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Pastor not frightened by impending death

Facing death on a deadline can be a victorious experience for Christians, says a man who's probably celebrated his last Christmas.

Doctors predict that cancer of the colon and liver will claim the life of Norman Blake, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., before the end of the year.

Blake, 44, says the knowledge of his impending death has given him a better understanding of life, of what's important and what's not important.

"The average person lives doing what he has to and doesn't make many conscious decisions," he told the Rocky Mountain Baptist, newspaper for Colorado Baptists. "Now the problems of life seem so unimportant and insignificant. The fusses and battles people have are so unnecessary."

Blake's wife and four teenage children show "no great signs of frustration, anger or resentment" over his imminent death, he said. His most difficult times come when he realizes he will not be able "to see my kids grow up and knowing that although I'm better off, it's going to be tough on my wife."

Test results bring more emotional lows. "You hope things will get better," he said. "But each time you face the stark realities of the situation, those are the times it knocks you down. You're never ultimately prepared. It boils down to trusting the Lord and believing that the Lord knows best."

Blake said he hasn't changed his lifestyle or sermon messages but he tries to have more of an influence in his day-to-day relationships with people. "I would like to feel every Christian does face up to death and, as a result, lives a more enjoyable, effective, meaningful life," he said.

Many people have an unrealistic view of life, he said, and don't realize death is part of the life process.

"Most people just never do come down to the business of admitting they're going to die some day," he said.

"This kind of experience can be a very victorious experience for the Christian," Blake said. "Most Christians in situations like this find a strength beyond themselves and are able to handle it using God as a resource."

John Howell critically ill

John Howell, former pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, is critically ill in Baptist Hospital East, Louisville. On Monday, Aug. 13, he was diagnosed as having a rapidly progressing brain-stem tumor. Treatment was begun immediately but his condition remains critical.

No visitors are permitted but Howell and his family are encouraged and sustained by the many cards and messages from their friends.

Campbellsville trustees exceed \$200,000 goal

Trustees and former trustees of Campbellsville College have rallied together in support of the diamond jubilee campaign for the college.

Forest F. Shely, chairman of the trustees-former trustees diamond jubilee campaign, announced last week the trustees have not only reached their \$200,000 campaign goal, but have exceeded it. They are now pursuing a \$250,000 challenge goal with over \$800 already pledged.

The campaign is one of a series for Campbellsville College in celebration of its 75th anniversary in 1981.

Other current campaigns include one among the faculty and staff at the college and one among Campbellsville-Taylor County residents. The college faculty and staff set for itself a goal of \$80,000 while the Campbellsville-Taylor County representatives adopted a goal of \$300,000. Area campaigns among friends and alumni, as well as income from other sources, will make up a total campaign of \$1,920,000.

ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING

STATE MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER
September 9-16, 1979

WALK in the SPIRIT

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"
Galatians 5:22

Stamps back in Nicaragua

Southern Baptist missionary Stanley D. Stamps has returned to his work in Nicaragua after being out of the country nearly three months.

At his request, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is sending a representative to examine refugee settlement needs in the country, which has been torn by internal conflict for more than a year.

Stamps and his wife had been in Honduras since the end of May when they took a vacation outside of Nicaragua. He reported the Baptist Book Store in Managua is operating at full capacity.

The only other Southern Baptist missionaries in the country, missionary journeymen Stephens and Paula Baumgardner, evacuated from Nicaragua about two weeks later as fighting escalated between national guard forces of former president Anastasio Somoza Jr. and the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

New Bible series by BSSB well received

After four quarters of sales, the Sunday School Board's third line of Sunday school curriculum for youth and adults, the Bible Book Series, has garnered 16 percent of total sales to these two age groups.

The Life and Work Series totals approximately 45 percent and the Convention Uniform Series 38 percent. The addition of the Bible Book Series has cut almost equally into the sales of the other two series.

The Bible Book Series was introduced in Oct. 1978 to provide a systematic study of books of the Bible. All 66 books are scheduled for study in a nine year period.

With the introduction of the Bible Book Series, characteristics of the other two lines were adapted slightly to provide three distinctive choices and approaches to Bible study.

Max Caldwell, manager of the youth-adult group in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, said "all three lines are meeting needs. We now have a better balanced offering to our churches than ever before with three different approaches to Bible study."

Caldwell said he expects the Bible Book Series to continue its upward trend for several more months. "By Oct. 1980 we should have a pretty good idea of what the ranges of the three lines will be," he reasoned.

CLC inaugurates 'citizenship corps'

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced formation of a Christian Citizenship Corps to generate increased political involvement among the SBC's 13.2 million members.

Touted as "a grassroots network of Southern Baptists," the citizenship corps will consist of Southern Baptist citizens "interested in what government is doing locally, statewide and nationally, and willing to make their voices heard in those arenas at appropriate times and in appropriate ways," said William H. Elder of the commission staff.

The stated purpose of the citizenship corps, he said, is to stimulate political action "to promote public righteousness," but Elder believes it offers an alternative to organizations which have "wedded conservative politics and conservative Christianity."

"I don't think the Christian faith should be used to baptize any political persuasion," Elder said. "The Christian faith should be the norm, the standard, and if it is, I think it defies any doctrinaire labeling. Jesus, for example, always frustrated people who tried to classify him in liberal or conservative categories."

Elder added that he is "leery of Christian politicians who can determine their positions on the issues too quickly, perhaps allowing a political-philosophical allegiance to tell them where to stand and using their faith to authenticate the position."

"In fact, I find it hard to believe that any Christian group which tries to be true to the standard of the gospel will always come up on one political or philosophical side," he declared.

The Christian Life Commission, the SBC's national social concerns agency, will "coordinate and facilitate communication" between citizenship corps members and government by collecting and channeling information on "legislative issues and their ethical implications," said Elder, director of citizenship development for the commission.

The basic communications vehicle will be a "Moral Alert" newsletter to be sent to corps members "when issues of special importance to Southern Baptists arise and when fast action is called for," he said.

The operational style for the Christian Citizenship Corps, Elder said, will be to "look first to the specifics of an issue, then to the biblical ethics before we speak."

Louisville pastor resigns

Hankins F. Parker has resigned as pastor of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, after serving three and a half years.

Parker came to the Louisville congregation from Miami Springs Baptist Church in Florida where he served 14 years. Earlier he became a well known pastor in Kentucky having been pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville and First Baptist Church, Paducah. He is a recognized denominational leader having been a member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Parker plans to remain in Louisville and will be available for supply preaching, revivals, interim pastorates and other services. His address is 206 Cambridge Station Road, Louisville, KY 40220.

3 added to search panel

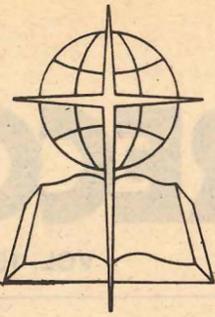
Three more trustees have been named to the five-member search committee seeking a president for the Radio-Television Commission to succeed Paul M. Stevens.

Stewart R. McChesney Jr., Arvada, Colo.; Tommy Joe Payne, Greenville, N. C.; and Richard H. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. have joined the committee, according to Fred W. Isaacs of Cosby, Tenn., chairman of the trustees and search committee.

The three join Isaacs, John E. Hughes, Independence, Mo.; George Miller, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jess P. Odom, Little Rock, Ark.; and Franklin A. Terry, Laurel, Md., on the committee.

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

Beware of hyperopia

Churches that spend most of their resources on themselves are said to be afflicted with myopia. Myopia is a condition of the eyes in which the rays from distant objects are brought to a focus before they reach the retina, thus nearby objects are plain but far away objects are blurred. This is a valid observation considering the disproportionate outlay of some churches on buildings, staff and local programs.

However, there is another eye disease which affects many Baptists. This is hyperopia, a condition of the eye in which vision for distant objects is better than for near objects. This far-sightedness is generally admirable for churches but not in every respect.

Pastors and other church leaders find it much easier to motivate members to contribute generously to the Lottie Moon foreign mission offering than to the Annie Armstrong home mission offering. Likewise, the annual special offering for home missions is easier to promote than the annual state missions offering for needs in Kentucky.

Distance lends enchantment when it comes to mission offerings or mission activities. Somehow we can get much more concerned about taking the gospel to a native in an African jungle than to a native at the head of a hollow in Appalachia. Youth teams migrate to distant cities for mission projects while their own communities are mission points for other youth mission teams from distant places. This is not bad but it seems a little strange.

It is bad when hyperopia causes us to overlook and neglect mission opportunities in our own state. The annual Eliza Broadus state mission prayer and offering emphasis is designed to overcome neglect of home state needs (see pages 3-6 in this issue).

Kentucky has always been a needy mission field. Part of the explanation is geographical, part is cultural and part involves other considerations. Isolation has and still characterizes many mountainous areas of our state. In spite of modern media, communication and penetration often stop at the mouth of the hollows though towns in eastern Kentucky are as modern as they are anywhere. The fierce independence of many mountain people makes for resistance to anything outside including the gospel. Generation after generation come and the condition remains mostly unchanged. In some communities of our state the ratio of Christians is not much higher than on some foreign mission fields.

The above may be an overstatement. Surely it is not intended as any reflection upon these areas. Some of the strongest congregations in outreach and evangelism in Kentucky are in these areas but they need help.

This is why the Eliza Broadus week of prayer and giving is so vital. Every penny of it goes for a need in Kentucky. Let us then be generous and at least reach the 1979 goal of \$295,000.

Let us keep our mission eyes healthy, avoiding both myopia and hyperopia.

Should pre-marital counseling be required?

Many Baptist pastors express concern about it and some are doing something about the careless attitude toward marriage practiced by so many couples today. The many beautiful marriage ceremonies in churches have become almost mockeries as an increasing number of them end up in ugly divorce proceedings.

Note was made in this column more than a year ago of a new practice in the Louisville Roman Catholic archdiocese requiring couples to participate in several months' counseling before they could be married in a Catholic church. This even applied to couples where brides-to-be were pregnant. The number of marriages performed by Catholic priests declined slightly after this policy went into effect but it is being continued.

Such a step in an authoritarian type church is not difficult but it's more difficult in a Baptist church. But one brave Baptist pastor has laid down the law. Beginning Oct. 1, 1979 he will not perform a marriage ceremony for any couple which does not spend at least four to six hours in pre-marital counseling. There will be no exceptions.

The pastor instituting this policy is Jack Sanford, a former Kentucky Baptist pastor who is now pastor of Colonial Baptist Church in Memphis. There are some other Baptist pastors who require this and many more strongly urge such counseling sessions.

This is a responsible position to take and it should be considered by all Baptist pastors. For those who don't feel qualified to do such counseling, they should get some training or should refer couples to someone who is qualified for premarital counseling.

Some members of churches will object to such a requirement pointing out that they did not receive such counseling and their marriages have lasted. They should be reminded that many more factors discouraging permanence in marriage exist today and the church and pastor should leave nothing undone to encourage good and lasting marriages.

Even good counseling does not assure a successful marriage but it does represent the best effort of a church and a pastor to be responsible.

Congratulations, Jack. Stick to your convictions and may your tribe increase!

Baptist Forum

A Bold Mission Thrust report

In the last two years youth groups from Southern Heights Baptist and Cane Run Baptist have created their own Bold Mission.

Last year and this year both groups raised \$8600 for their mission projects, which included Port Huron, Mich., with an enrollment of 85 children in five Bible clubs, 1000 contacts, in Action surveys, and concerts each evening. This year's project was Albany, Ga., which included two vacation Bible schools, three backyard Bible clubs and two nursing homes. A total of 366 enrolled, ages preschool to 99.

Supported by their pastors, Ron Burdon, Southern Heights, and Lewis Seward, Cane Run, and each congregation, the Lord truly blessed our Bold Mission.

These mission projects were directed by Gary Clark, minister of music/youth at Southern Heights along with youth sponsors of each church.

An experience to make Bold Mission come alive in each person's heart.

Gary Clark, Lexington

Dartmouth bound?

Southern Baptists now have an active church and campus ministry at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

Our ministry would be greatly aided if your readers would send us the names and addresses of Baptist students coming to Dartmouth College this fall. We will do our best to minister to them. Thank you.

Merwyn Borders, Hanover, N. H.

Searching for a pastor

Calvary Baptist Church would like your assistance in contacting a God called man for pastor.

We ask that only those men who definitely feel led by God to consider our church. Please send a complete resume, including picture and a taped sermon which includes the invitation.

We prefer the minister to have college and seminary degrees and pastoral experience.

The church is in full cooperation with Southern Baptist Convention and agencies. We have about 100 members and Sunday school attendance runs between 50 and 60 when we have a pastor on the field. We pay a salary above average for a small church.

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Pulpit Committee
Calvary Baptist Church
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ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING

Eliza who?

Eliza Somerville Broadus, eldest daughter of John A. and Maria Harrison Broadus, was born in Charlottesville, Va. in 1851. The same year her father became pastor of Charlottesville Baptist Church and assistant professor of Latin and Greek at the University of Virginia.

In 1858, Broadus went to Greenville, S. C. to become a professor in the newly-established Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While Miss Broadus was living in Greenville, a missionary society was organized in her church and she became one of the charter members.

In 1877, Miss Broadus and her family moved to Louisville with the seminary. Her father continued as professor of New Testament interpretation and homiletics. He was seminary president from 1889 until his death in 1895.

In Louisville Miss Broadus joined Walnut Street Baptist Church and became a member of its missionary society. The following year, 1878, Kentucky formed a Central Committee to promote missionary societies and Miss Broadus was elected to represent the Walnut Street organization.

She continued to serve as an active member of the committee, later known as the executive committee, until 1928, a period of 50 years. During that time she was committee chairman 32 years and vice chairman for nine years. When she resigned she was made an honorary life member of the committee.

In 1888, when Woman's Missionary Union was organized in Richmond, Va. Miss Broadus was elected vice president from Kentucky.

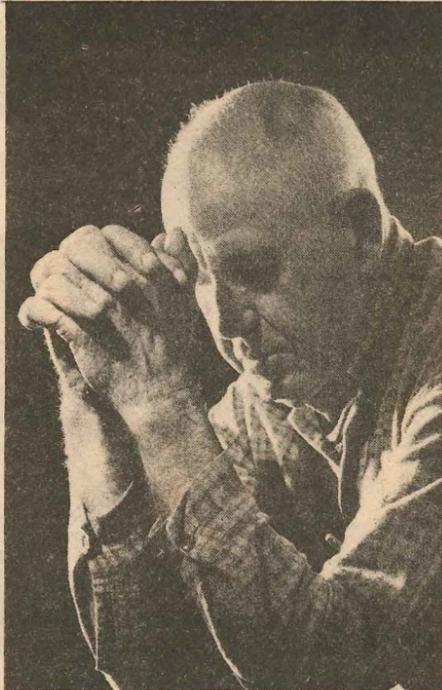
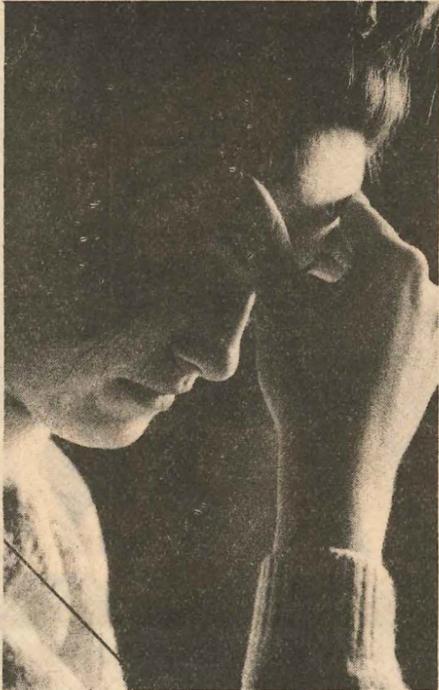
No cause was dearer to her than the establishment of a training school in Louisville for young women preparing for Christian work. In 1907, the school she helped start became the WMU Training School, of which she was a board member 20 years.

In 1913, Miss Broadus led the Kentucky WMU to promote an annual offering for state missions to be taken in all churches.

In appreciation of her faithful service to Kentucky WMU and the denomination for more than 50 years, the state missions offering was named for her in 1976.

GOAL \$295,000

May we as Kentucky Baptists be motivated
to *WALK* in the *SPIRIT*
in a glorious way as we . . .



. . . pray earnestly, . . . become persons

ivated



Eliza Broadus

OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS



The girl has a bird.
The girl has a cup.
The girl has a dish.
The girl has a fish.
The girl has a bird in her hand.
The girl has a cup in her hand.
The girl has a dish in her hand.
The girl has a fish in her hand.

MISSIONARIES

Salaries (State Missionaries)	\$55,000
Foreign Missions Appointees Equipment	2,000
Foreign Kentucky born women missionaries' Christmas gift	2,500
Western Recorder to foreign missionaries	500

BUILDINGS

Church Building Grants	25,000
Cedarmore Capital Improvements	30,000
	55,000

KBC CONFERENCES

Senior Adult	1,500
Mountain Missions	500
Parents of Mentally Retarded	1,000
	3,000

STUDENT WORK

M.K. Fund (Two \$50 gifts per year)	500
Summer Workers (Direct Missions Dept.)	5,000
Bibles for Internationals	1,000
International Conference	8,000
Clear Creek (Nursery)	2,500
Oneida Baptist Institute (Music Department)	2,500
Mountain Pastor's Travel	5,600
M.K. Christmas Retreat	800

SCHOLARSHIPS

KBC Matching Fund	10,000
State Missionaries' Children	10,000
Seminary Extension	1,000
	21,000

INTERRACIAL WORK

Black Women Field Service Workers	1,500
Fellowship Center Assistance	4,000
International Friendship Clubs	1,000
Language Missions	10,000
Simmons Missions Department	150
Inter-racial Institute	250
	16,900

WMU PROGRAM

WMU Activities	11,000
Age-Level Activities	4,775
Cedar Crest Camp and Workshop	15,000
Area Camp Workers Salary and Travel	2,000
State Missions Week of Prayer Material	15,000
	46,775

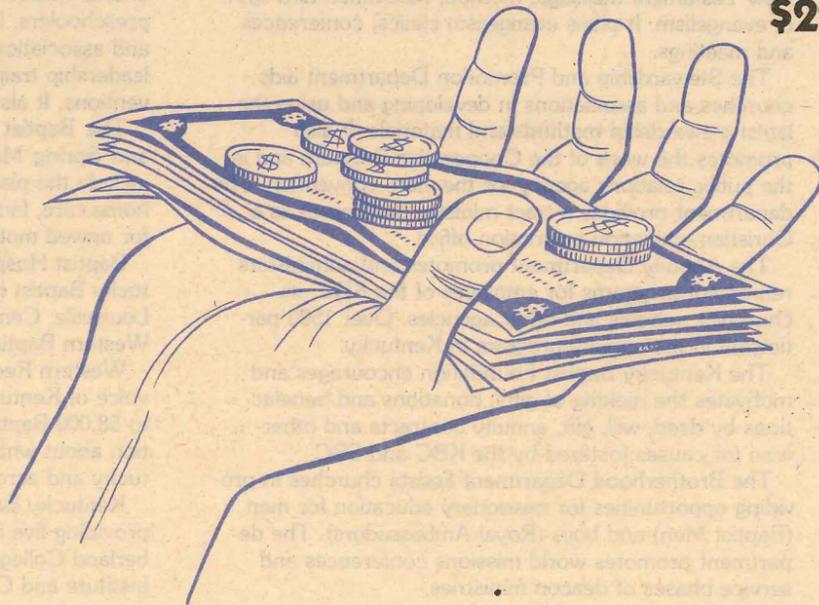
MISCELLANEOUS

Bold Mission Outreach	5,000
Love in Action	600
TV loan	10,000
	15,600

UNDESIGNATED

	49,825
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*"If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit." — Gal. 5:22*



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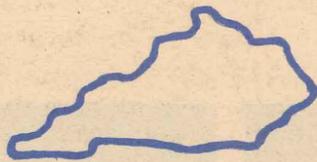
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Kentucky state missions

Various state divisions, departments, agencies and institutions are the means by which Kentucky Baptists administer their state missions programs.

Three divisions serve as umbrellas for the departments in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Missions Division coordinates church-minister services and Cooperative Program ministries programs including the Christian Life, Direct Missions, Evangelism, and Stewardship and Promotion departments.

The Church Services Division coordinates the Baptist Student, Brotherhood, Camps and Assemblies, Church Music, Church Training and Sunday School departments.

The Business Division includes the Business Management, Annuity and Kentucky Baptist Foundation departments.

The Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Department provides leadership in fellowship and work between the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the KBC, and for programs of the KBC Christian Life Committee.

The Direct Missions Department supervises the work of metropolitan, district, associational, county, community, local and special mission programs in Kentucky. It also coordinates between 25 and 30 student summer missionaries and does cooperative work with the Home Mission Board.

The Evangelism Department assists churches and associations in interpreting, promoting and relating the New Testament message, method, motivation and spirit of evangelism. It plans evangelism clinics, conferences and meetings.

The Stewardship and Promotion Department aids churches and associations in developing and using the latest stewardship methods and materials. It also promotes the work of the Cooperative Program and is the public relations agency for the state convention. The department provides a tract ministry and serves as a Christian education promotion office.

The Annuity Department promotes and administers retirement programs for employees of the KBC, its churches, schools and other agencies. Over 1500 participate in the annuity program in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation encourages and motivates the making of gifts, donations and benefactions by deed, will, gift, annuity contracts and otherwise for causes fostered by the KBC and SBC.

The Brotherhood Department assists churches in providing opportunities for missionary education for men (Baptist Men) and boys (Royal Ambassadors). The department promotes world missions conferences and service phases of deacon ministries.

Cedarmore Assembly boasts 1400 acres of rolling hills to provide a scenic and secluded setting for camping and assembly programs of the KBC. It is operated year round for convention programs, church retreats, conferences, camps and other events. Its grounds include Camp Rabro for boys and Cedar Crest for girls.

The Church Music Department offers Kentucky Baptists opportunities for musical growth through music festivals, music schools, assemblies and camps. It provides music for events such as the state convention and furnishes musical information and literature.

The Church Training Department works with churches in Church Training, church administration, church recreation, church media and family ministries.

Conferences, clinics, workshops, statewide meetings and personal consultation are offered.

The Department of Student Work assists churches, students, associations, campus ministers, administrators and faculty members of colleges and universities in making an effective witness on all campuses. Many students are BSU summer missionaries in Kentucky, other states and foreign countries.

The Sunday School Department aids Sunday schools throughout the state. The department conducts enlargement and ACTION campaigns, leadership training schools and various clinics. It also works in the area of weekday religious education, vacation Bible schools and church architecture.

The Woman's Missionary Union promotes the study of and involvement in missions by women, girls and preschoolers. It seeks to strengthen the local church and association WMU's throughout the state by offering leadership training, retreats, GA/Acteen camp and conventions. It also assists in organizing WMU groups.

The Baptist Board of Child Care operates Glen Dale and Spring Meadows Children's Homes. Other services include the placement of children for institutional or foster home care, family counseling and financial assistance, help for unwed mothers and infant adoptive placement.

Baptist Hospitals, Inc. operates four hospitals: Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville; Baptist Hospital East, Louisville; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; and Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

Western Recorder is the Baptist state paper and the voice of Kentucky Baptists. Each week the paper goes to 58,000 Baptist homes across Kentucky with information about what Baptists are doing and saying in Kentucky and across the world.

Kentucky Baptists help support Christian education by providing five institutions: Campbellsville College, Cumberland College, Georgetown College, Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek Baptist School.



Ben Elrod
Georgetown College



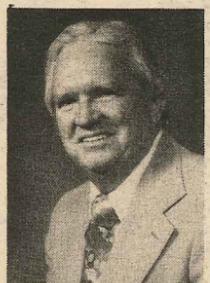
Barkley Moore
Oneida Institute



Eugene Quinn
Church Music



Vernon Cole
Church Training



Fred Halbrooks
Sunday School

Frank Owen

Still suffering

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson told a story from my Lexington pulpit years ago as I sat on the front seat for his sermon following my own pastoral comments during revival services. He told of being a little bit cranky during his earlier days about people coming into the services late at the great Third Baptist Church in St. Louis. Looking at me on the front seat, he said, "I was Big Oscar in those days, Frank, and I handled things with a pretty strong hand."

It seems that after "Big Oscar" had started his sermon one Sunday morning a very meek little woman came down the aisle about midway to an empty seat. It caused him to lose his train of thought somewhat and he said, "Some of us need to start to church earlier so we can get here on time."

The little woman waited in the foyer until Dr. Johnson had shaken the last hand and came up ever so abjectly and said, "Dr. Johnson, I am so very sorry. You see, I have this completely invalid son whose personal needs I must see to before I can leave him. Sometimes it is so hard to get here at all, but I do need the lift of worship even when I'm unavoidably late."

Even as the then aging preacher told the story so many years later, you could see the pain written in his face. He slapped his big bald head, meaning to illustrate how terribly he felt about it even yet and he sort of lost control and appeared to slap himself harder than he meant to. He told how hard he had prayed after begging the little woman's pardon, and asked God to forgive him.

It's the way he looked and told the story that I will never forget. Obviously, after many years he still suffered terribly every time he thought of it.

I told my congregation the next evening that upon hearing him tell that story I reached the conclusion he was then a far greater man than he had been back when

bigger crowds were coming to hear "Big Oscar." He had acquired great humility and capacity to regret sin.

The Lord told Ananias he would show Saul of Tarsus "how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:11). Maybe regret of sin is part of that suffering for a Christian conscience.



Gordon Smith

BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

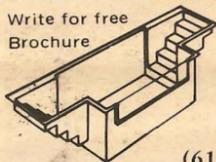
First Baptist Church
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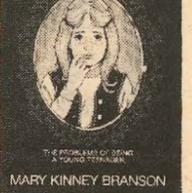
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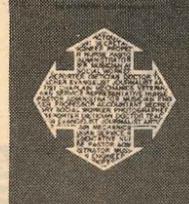
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More Baptist students preparing for church work

The number of Southern Baptist students preparing for church vocations surged by 3378 last year to 17,157, a Baptist Sunday School Board survey for the year ending Apr. 30 revealed.

"It appears Southern Baptists' commitment and support to Bold Mission Thrust emphasis is having its effect on college students," said Charles Roselle, National Student Ministries secretary.

An increase in mission support was also seen as the number of students involved in Baptist Student Union missions increased by 769 to a total of 5064 this year. The summer mission participation breakdown was: 409 students involved in Home Mission Board areas, 105 in Foreign Mission Board areas and 4868 in state projects.

Despite the growth in mission outreach and preparation for church vocational careers, student ministries experienced losses or standstills in student baptisms, the number of campuses with student ministries and the total number of students involved in campus programs.

There were 5292 students baptized in Southern Baptist churches, a decline of 636 and a loss of 20 campuses with student ministries. The number of students involved in campus programs was 134,246, a gain of 22 compared to a jump of 7000 students in the 1977 survey.

"I'm afraid the decline in baptisms is a reflection of the entire Southern Baptist Convention," Roselle said.

Roselle said losses of campuses with student ministries occurred mainly in the newer convention areas where there is a heavy dependence on volunteer student directors. "There has also been a large turnover of state directors of student work throughout the convention and during these transitions volunteer leadership is often lost."

Roselle expects growth to return to every facet of student work and believes the increase of directors of student ministries during the past year will be a contributing factor.

Last year 906 persons were directors: 411 full time, 96 part time and 399 volunteer.

"Directors are the lifeblood of student ministries as they organize and coordinate the work on local campuses," Roselle explained. "As more persons fill leadership roles new ministries are started and more students reached."

Roselle said decline of student work in many key areas was a disappointment following 10 years of record growth but he is not pessimistic.

"Due to some changes during the past months we are anticipating 1979 to be a banner year for student

work," he said.

These changes include: the establishment of new and aggressive leadership in state offices; the formation of a new convention in Nevada and establishing the position of a state student director; the selection of a worker to supervise the rapidly growing work in western Canada; and the crystallization of Bold Mission Thrust goals for student work in every state and launching actions to meet these goals.

Childress joins C. C. staff

Melvin O. Childress has joined the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School and will teach in the music department.

Childress comes to Clear Creek from Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

A native of Sharon, Tenn., Childress is a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary.

Childress is married to Schelley Highsmith. They have one child, Ellen, 10.

Clear Creek homecoming

Clear Creek Baptist School's annual homecoming attracted former students from 12 states.

Alumni president Eugene O. Schmid presided. The agenda included youth activities led by David Bennett, Home Mission Board consultant.

Inspirational speaker was Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

In his address to the reunion audience, president D. M. Aldridge urged Clear Creek alumni to support the school, reminding them of rising inflation.

The highlight of the homecoming was the announcement of two alumni projects: a fund raising goal of \$65,000 toward an Alumni Hall student apartment complex and provision for the permanent endowment of the Anna Starkey Chair of English.

Another Stevens resigns

John C. Stevens, a 17-year veteran of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has resigned effective Sept. 6.

The son of Paul M. Stevens, who stepped down earlier this year as commission chief executive, John Stevens said his job at the commission gave him creative freedom and solid experience. But he said he felt it was time for him to take a different direction than the commission is taking.

He will begin his own film writing and production business, American Enterprise Co., and is also writing a book about former Texas Christian University athlete Kent Waldrep.



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