



Never say die

Patterson, others again push to control SBC

by Toby Druin

The organization that last year pushed the inerrancy question at the Southern Baptist Convention is active again, this time seeking lay participation from every association and state convention.

Its goal is to determine who is elected SBC president for at least four consecutive years and maybe as many as 10, and, through presidential committee appointments, try to control nomination of trustees of SBC agencies.

Lay involvement is being sought because "many pastors lack the courage to deal with the problem," it was charged, and because lay church members control the money going to denominational agencies and can ultimately determine the paths those agencies follow.

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, revealed the plan and made the charges in a meeting seeking lay volunteers to organize the effort.

A year ago Patterson and Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler were key figures in a plan to elect a SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy and to ending an alleged drift toward "liberalism." They organized meetings in most state conventions and supported Adrian P. Rogers for president. The Memphis pastor was elected on the first ballot.

This year, it was revealed at the Apr. 3 meeting in Dallas, Pressler has organizations in all state conventions. He is attempting to enlist laymen in every association.

The object is to enlist laymen from each Southern Baptist church, encouraging them to become more involved in their associations, state conventions and the SBC, especially attending the upcoming meeting of the SBC in St. Louis. The organization is offering assistance in getting rooms at Ramada Inn South or at Concordia Seminary, Patterson said.

Their "preference" is twofold, Patterson said—first to see genuine revival sweep all SBC agencies so the "historical" beliefs that have characterized Southern Baptists could "manifest" themselves and second that those who hold views contrary to those beliefs voluntarily go elsewhere.

For now, he said, the matter is in the hands of the trustees of SBC institutions and agencies.

The effort to determine election of the SBC president is aimed at ensuring future boards of trustees

agree with the Patterson position. The SBC president appoints the committee on committees which names the committee on boards which nominates trustees. The trustees then are elected by the convention.

Patterson told the Apr. 3 meeting they could depend on Adrian Rogers naming a committee on committees sympathetic to their views. Explaining that statement in an Apr. 14 interview he said he was referring to Rogers' reply to a reporter shortly after his election that he would not knowingly appoint anybody to any committee who was not completely solid in his confidence in the scriptures, the infallibility of the Bible.

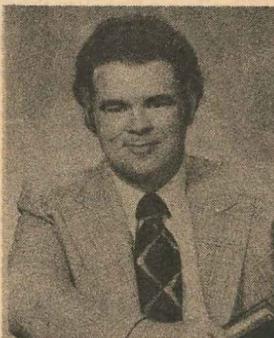
He said he had not seen Rogers' nominations and has tried to avoid discussing convention matters with him because he didn't want to place an "albatross around his neck in me and whatever I was doing."

Rogers, contacted in Memphis, said he knew nothing of the current political moves, disassociated himself with them, and said he was "amazed and mildly disappointed" at the news.

He said he was almost through with his committee nominations and he would always try to name persons to committees who believed in the integrity of the scriptures. "That is where I have been all my life, Paige Patterson notwithstanding. And I don't think anybody would want me to be otherwise," he added.

Patterson also told the Apr. 3 meeting Harold C. Bennett, SBC Executive Committee executive secretary-treasurer, could "be depended on." He explained he had met with Bennett to explain what they were doing, seeking whatever advice or warning Bennett might have.

"By 'he could be depended on,' I mean he could be



Patterson



Dunaway

depended on theologically," Patterson said later. "Dr. Bennett has reaffirmed not only to me personally but also on television and elsewhere his total confidence in the scriptures. He is a man of absolute and undying integrity. I have never seen anything in him that would give any reason to suspect anything other than total integrity."

It would be erroneous to imply Bennett had encouraged him or his efforts, he said. "He was very neutral as a good executive probably should have been."

Bennett confirmed he had met Mar. 6 with Patterson in Bennett's office in Nashville. It was his understanding that Patterson had meant his group intended to elect an SBC president for five consecutive two-year terms, he said, but he said he tried to be neutral in the matter, giving neither encouragement nor warning.

"I have tried to listen to whoever calls and wants to talk to me," he said.

Patterson said his definition of inerrancy would be that there was no mistake in the original autographs of the scriptures. There are grammatical mistakes and "transcribal inadvertencies or whatever you want to call them" in Bibles today, he said, but "we can now arrive at a 98 percent accurate text." The remaining two percent in question are "scribal problems that can be worked out gradually," he said.

Patterson said emphatically he felt what he is doing is not divisive and should not be branded as 'politics.'

"What we are doing is not politics," he said, responding to the mention of the convention action last year decrying overt political activity.

"And I just wonder how some other people feel about it who are on the other side. It is no secret Jimmy Allen publicly politicked for the office of president. He called a meeting in St. Louis (before his election in 1977) and one of our St. Louis brethren was at a microphone in Houston asking for permission to speak to remind the president of that fact and that he was at the meeting. But he was not recognized.

"That is one of the great injustices. We were labeled with politicking and calling meetings. Nobody else calls meetings? It's just not true."

The big difference, Patterson said, was that his group did not have a candidate. "We do not have a candidate; we shall not have candidates. Our whole thing has been issue-oriented, not candidate-oriented."

Dunaway

KBC president expresses himself on Rogers, ultraconservatives, SBC Executive Committee

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A Kentuckian serving in a strategic leadership position in the Southern Baptist Convention has typified Adrian Rogers as "too big a man" to force any particular theological view on Southern Baptist seminaries by loading appointments to the important SBC committee on committees.

John Dunaway, Kentucky Baptist Convention president and a member of the SBC Executive Committee, said in an interview last week he believed Rogers was elected president of the 13.5 million member SBC "on his own popularity." He added there was an attempt by those holding an ultraconservative view to elect

"their people" to the highest offices in denominational life—"to gain control of boards of trustees.

"This idea was prevalent in Rogers' election to some extent," Dunaway surmised.

He further predicted Rogers would be reelected to the traditional second one-year term as convention president "without opposition" when the SBC meets in St. Louis June 10-12.

Rogers has been a "good president," Dunaway averred. "While I've disagreed with him once or twice, he has been forthright, fair, deeply Christian and committed to Bold Mission Thrust."

Dunaway was asked about other issues which might

come to the forefront during the SBC meeting in St. Louis.

Commenting on news reports the Foreign Mission Board is unhappy with its share of the Cooperative Program distribution for 1980-81, Dunaway declared, "The Executive Committee attempted to deal with priorities and that's why an increase is going to the seminaries now. This is in line with the convention's wishes of a few years ago."

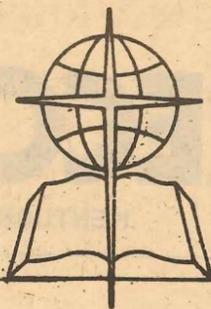
He added he doesn't "doubt the time will come when the pendulum swings back toward an increase for foreign missions."

Questioned about potential controversial topics in

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Daley Observations

Attempted takeover must be thwarted

The spirit of healing which so many have participated in since the stormy convention sessions last June in Houston has been rudely broken. The same two planners for capturing the convention last year are at it again. Not satisfied with a taste of blood, they are now going for the kill. They openly admit plans to control the convention presidency for the next 10 years (see page 1).

These self appointed saviors of Baptist orthodoxy are Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Paul Pressler, an appeals court judge in Houston. They organized and managed the campaign last year which resulted in the election of a convention president committed to the "inerrancy" view of biblical inspiration. Their candidate turned out to be Adrian Rogers, now serving his first term and almost a certainty for reelection as convention president. Rogers was not in on the pre-convention political activity last year but naturally became identified with it because he agreed to be a candidate after refusing to let his name be put into nomination for several years.

The pre-convention efforts of Patterson and Pressler were exposed to the messengers last year and deplored as "overt political activity." This expression by the messengers of displeasure over such tactics seemed not to deter in any way the ongoing plans of Patterson and Pressler. They are having meetings and enlisting messengers from churches to go to St. Louis this year as they did last year to Houston. They plan to control the convention and are even offering assistance in getting rooms in St. Louis for those who will help them in their plans.

Such open and brazen denominational politics have no place nor precedent in Southern Baptist life in spite of the claims of Patterson. Some overly ambitious persons might have "politicked" for convention offices in the past but no one nor any group has ever had such designs nor employed such methods as Patterson and Pressler.

Such an attempt is completely alien to the spirit of Southern Baptists. Part of our genius is diversity and mutual respect: For one group to try to capture control of the convention in order to coerce every Southern Baptist into their particular mold is unthinkable. Such an attitude is worse heresy for Baptists than that which the heresy hunters claim they are after.

Patterson pictures himself in the image of Baptist greats like B. H. Carroll and L. R. Scarborough. This is self-delusion. If Carroll and Scarborough had attitudes like Patterson and used his tactics, the convention would have been torn asunder long ago and there would be no Southern Baptist Convention of today's stature for Patterson and Pressler to attempt to control.

These critics make no specific accusations to substantiate their charges that people in "significant denominational posts" don't believe in the scriptures as did Baptist greats of other eras. They resort to the unfairest of all tactics in trying to undermine the credibility of unnamed leaders.

Southern Baptists won't buy such unfair and false charges. Every Southern Baptist agency head in speaking and writing is exposed to thousands of Baptists in the pews every year. Seminary teachers preach in hundreds of pulpits every week. With rare exceptions they are regarded as faithful and true interpreters of the inspired word of God.

Probably the most reprehensible of all Patterson's charges is that he and Pressler are turning to laymen to accomplish their goal because "many pastors lack the courage to deal with the problem." That's an insult of the rankest sort. Baptist pastors have as much courage as any group in this world. They also have knowledge and think for themselves. More likely the reason for the Patterson strategy is that pastors are better informed on the doctrinal integrity of Southern Baptist leaders and therefore cannot be misled and manipulated as easily as hand picked laymen who have no way of verifying Patterson's charges.

This attempted takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention must be thwarted. It's shameful that it comes at the same time all our attention and energies need to be devoted to world evangelization but the gauntlet has been flung down and it must be taken up.

Two new regular features

In this issue of Western Recorder we are beginning two new features which will appear on a regular basis. One is a column by Bill Amos, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care. The other is a calendar of events for Kentucky Baptists (see page 11).

The Kentucky Baptist Child Care ministry probably has enjoyed more statewide support than any other ministry in which Kentucky Baptists are involved. Amos, his staff and the Child Care directors value this support highly and want to cultivate and encourage it. They have a story to tell and the more Baptists hear it, the more support can be expected. We are happy to help share their message with almost 60,000 Baptist families each week.

The regular column on what's happening among Kentucky Baptists won't appear so impressive at first glance but it could become one of the most needed and most depended upon parts of the paper. It's impossible to keep up with all these activities unless they are listed somewhere. These activities are announced and promoted separately with direct mail by the various departments of work in the Baptist Building. This is fine but mail like this often gets misplaced or ignored. We envision Western Recorder as the one place interested Baptists can always turn to for this information.

We appreciate the help of James Whaley, coordinator for the Church Services departments in the Baptist Building, who will work with other division coordinators and department directors to make this a valuable feature of Western Recorder.

We also will devote more space in coming issues to depth presentations and interpretations of some of these denominational activities. This may sound quite routine and uninspiring but not so. It is these day to day, week to week and year to year efforts which have brought Baptists to the place they now occupy. For every inspirational moment Baptists enjoy there are many moments, miles and meetings of preparation and planning in the background.

Like everything else Baptists do on a denominational level, Western Recorder exists in order to help local churches do the task they have been assigned by the Lord. We believe these two new features will contribute to that goal.

Healing in Jesus' name

Jesus established the church and left it in the world to continue the ministry he began. Sometimes our view of the assignment of Jesus to the church is too narrow. "Making disciples" is certainly our chief mission but there are several important contributing activities to this mission.

One of these is healing. It is amazing how many of the miracles of Jesus were miracles of healing. And these were not merely to impress people or to prove he was God's son. He really cared about people, so whatever hurt people he set out to remove.

Jesus never separated physical and spiritual illnesses. He viewed humans as whole persons and he healed the whole person including soul and body.

The emphasis upon healing in the ministry of Jesus was picked up long ago by Baptists. It led them to establish hospitals where healing in Jesus' name was offered to those who could not afford it as well as to those who could pay their way.

Health insurance, numerous governmental plans for aid and other available resources to the needy have helped lift the load of medical care from churches and other benevolent organizations but there remains many sick people who desperately need financial help.

This is why Kentucky Baptists for many years have chosen Mother's Day each year as a special occasion to express compassion for the sick who cannot afford the costs of hospitalization. This offering is generally taken up in Sunday schools and is used exclusively for patients who have no other source of help.

Look carefully at the message from our hospitals in this issue of Western Recorder and give generously in order that more unfortunate, needy persons can be healed in the name of Jesus and see "paid by the Baptist Sunday schools in Kentucky" on their bill. Surely Jesus would be pleased with this.

Dunaway: Executive Committee solves problem without adding to it

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St. Louis, Dunaway observed he did not know of any, but "that doesn't mean there won't be some." He cited hunger, abortion and the draft as subjects which might spark some resolutions and debates.

Dunaway spent the major portion of last week's interview answering questions about the SBC Executive Committee. Having served two years of an unexpired term from 1973-75 and now in his second (and final) consecutive four-year term, Dunaway probably knows as much about SBC life from the 'inside' as any other Kentuckian currently on the scene.

The Executive Committee, now numbering 66 persons, meets three times annually—in February and September in Nashville, and in June just prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the host city. In addition, members are required to attend Nashville meetings at other times of the year for various subcommittee sessions of the Executive Committee.

While there are no honorariums paid members, their expenses are borne out of the Executive Committee's operating budget. Dunaway estimated his service is required 10 or 15 days per year on SBC business.

Two other Kentuckians also presently serve on the Executive Committee—Louisville attorney John McCall and Paducah 12th Street Church pastor Sid Maddox.

Dunaway was asked how his Executive Committee service has affected him and his church (First Baptist, Corbin).

"The church has had a sense of pride that I have been able to serve in these circles," he disclosed.

"My vision has been enlarged, and my commitment to missions with it. This has also been the response of the people of First Church, Corbin."

What has impressed him about the Executive Committee in these seven years of service? He suggested three things:

1. The quality of professional leadership and its sense of commitment. "These are men who are exceptionally able but who do not attempt to dominate the committee," he implored. "In a sense, they are the undergirders of it."

2. The proportionate inexpensiveness of the Executive Committee. Dunaway explained, "Any administrative office in any business would have high overhead, but not so here. These people are exceptionally

good stewards of convention money."

3. The warm fellowship of Executive Committee members. "This is one of the few places where theological and philosophical differences do not override the basic decisions of the body. Men and women search for solutions to issues and seek not to be a part of the problem," assured Dunaway.

The 1980-81 Cooperative Program budget which will be proposed to messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis by the Executive Committee includes a \$78 million operating budget and \$12 million more in challenge funds specifically for Bold Mission Thrust.

Do you ever consider just how much all this is when you deal with such high figures? Dunaway was asked.

"You really don't realize it, except as you begin to comprehend the needs as shared by the agency leaders. Then you realize it's but a drop in the bucket in relation to needs," he replied.

He elaborated on the Executive Committee's budgeting process, saying it's the "fairest I have encountered in denominational life.

"The needs of each agency are presented by the agency executives for two days each January to the program and budgeting subcommittee of the Executive Committee. After hearing them all, the panel attempts to set a budget based on priorities."

Dunaway observed he had never heard criticism of the professional leadership of the Executive Committee because "this is not the administration's budget. It's the committee's, and it is arrived at through a democratic process."

As a result of it all "my vision of missions and the needs of the world can never be the same as it was before I served on the Executive Committee. Now I see the world through the eyes of Baker James Cauthen, Arthur B. Rutledge, Bill Tanner and Keith Parks."

Does the Executive Committee give attention to financial matters only?

"No," said Dunaway. "While the committee members study audits of each of the SBC agencies annually, making recommendations to the agencies, there's much more than finances."

He cited selection and recommendation of meeting places for the annual SBC meetings, as well as arrangements for them; operating Baptist Press, a daily news service to the religious and secular press; publishing the monthly Baptist Program magazine to

professional church and denominational leaders; and dealing with conflicts between the agencies.

"The Executive Committee doesn't dictate to any agency," Dunaway declared, "but it offers suggestions to agencies for better performance of the tasks God has given them."

He also cited the committee's unique role in giving leadership and influence to Southern Baptists' current Bold Mission Thrust emphasis, a program to share the gospel with every human being on earth by the year 2000.

How are we doing on that?

"I believe bold missions is beginning to get off the ground now," Dunaway acknowledged. "Earlier, it had been more of a slogan than a reality. After two-and-a-half years, things have begun to jell. People are catching a vision and throughout the denomination it's coming of age.

"God has given a vision to Southern Baptists," Dunaway contended, "and the Executive Committee's role is to increase it."

Dunaway commented on the committee's recent inquiry into alleged voting irregularities during the Houston meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last year. He predicted messengers will give "greater caution to proper credential processes" as a result of what happened.

"There's no way to get away from trusting messengers to do what is right," he observed. "You cannot legislate morality." But he was optimistic about the response of messengers in the future to registration and voting procedures.

Finally, he was asked about the change in command at the 'home office' in Nashville, from the low key Porter W. Routh, who retired last July after 28 years as executive secretary-treasurer, to Harold C. Bennett.

"There doesn't seem to be a philosophical change," Dunaway declared. "Harold will be more visible for he is a preacher." (Routh is a layman.)

Bennett is seen as an "efficient planner" who will "likely continue the same type of leadership" experienced under Routh. Dunaway said he did not expect to see a tremendous increase in staff size under Bennett.

The Executive Committee presently includes nine professional employees and several supporting clerical and manual staffers.

Baptist News in Brief

Student work names two

Ralph Hopkins, 30, has been elected associate, Student Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, effective May 15, 1980. John Rick Trexler, 26, has been elected campus minister at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. He will assume this position effective June 1, 1980.

Hopkins is now working as campus minister at Northern Kentucky State University, Highland Heights.

He holds a BA from Cumberland College and is a PhD candidate at Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Hopkins' past experience includes pastor, teacher, sales representative and director of admissions at Cumberland College.

He and his wife, Patricia, have one daughter, Lisa.

Trexler is currently minister to youth and college students at Memorial Baptist Church, Buies Creek, N. C.

He holds degrees from Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Trexler was Baptist student union director and assistant campus minister at Gardner-Webb from 1976-77.

He and his wife, Melanie, are natives of Salisbury, N. C.

Brotherhood promotes 5

Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission adopted a succinct statement of objectives for the agency and adjusted its staff to support that purpose.

In the new staff alignment the trus-

tees created a Baptist Men's and Royal Ambassador divisions out of the old program and ministries sections.

In another major change the trustees created the position of associate executive secretary and named G. Norman Godfrey, director of the former ministries section, to fill it.

The staff adjustments leave the commission with four divisions—Baptist Men, with David Haney, formerly director of the commission's lay renewal department, as director; the Royal Ambassador division, with Bob Banks, director of the former program section, as director; communications division, with Roy Jennings, director of the former communications section, as director; and the business division, with Lynette Oliver, director of the former business section, as director.

Pastor's murderer to die

One of two men charged with the murders of a Southern Baptist pastor and his wife has been found guilty and sentenced to die.

Steven Keith Hatch, an itinerant oil field worker, was found guilty of murder in the deaths of Richard and Marilyn Douglass in their rural home Oct. 15, 1979. He was given the death sentence for each murder and was sentenced to 90 years in prison for aggravated assaults on the Douglass children who were wounded.

Codefendant Glen Burton Ake, 24, was ruled insane and unfit to stand trial. He is undergoing treatment in a mental hospital in northeast Oklahoma. Ake will stand trial if he is ever ruled

competent to do so.

Douglass was pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church. He and his wife had been foreign missionaries to Brazil.

Leslie Douglass, 13, is living with relatives and attending school out of town. Brooks, 16, will graduate from Putnam City High School in the spring.

Farmer resigns

Illinois post

Arthur E. Farmer has resigned as interim executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association after holding the position for 6½ months.

Farmer, who was named interim when James H. Smith resigned to become executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, said increasing demands on his church field and personal reasons make the resignation necessary. Farmer is pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Carbondale.

Tim Fields joins CLC

Timothy J. Fields will become director of communications for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission June 1 according to Foy D. Valentine, executive director.

Fields, 34, is now assistant to the program section director at the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., a position encompassing editorial, public relations and administrative responsibilities. He joined the Brotherhood Commission staff in 1971 as an associate editor of Royal Ambassador boys materials.

10 Commandments law ok

The Kentucky supreme court has upheld the state law requiring the posting of a copy of the 10 Commandments in every public elementary and secondary school classroom in Kentucky. The ruling, handed down Apr. 22, came about because of an unusual tie vote by the justices, three holding the law was unconstitutional and three affirming the constitutionality of the law which was passed by the General Assembly in 1978.

One justice, Robert Stephens, disqualified himself because he had been involved earlier in the dispute when he was Kentucky attorney general. The tie vote left standing the earlier decision by circuit court judge Squire Williams that the law is constitutional.

According to leaders of the effort, copies of the 10 Commandments have already been posted in about 20,000 of the 30,000 public school classrooms in Kentucky. The chief sponsor of the effort is the Kentucky Heritage Foundation which reports \$240,000 has already been raised with about \$100,000 more needed to complete the project. The law specified no state funds but only voluntary contributions could be used for the project.

The suit contesting the constitutionality of the measure was brought by the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union and for citizens in Louisville. William C. Stone, attorney for the KCLU said it is almost 100% certain the case will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

What is evangelism?

by Jerry B. Hopkins

In current church life there are a great many views on evangelism. Some adjectives attached to evangelism are visitation, mass, personal, group, simultaneous, church and revival. Do these terms actually explain evangelism? Are they even descriptive terms? These adjectives represent different settings in which evangelism actually takes place.

Actually evangelism is sharing the good news with people as the apostles did in Jerusalem or as Paul did at Ephesus, Philippi and other places where Christ was unknown. This work of evangelism has in it a hereditary genius. We inherit the gospel, we do not create it. No matter how you do evangelism, there can be no evangelism without the good news. This levels a death blow to social work alone in the church. The social gospel of the past was no gospel because it left the good news out.

Evangelism is telling the world and individuals of redemption through Jesus Christ. It is a divine message. It is a supernatural message. It is a Christ-centered message. It is the hope of our survival here and hereafter.

Evangelism is not just telling. Evangelism is beseeching people (2 Cor. 5:20) to turn their lives over to Christ. It is extending individually and in masses the invitation to a new life. We must urge people to give their lives to Jesus. We must be careful. There is a danger that people will be hypnotized to follow us and not really be converted to Christ. They will become people of Christian suggestion and not people who are genuinely converted. They will be people moved by man's will and not God's will. This means there will be no changed lives and no lasting results.

Evangelism is urgently living the truth. People will be captured for Christ only when they see in our lives his life. As Nietzsche said, "If I am to believe in your Redeemer, you will have to look more redeemed." He was turned off by Christians whose life style was "Don't do as I do, but do as I say." No person is going to buy a product which doesn't demonstrate its sufficiency and effectiveness.

The church is vital to evangelism. When the church exalts Christ by wholesome worship, unreserved dedication to truth, fearless proclamation of the facts and unselfish love for each person the world cannot fail to note the challenge. Evangelism is telling, inviting acceptance of and urgently living the good news. By every possible method we are to tell, beseech and live our message. The church must be the living example of what God can do. Without the fact of changed living the people we confront will never buy the gospel. They have a right to ask, "Where is the change? Does the product work?"

Jerry Hopkins is pastor of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore, Ky.

Leo White

has an Attitude of Gratitude

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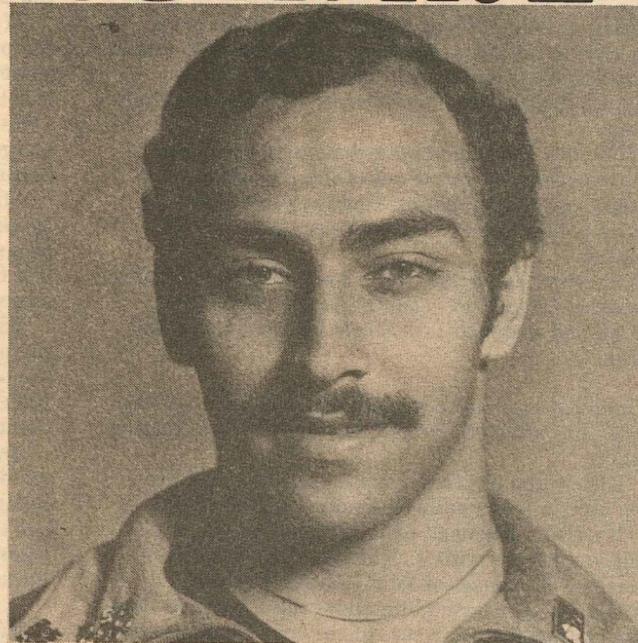
Leo is not a typical college student, but he feels right at home at Cumberland College.

Why?

Because he is a champion.

Leo is one of the United State's brightest hopes for an Olympic medal this summer, and has brought home the gold in almost every major world competition he has entered. "Winning is something I suppose I've grown accustomed to. But there are still many setbacks and disappointments to keep the taste of victory very sweet indeed," said Leo.

As an athlete I would like more than anything else to compete in the Olympics Games. However, as an American, and as an officer in the United States Army, my duty to my country is clear. I must do as my President orders, and act for the long-range good of the land that I love.



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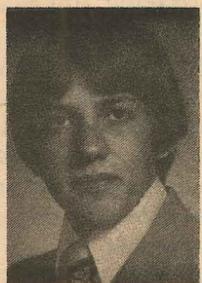
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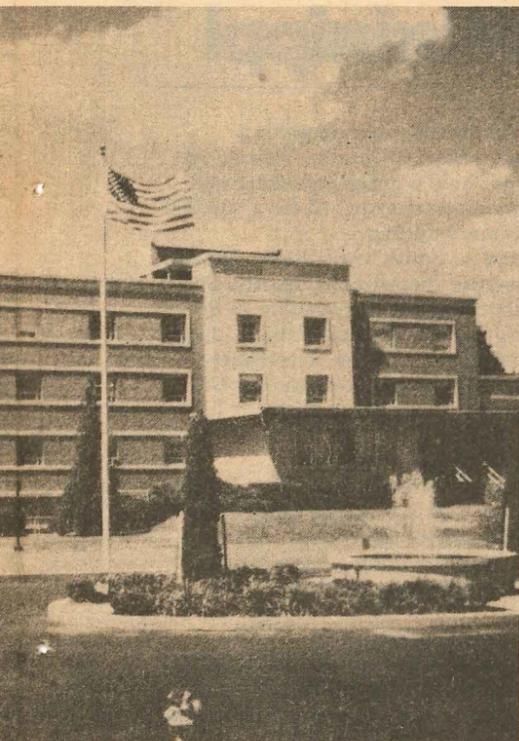


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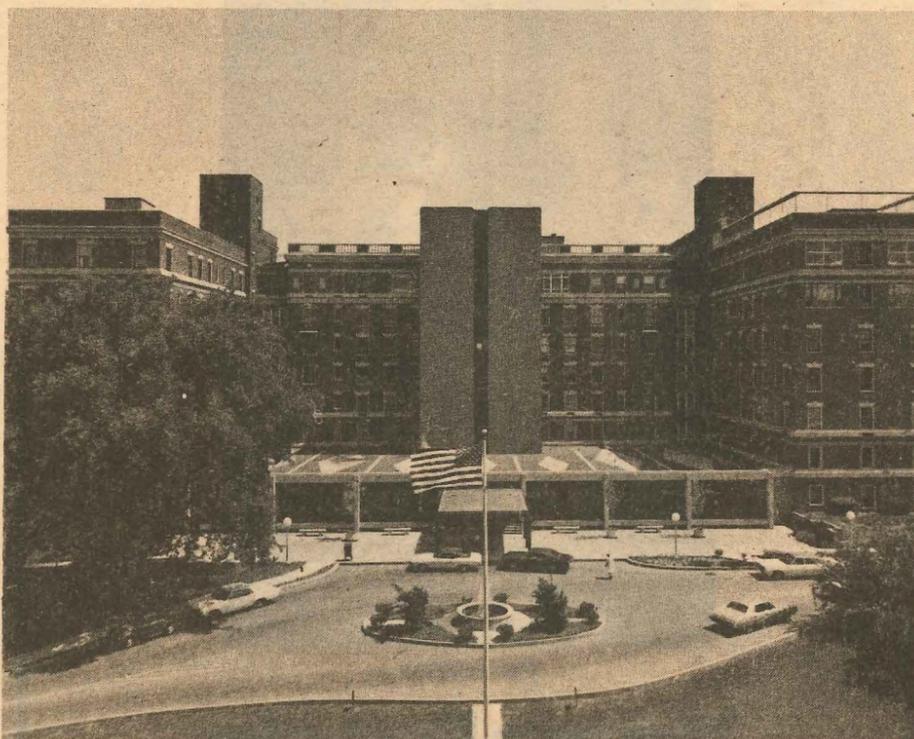
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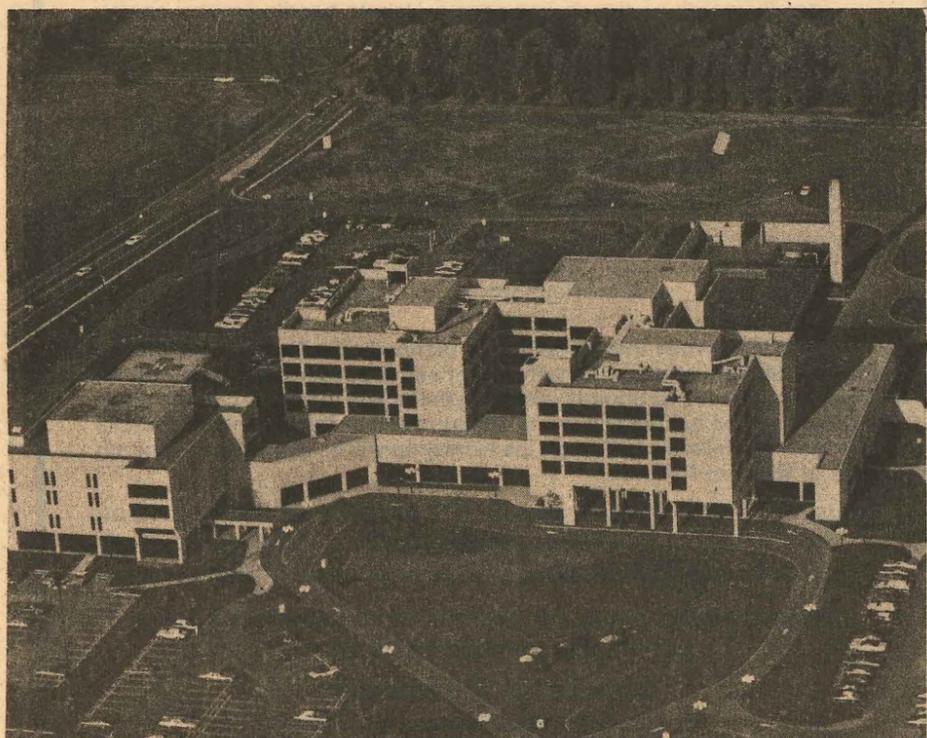
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Mountains to the Mississippi

Revivals

Salem holds lay-led revival
Salem Baptist Church, Christian County Association, had a three day lay-led revival Mar. 28-30.

Waldo and Bonney Wolfe, David and Beryle Key and Bobby Watson from Guthrie Baptist Church helped lead in the revival.

Four professions of faith were made during the revival.

David Elliott is pastor at Salem. Jerry Gray is pastor at Guthrie.

Southern Avenue registers 47
Don Flannery, pastor, Southern Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, reports 47 decisions in a revival which ended Mar. 28. There were 23 rededications, 23 professions of faith and one addition by letter.

Joe Mobley was the evangelist. Marle Daugherty, minister of music at Southern Avenue, directed the singing.

Central revival nets 23 decisions
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, was in revival Mar. 30-Apr. 4. David Walker, Knoxville, Tenn., was evangelist. Bob Kimball, Central minister of music, directed the singing.

Don Mathis, pastor at Central, reports 11 professions of faith, 12 other additions and many rededications.

One of the highlights of the week was a record high Sunday school attendance of 770.

Brown Bellfield evangelist
Bellfield Baptist Church, Henderson, held revival services Apr. 7-12.

Joe B. Brown, pastor, Cumberland Baptist Church, was evangelist. Paul Adams, minister of music at Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, directed the music.

David Overman, pastor at Bellfield, reports 24 professions of faith, 13 rededications and one addition by letter.

Gray leads Tompkinsville revival
Tompkinsville First Baptist Church was in revival Mar. 27-Apr. 6.

Danny Gray from South Carolina was the evangelist.

Jack Rinks, pastor at Tompkinsville, reports 12 professions of faith and 10 additions by baptism.

Ordinations

Centers ordained Mar. 31
At the request of Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Knox County, Ronald W. Centers was ordained to the gospel ministry Mar. 31 by Greenland Baptist Church.

Centers has been called as pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Church. He is a former member of Greenland.

He and his wife, Susan, are students at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Congregations

Munro celebrates 25th anniversary
Ft. Thomas First Baptist Church held services Apr. 27 honoring George Munro who has pastored the church for 25 years.

Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention was featured in the afternoon ceremony.

Dan Arterburn presented a concert during the evening service.

Dedicated holds groundbreaking
Dedicated Baptist Church, Warren Association, held a groundbreaking and dedication service Apr. 13 for a \$50,000 educational building.

Roland A. Smith, consultant, Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, was speaker in the morning service. Francis Tallant, director of missions, Warren Association, was featured in the afternoon service.

Wayman W. Hayes is pastor.

Immanuel builds ramp
Immanuel Baptist Church, Pike Association, has built a concrete ramp at the front entrance of the church. The church built the ramp for the convenience of handicapped persons.

Feds Creek youth on tract
Feds Creek Baptist Church youth have started a tract ministry. The youth intend to place tracts in every business in Feds Creek and Mouthcard.

FBC Franklin cleans up
Franklin First Baptist Church designated Apr. 28 as spring cleaning day.

Sunday school classes were asked to clean windows, baseboards, organize materials, clean cabinets, scrub floors, etc. The choir cleaned the choir loft and the baptistry.

Groups volunteered to polish pews, clean doors and woodwork in the auditorium.

Russell Cave honors Kuhnle
Russell Cave Baptist Church honored Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Kuhnle with a reception Apr. 27.

Kuhnle has been interim pastor at Russell Cave for the past eight months.

Russell Cave has called George W. Cummins Jr. as its pastor.

Cummins honored at luncheon
Feb. 17 Sulphur Springs Baptist Church surprised their pastor, Ken Cummins, with a luncheon in honor of his 21st birthday.

In lieu of gifts a money tree was made with love offerings given by members of the church.

State churches help neighbor
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Steubenville, Oh., held groundbreaking services in March 1979 for a \$125,000 building.

Pleasant Hill was able to secure funds for the building through the generous support of Baptist churches in Kentucky. Nearly \$7000 was donated to increase their building fund, giving them enough cash on hand to obtain a loan.

Kentucky Baptist churches contributing to the Pleasant Hill building fund were: Clear Fork, Rockfield; Penrod Baptist Church; Patesville; Hawesville; Beechmont, Louisville; Sunnyside, Somerset; Wayside, Ashland; Walnut Grove, Russellville; Mortons Gap First; Marvin Hill, Somerset; Ridgewood, Greensboro; and Poole Missionary.

Pleasant Hill will need \$95,000 in volunteer labor to complete the project. The members of Pleasant Hill took one week vacation time to erect the frame of the building and to roof it.

Warren Baker is the pastor.

Miss Logsdon to do mission work
Angela Logsdon, a senior at Bowling Green High School, has been selected by the Home Mission Board as a So-

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V. Kruschwitz

journer missionary to New England this summer.

Miss Logsdon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Logsdon of Bowling Green. She is also a member of Bowling Green First Baptist Church.

She will be working with Gallup Hill Baptist Church, Ledyard, Conn. Miss Logsdon will help with vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs, music and recreation. Richard Cox, pastor at Gallup Hill, will be her supervisor.

The Sojourner mission program gives outstanding high school students an opportunity to experience meaningful mission service. The program is limited to young people who have successfully completed the 11th or 12th grades and have shown outstanding Christian aptitude. The applicant must also be able to arrange financial assistance from family or church.

Shepards home on furlough

Samuel and Charlotte Shepard, Southern Baptist missionaries to Portugal, will be on furlough beginning in June. The Shepards will spend the month of July at Southern Seminary, Louisville. The Shepards will be available for speaking engagements in Kentucky during July and can be reached by mail or telephone at the seminary.

In August the Shepards will be resident missionaries at Stetson University. Their address will be 212 E. May St., Deland, FL 32720.

Beechwood sponsors vacation weekend
Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, is sponsoring a weekend of vacation fun for friends and family of Beechwood.

The weekend of vacation will be May 23-25 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad.

The program will include messages on Ephesians by David Garland, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Seminary.

Additional activities include games, movies, worship and devotional time, swimming, boating, fishing, softball and more.

Joy Bolton selected author

Joy Luebbert Bolton, Louisville, has been selected as one of 14 authors for a new mission guide.

The guide will aid in the planning and promotion of missions centered activities for groups.

The booklet, *Missions Night Out Ideas*, contains 15 activity outlines which will increase missions awareness among people who are not enrolled in missions organizations.

The suggested activities include the use of prayer, missions tours, music and games as means of teaching missions.

Greenland grows for the Lord

Greenland Baptist Church, Corbin, reports a remarkable record for the past year. Since Apr. 29, 1979 the church has been blessed with 127 additions by baptism, 87 by letter and three by statement. In the same time the Sunday school has doubled as has offering and Cooperative Program gifts. The sanctuary and educational space were renovated, parking area tripled and other improvements made. Four young men have been licensed to the gospel ministry during the year and two others have surrendered for full time music ministry.

Greenland pastor John W. Wade Sr. says all this has happened because the congregation had a mind to work and because the Lord has given the increase.

Singles subject of Louisville seminar

Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, is offering anyone interested the opportunity of participating in a day-long single's awareness conference May 10. Sessions will deal with loneliness, intimacy and parenting for the single parent. Three seminars and lunch will cost participants \$10. Nursery will be provided without cost. A brochure is available from the church at 9705 Westport Rd., 40222, or call (502) 425-2350.

Family week emphasis at Central

Central Baptist Church, Lexington, sponsored a family life week Apr. 25-27.

Andrew Lester, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Wallace Denten, Purdue University, led the sessions.

Leepers coming to Kentucky

Jim and Jean Leeper, foreign missionaries now serving in Augsburg, Germany, will arrive in Kentucky in mid-June for a seven-and-a-half month furlough in the states. Their summer

address will be 618 Fifth, Dayton, KY 41074, telephone (606) 581-1365. After the summer months in Dayton the Leepers will live in the mission house of Maywood Baptist Church, 1720 Willow, Independence, MO 64052. The Leepers served 12½ years in Turkey before being expelled from Turkey Sept. 29, 1978.

Providence establishes church library

Providence Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has established a library with more than 150 books. The church has also elected a building committee to plan for expansion of its present facilities.

Elkhorn camps at Georgetown

The G. A. Day Camp for Elkhorn Baptist Association will be May 17 at Georgetown College. Girls in Action, their leaders and those desiring to attend should write immediately to Lorena Johnson, 233 Mt. Airy Drive, Paris, KY 40361.

Deaths

Miss Cogar, Midway, dead at 103

Miss Mayme Cogar, a long time member of Midway Baptist Church, died Feb. 3 at the age of 103. Miss Cogar served 50 years as church organist and was also a Sunday school teacher, church clerk and secretary and treasurer of the missionary society. Miss Cogar was a graduate of Georgetown College in the class of 1896 and the college honored her with its alumni achievement award in 1976.

Graveside services were held at Midway Feb. 6.

Personnel

Sears retires from pastorate

Carl Sears, pastor of Falmouth Baptist Church for 32 years, has announced his retirement.

Sears has spent 43 years in the pastoral ministry with 40 years in Pendleton County. The 32-year span of ministry is the longest in the history of the Falmouth church which was organized in 1792.

Sears is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has been active in associational work and also served on the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board.

Sears, along with his wife, was honored by the congregation with a plaque, crystal ware and a generous cash gift. The Sears have built a new home outside Falmouth where they will spend their retirement years. He will be available for supply work, revivals and other ministries.

Fory accepts Fairlane call

Fairlane Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Rick Fory as associate pastor/minister of music.

Fory is a student at Southern Seminary and a northern Kentucky native. He is married to the former Kathy Seevers, also a native of Kentucky.

Robinson accepts call of Faith

Faith Baptist Mission, Pike Association, called Dean Robinson as pastor. Robinson had been interim pastor of the mission.

The Robinsons will continue to live in Prestonsburg until arrangements can be made for them to move on the field.

Kruschwitz announces retirement

Verlin C. Kruschwitz has announced his retirement Aug. 31, 1980 after serving as pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, 28 years. He and Mrs. Kruschwitz will make their home in Louisville where he will teach part time at Boyce Bible School and be available for interim pastorates.

Kruschwitz is a graduate of Taylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, before going to Elizabethtown. At Elizabethtown he led the congregation to move from downtown to a suburban site where an entirely new plant was constructed. These facilities are among the most commodious and beautiful in the state and have become a favorite site for state conventions and other large gatherings.

The Severns Valley congregation has excelled in every respect under the leadership of Kruschwitz. The church has been the largest contributor in the state through the Cooperative Program for 12 years.

Kruschwitz has served as convention president, Georgetown College trustee, executive board member and held many other offices in Kentucky and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Finley called to New Salem

Roy D. Finley is the new pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Nortonville. He assumed pastoral duties Apr. 13.

Finley came to New Salem from East Hartford Baptist Church.

He holds a diploma of Christian ministry from Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

He and his wife, the former Connie Whistle of Whitesville, have two children Roy Jr., 8, and John, 4.

Fields to Slaty Point

Slaty Point Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has called Emery Fields as its new pastor.

Badgett announces retirement

J. Chester Badgett, pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church for over 30 years, has announced his retirement effective June 1980. The church accepted his resignation and showed their appreciation for his long tenure by naming him pastor emeritus.

Badgett and his wife, Ruth, have been appointed as volunteer missionaries to Hong Kong for a year. He will begin his duties as pastor of Kowloon Baptist Church, Hong Kong, Aug. 1, 1980.

He holds the AB degree from Georgetown College and ThM and ThD degrees from Southern Seminary.

Badgett was ordained in 1935 by Georgetown Baptist Church, Stanford.

His pastorates in Kentucky include: Clear Creek Baptist Church, Versailles; Little Mount Baptist Church, Taylorsville; Utica Baptist Church and Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

In addition to the pastorate Badgett has been active in denominational life. He has been moderator of Ohio County, Russell Creek and Taylor County Associations; member of executive board of Kentucky Baptists, administrative committee of Kentucky Baptist Convention, board of trustees, Campbellsville College; and board of trustees, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was president of Kentucky Baptist Convention 1963-64.



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In the midst of the many pieces of paper that cross my desk—each screaming for immediate attention, it seems—there often come unexpected surprises. Such happened the other day. Unfortunately, my schedule was such that I was out in the state and not here to receive it personally. However, the warmth that came at finding the message gave a much needed pause for the day. It was like stopping for a brief drink of cool water in the midst of a heated day.

The very nature of my work does not often put me in touch with the young people who live with us throughout our program. I always enjoy visits to our homes and other facilities to take advantage of being reminded of what we are all about. Frequently, young people from Spring Meadows will be around our building due to our location on the campus grounds. Such was the case last summer with one young man who did some part time work around our offices. In the midst of meetings, phone calls, mail and other administrative demands, it often was refreshing to sit for a few minutes with him and share thoughts and ideas over a Coke. As time passed, this young man turned 18 years old and left our care to find his place as one of God's children in his world.

This brings me full circle to the unexpected surprise of last week. This young man had taken time to telephone to bring me up-to-date on his whereabouts. He let me know that he was entering the service and wanted me to know this good news from him at this point in his life.

A welcome pause it was for me to return and find this message—which reinforces what we are all about: finding any and every way possible to share God's love and acceptance with youth who are struggling so hard to find their place in this crazy world. I returned to my papers and meetings with a smile deep inside, having been reminded in such a special way that what we are about as Kentucky Baptists really matters in a unique way to those to whom we minister.

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Here and now

- May 4—Senior Adult Day — to honor senior adult members. Can be observed any time. Suggestions for observing in April issue of *Mature Living*
- May 9-10—WMU Associational Officers' Clinic — Training for all associational WMU officers for coming year. Begins evening meal, 6 p.m.; ends noon meal Saturday. For reservations call 502/747-8911

Looking ahead

- May 4-11—Christian Home Week
- May 4—Senior Adult Day
- May 5-6—Executive Board Meeting — Cedarmore
- May 9-10—WMU Associational Officers' Clinic — Cedarmore
- May 11—Mother's Day Hospital Charity Offering in Sunday School
- May 15-16—Associational Directors of Missions Workshop — Cedarmore
- May 15-16—"The Evangelistic Church" Seminar — Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington. Sessions 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- May 15-17—Ministers of Youth Retreat — Cedarmore
- May 16-18—Campus Ministers and Presidents Conference — Cedarmore
- May 16-17—Baptist Young Women Spring Retreat — Jonathan Creek Assembly
- May 18—Baptist Radio and Television Sunday
- May 19-21—Senior Adult Retreat — Cedarmore. See announcement in *Western Recorder*, Apr. 16 issue.
- May 29-30—"The Evangelistic Church" Seminar — First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

Planning ahead

- June 1—Religious Liberty Sunday
- June 2-4—WMU Executive Board Meeting — Cedarmore
- June 5-6—Summer Missionaries Orientation — Baptist Building, Middletown
- June 8-12—Southern Baptist Convention with auxiliary meetings — St. Louis, Mo.
- June 23-27 and July 21-25—Interfaith Witness Conferences in each area of the state — Meeting places in Baptist Diary
- July 8-13—Baptist World Alliance — Toronto, Canada
- Aug. 6—World Hunger Day
- Aug. 7-9—Conference for those who work in Church Week Day Education, babies in bed through kindergarten — Cedarmore
- Aug. 15-16—Conference for all age groups Sunday school leaders and general officers — Cedarmore
- Aug. 18-20—Pastors' Retreat. Conference on "Growing Pastors and Growing Churches" — Cedarmore
- Aug. 21-26—WMU Leadership Conferences — Cedarmore
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Revelation 1:4-6 In referring to the son John mentioned the Lord Jesus as "him which is, and which was, and which was to come," implying that he is both unchangeable and eternal. These verses make it clear that Christ loved us, and continually loves us. The title of "priest" is conferred upon every person who becomes a true believer in Christ. It is the privilege of every Christian to approach God the Father through the mediation of Christ without the permission or assistance of any man. It is also the responsibility of each one to do so for the purpose of adoration, worship and praise. Because Christ loved us, liberated us from the penalty, the power and eventually will loose us from the presence of sin, and has lifted us as priests into the position where we enjoy salvation, satisfaction and service, let us glorify him to the fullest extent possible.

Revelation 3:14-22 Christ possesses the two characteristics of a perfect witness, namely, faithfulness and trustworthiness, and is the finality of divine authority and eternal certainty sent this message to the church in Laodicea. In as much as it was a rich and self-satisfied church, Christ noticed various things which merited rebuke. The members of that church were not devoid of works, but they were lacking in faith, sacrificial love and fervent zeal. Their self-satisfied lukewarmness was exceptionally obnoxious to Christ. The Laodiceans tried to make themselves believe that they were happy because of their great possessions.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

The place of faith

Psalm 78:4-8 God called upon the parents in Israel to each his word to their children in their homes. In the event that they failed to instruct them in the ways of godly living, no one else could fully compensate for their tragic neglect. God wanted each generation to have a noble heritage, to be encouraged by remembrance to hope in God for the future, and to discharge faithfully their duties on the basis of both memory and hope.

Acts 16:1-3 From his early childhood Timothy received excellent religious instruction from his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, both of whom were devoted followers of Christ. Impressed with his fine qualities and reputation Paul selected Timothy to be his companion on his second missionary tour.

Philippians 2:19-22 Paul was very appreciative of Timothy's rare sweet disposition, genuine faith in Christ, true dedication to the Lord and personal assistance in the Lord's service in various places. When he heard about the problems in the church at Philippi, he sent Timothy to them, to assist them in the solution of their problems.

Romans 16:3-5 Paul counted it a joyous privilege to commend and to pay tribute to those who had fellowship with him in disseminating the gospel of Christ. Among those to whom Paul sent special greetings were Priscilla and Aquila, and the members of the church whose services were held in the house of his former coworkers.

Frank Owen



Endow Christian education

Oh, that Baptists would see the tremendous importance of endowing our educational institutions. It is a paradox that we are among the weakest of all religious people when it comes to endowment giving. This despite our outstanding giving record in other respects.

Scarcely anyone has started and tried to support more schools and hardly anyone has endowed them less. Baptist schools must live insecurely on our too limited regular current expense support, plus sporadic extras.

Endowment is the one great hope to stabilize institutions and guarantee their ongoing. Endowment money cannot be spent, only the income from it. Such dependable base certifies perpetual income.

It is commonly agreed among fund raisers that endowment money is the most difficult to raise. People will more readily give to building programs and student support programs, even when the institution, itself, is not certain of survival.

Baptist educational institutions are far less endowed than those of most any other major denomination. The one great additional thing Baptists could do to make certain the ongoing of strong Christian Education institutions would be to give to their endowment funds.

Kentucky Baptists have given a green light to our educational institutions for fund raising efforts. Accordingly, our three colleges; Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown are especially interested and active.

Georgetown, already, is in the midst of a tremendous opportunity to enlarge a very limited endowment fund. Her Sesquicentennial Campaign has an offer from the James Graham Brown Foundation of a matching one million dollar gift for her endowment fund, provided Georgetown will raise \$2,000,000 by December 1981 and put \$1,000,000 of it into endowment with the James Graham Brown's proffered million.

Oh, that there were some way to lead Kentucky Baptists in this yet prosperous era to see how tremendously important endowment is to her Christian Education Institutions and their future. To what better cause could one give money—or leave money?

Pickin' and grinnin' for Jesus

by Renee Wash

Whether it's bringing country music into areas where it's not played or introducing Christ to people who haven't heard the gospel, entertainer George Hamilton IV is a "hopeless pioneer at heart."

Hamilton is currently appearing as guest host on "Country Crossroads," the country music interview radio program produced by the Radio and Television Commission. He joins regular host Jerry Clower, country comedian, and Bill Mack of Ft. Worth, country music disc jockey.

During an interview while in Ft. Worth to tape "Country Crossroads," Hamilton said he likes the subtle approach the program takes to tell people about Christ. He called it a "gentle way to get the word across."

Hamilton talked about the many places his concerts have taken him and said he witnesses to people wherever he is. "I just pack up my guitar and my Christian beliefs and I'm ready to go."

"I'm not a preacher or an evangelist," Hamilton confessed. "I'm just pickin' and grinnin' and singin' the truth."

Hamilton, who has recorded such hits as "Truck Driving Man," "Abilene," "Break My Mind," "Early Morning Rain" and "She's a Little Bit Country," developed his love for country music, like his strong religious beliefs, as a child growing up in North Carolina.

"We were typical mountain folk," Hamilton recalled. "We listened to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights and went to church on Sundays."

But unlike his straightforward way of witnessing for Christ, Hamilton "snuck into country music through the back door."

His first hit, "A Rose and a Baby Ruth," was classified as a rock and roll song, so he was stereotyped as a rock and roll singer.

"Country music people are some of the friendliest people in the world but they were suspicious of a so-called rock singer trying to break into country music and I don't blame them. I was considered a Johnny-come-lately by them because I hadn't started out in country music," Hamilton said.

It took some time but he was finally accepted by the country music world and became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1960.

"At some point it becomes clear you have a commitment. I love country music and I wouldn't quit trying until I was accepted as a country music singer," he said.

Hamilton's commitment to Christ is also clear. He does not let his success as a singer interfere with his devotion to his saviour or his efforts to tell others about Jesus.

"I just want to be what I believe," he said. "The danger in being an entertainer is using your faith to help your public image. I don't want that to happen to me. All I want to do is use my music to tell the world about Jesus Christ. That's the responsibility of all communicators, as long as you're using your talents for God's purpose, not for show."

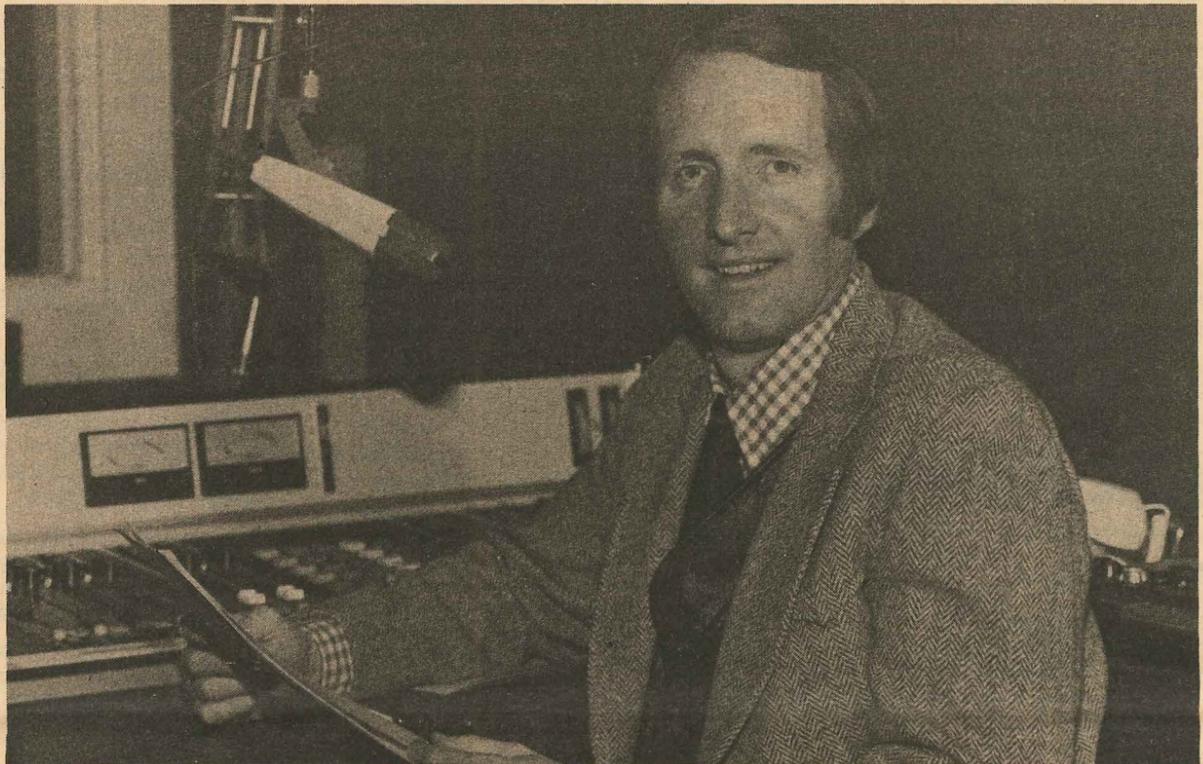
Hamilton shares his faith with his fellow performers as well as to his audiences. He called his coworkers "sensitive, creative people," but said many of

them just don't believe.

"Being on the road all the time it's easy to fall from the way because you run into all sorts of people. It takes a person with a strong commitment to hold onto his faith and to spread that faith to others," he said.

There are many ways to witness, Hamilton explained, but he found the subtle approach was best for him. Often, he lets his music witness for him because "music is the international language. Everyone understands it," he stated.

So when Hamilton travels on concert tours or sings at the Grand Ole Opry or appears on "Country Crossroads," he's not just pickin' and grinnin', he also is singing for Christ.



George Hamilton IV, internationally acclaimed country music entertainer, is currently appearing as guest host on "Country Crossroads" radio program. Produced by the Radio and Television Commission, the program features top name country artists singing

their hits and sharing their Christian experiences. Hamilton joins regular hosts Jerry Clower, country comedian, and Bill Mack, of Ft. Worth, country music disc jockey.

A picture of faith

by Laura Allen

For Debra Williams, Christianity is more than just going to church; it's doing things, too.

Miss Williams is putting her convictions into action. For the past year she has been a Mission Service Corps volunteer, working in the art department of the

Home Mission Board.

The green-eyed blonde applied for a job at the HMB following graduation from Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Ga., but there were no funds, although there was a need for another artist.

Then, Miss Williams discovered Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist Convention plan to place

5000 volunteers to serve in places of need at home and abroad.

She applied to be a MSC volunteer and was accepted. In return she pledged to work for one or two years at no pay.

"At first," she says, "I was disappointed that I'd be here only one or two years. I plan to be here until June, with an option to stay another year. I don't know what I'll do yet; I'll wait on the Lord and see what he wants me to do."

What the Lord wants has become important to Miss Williams. She became a Christian during the 1976 presidential campaign and since has noticed a "difference" in herself.

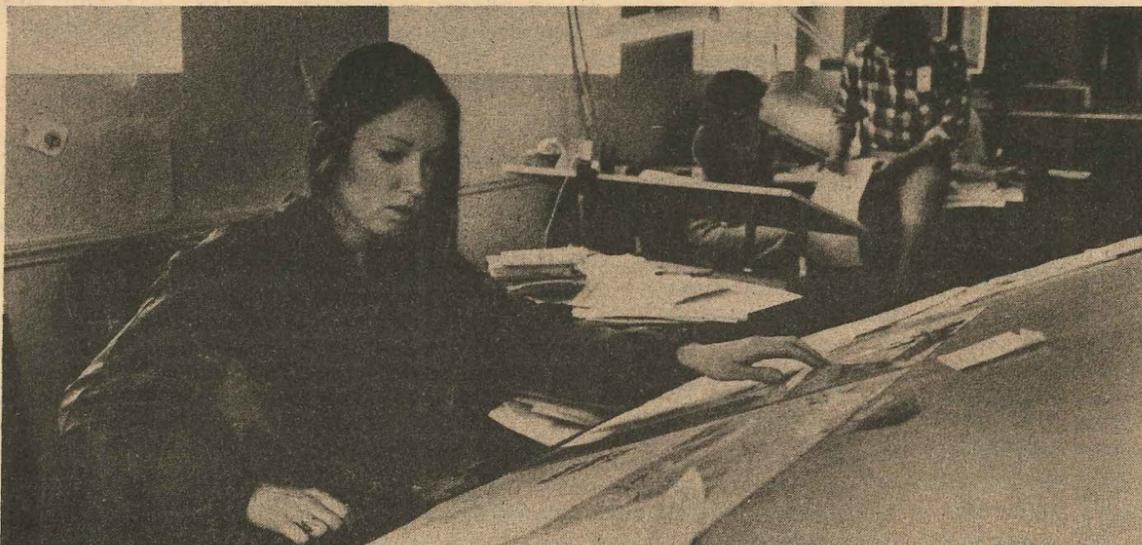
"It has been challenging and stimulating," she says. "It makes me want to learn more. There is so much I need to learn."

"Everybody's been real patient and supportive and willing to help. They're such good Christians. The Lord's used them to teach me things and make things available I'd never known otherwise."

She says she has seen Christianity at work. "The people here have made an effort to make me feel special. It is Christianity and love in action," she adds.

Miss Williams isn't sure what she'll do when her term of service is over. "One thing is sure, though; it has put a sense of urgency in my heart."

"I have learned that anything can happen. The Lord's timing is so different than mine. That's why I'm excited. I am more conscious now of thinking 'What would the Lord think of that?' and that's a big change for me."



"Challenge and stimulation" of working in the HMB art department has been "all good" for Debra Williams. In her time as a Mission Service Corps vol-

unteer, Miss Williams has felt "everybody's been real patient and supportive and willing to help."