeting.

McCall, president of the seminary since 1951, was extended through July 31, 1981 in accordance with seminary policy which provides for extension of personnel beyond retirement. McCall will be 65 in September.

Elisabeth (Beth) E. Lambert was appointed assistant dean of students effective May 1, 1979. A member of the seminary staff since 1975, Mrs. Lambert will be the chief administrative officer of the student services division, reporting directly to the president.

Effective Aug. 1 the trustees named Raymond H. Bailey associate professor of communication and adjunct professor of Christian preaching; Carl Gerbrandt associate professor of church music; and Timothy George assistant professor of church history.

In other action the trustees authorized expenditure of \$150,000 to upgrade campus roads and provide additional parking and awarded senior professor status to six persons and emeritus professor honor to another.

Carlton Moore appointed

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College, has announced the appointment of J. Richard Carlton as acting director of development and Wayne Moore as coordinator of alumni affairs.

Carlton was named coordinator of alumni affairs at Georgetown in 1975. In 1976 he became assistant director of development and coordinator of alumni affairs at the college.

Carlton is a graduate of Southern Seminary. Wayne Moore succeeds Carlton as coordinator of alumni affairs. A graduate of Georgetown College, Moore earned masters degrees from Southern Seminary and Indiana University and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

He joined the faculty of Georgetown College in 1969. Before being named coordinator of alumni affairs, he was assistant professor of psychology and physical education and director of the student development center at Georgetown College.

Stan Knowles, a radio producer for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, edits a master program tape before it is duplicated for broadcasting. Pray for Stan's work and that of the other Radio and Television Commission employees on Baptist Radio-TV Sunday, May 20.

