

Hey diddle diddle, state Baptists don't piddle . . . would you believe KBC could draw 13,000?

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The 13,000-seat Diddle Arena at Western Kentucky University will be site of a massive bold mission thrust rally Nov. 12 during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Slated to start at 6:40 p.m. the event has been purposely scheduled for Wednesday evening to encourage churches within driving distance of Bowling Green to converge for the rally.

"We hope every Baptist church in Bowling Green and within any reasonable distance will alter its normal Wednesday night schedule to allow its members to participate," said John Dunaway, convention president and pastor of First Church, Corbin. "It should be the largest single event numerically Kentucky Baptists have ever staged."

Principal speaker on the two-hour program will be R. Keith Parks, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., whose topic is "The Urgency of Bold Mission."

He will be supported by a variety of program elements, including presentations on bold growing through Bible study, witnessing and mission points. These will be led by KBC staff members A. B. Colvin and James Whaley, assistants to the executive secretary-treasurer; department directors Fred Halbrooks, Sunday school; C. Vernon Cole, Church Training; Jay Brown, evangelism; Forrest Sawyer, Brotherhood; and Robert Jones, direct missions; and Woman's Missionary Union executive director Kathryn Jasper.

A 1000-voice choir conducted by Eugene Sutherland, minister of music at Walnut Street Church, Louisville, will be featured. A slide and tape presentation of Kentuckians in missions will be introduced by M. Wendell Belew, director, Mission Ministries Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Other program participants include Jesse Stricker, director, Stewardship Promotion Department, KBC; William H. Rogers, director, Cooperative Ministries Department, KBC; Franklin Owen, KBC executive secretary-treasurer; and Dunaway.

The three-day convention, hosted by Warren Baptist Association, opens Tuesday morning, Nov. 11, at 10:40 a.m. at Bowling Green's First Baptist Church. All sessions except the one at Diddle Arena will be held at the church.

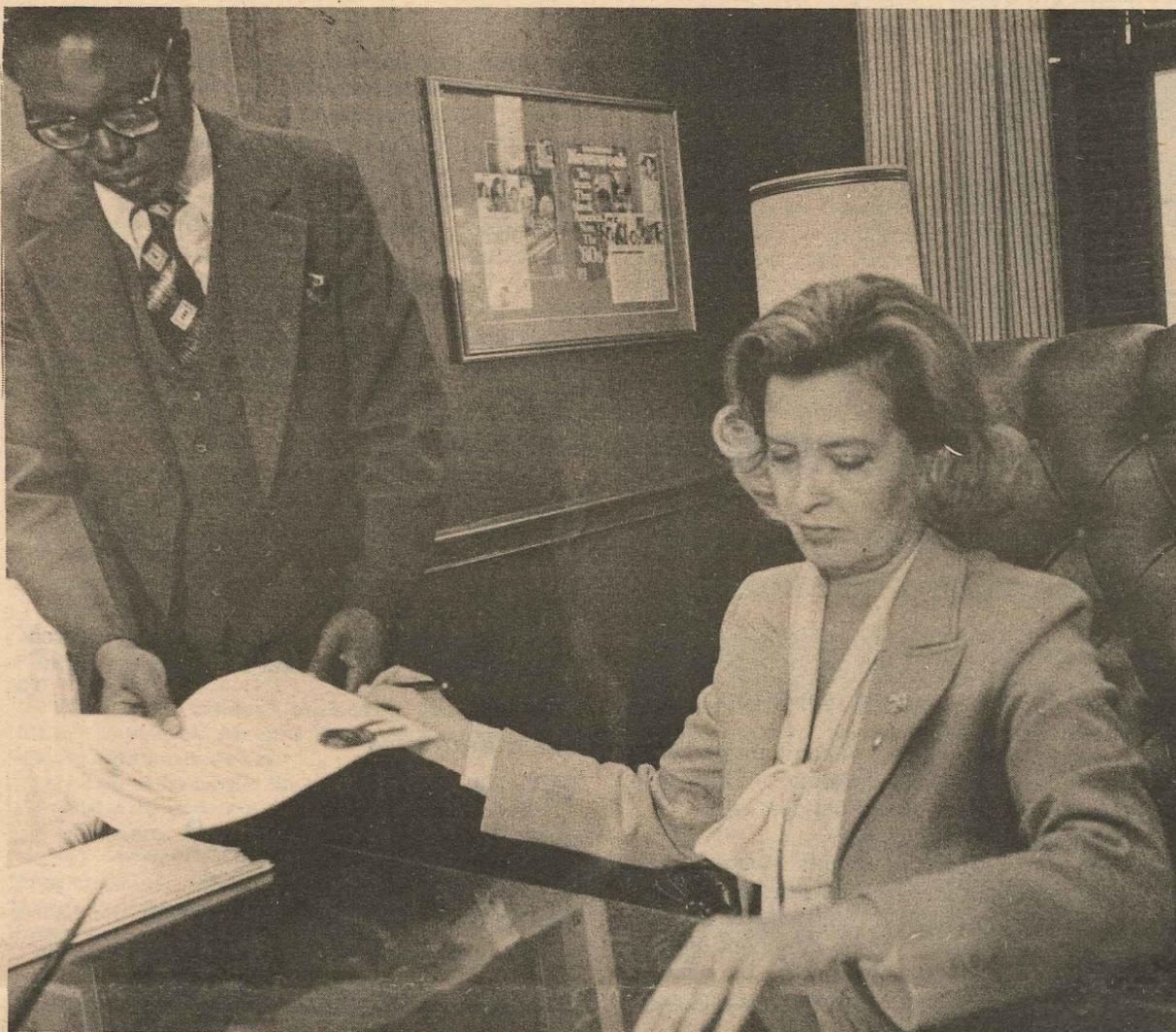
According to Francis R. Tallant, Warren director of missions, this is believed to be the first time an association—rather than a single church—has hosted the convention. He said the association extended the invitation to the convention in 1977. The association asked First Church for use of its facilities for the meeting.

In addition to reports of the agencies and departments of work sponsored by the convention, highlights of the sessions at First Church include addresses by president Dunaway Tuesday morning; Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Tuesday afternoon; James H. Smith, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday night; Edwin F. Perry, pastor emeritus, Broadway Church, Louisville, convention sermon Wednesday morning; Morris Norfleet, president, Morehead State University, and Mrs. Martha Layne Collins, Lieutenant Governor, State of Kentucky, Frankfort, Wednesday afternoon; and Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Thursday morning.

Election of officers will come Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday of the convention.

The convention will again be preceded by auxiliary meetings for pastors, ministers of education and ministers of music. Programs for these and the convention itself begin on page 12 of this issue of Western Recorder.

In subsequent issues other events during the convention week in Bowling Green will be posted in Western Recorder.



An aide receives one of numerous documents processed daily by Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins.

Capitalizing Martha Layne Collins: she's pressing on the upward way

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

There's something Baptists across Kentucky are beaming about in Frankfort these days. It comes in the form of a honey-haired blonde who won the state's second highest office last fall by a landslide. Her deeply rooted Baptist beliefs are causing her to stand very tall to many people, including some who opposed her election in 1979.

At 43, Martha Layne Collins is a vivacious, charming, poised, yet gracious lady whose very disposition has surely won her many friends. Her pleasant, business-like manner suggests she knows just where she is headed, and is working confidently at getting there. Yet, she is seemingly startled when asked the question she hears perhaps more frequently than any other: "After the lieutenant governor's office, what's next?"

She giggles and grins broadly. "Why do they *always* ask that? I thought a Baptist paper would be different."

And then, as if she has spoken the words many times before, she responds, "I'm committed to being the very best lieutenant governor this state's ever had. And I believe the future will take care of itself."

Indeed it will, but Martha Layne seems to be leaving no stone unturned. In her quest to be a faithful public servant she has struck a chord of harmony with people from all walks of life and seems to be playing it to the hilt. That chord is her accessibility to the common man.

"I'm not on an ego trip," she says. "I'm merely trying to display by my actions and convictions that I'm a person who can be reached."

"Much of the strength I have is in being accessible to people. As a public servant, you're theirs, an important part of an elected official's role," she argues convincingly.

Her staff of 10 has taken its cue from Martha Layne. Their demeanor, spirit and tact reflect the same effervescent qualities and openness displayed by their leader. In fact, that attitude is almost contagious in the anterooms surrounding the lieutenant's governor's private office.

A Southern Baptist in deed

It would appear, if there ever was a Southern Baptist in politics, Martha Layne Collins qualifies. That is not to suggest she permits her religion to prevent her from governing in the best interests of the people. Rather, her faith has grounded her in beliefs and practices which are reassuring to those she serves.

A native of Bagdad in Shelby County, she was brought up within the very shadow of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Her parents were the kind of people who attended Bagdad Baptist Church every time the door was open, and that, of course, had a profound effect upon young Martha Layne's life.

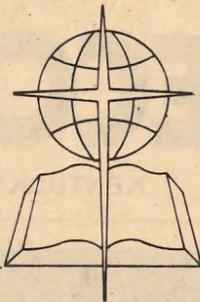
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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Pulpit committees should be forthright and honest

It's wrong and something should be done about it. It is making Baptist preachers cynical and it is damaging the otherwise good reputations of many Baptist churches.

This wrong is the conduct of some pulpit committees. They reveal gross ignorance of how to go about their task and they abandon basic ethics in dealing with prospects.

How do I know this? I know this because I receive more complaints from pastors about how they are treated by pulpit committees than any other thing. They seldom complain about overwork or underpay but are often upset by what they regard as the lack of common courtesy and honesty of pulpit committees.

One Kentucky Baptist pastor relates that of four pulpit committees which approached him lately not one played fair and at least one outright lied. He says if he wasn't so sure he was called to the ministry he would quit it all in disgust.

In addition to the urgent need for pulpit committees to seek more knowledge on methods is the even more urgent need for forthrightness and honesty in whatever methods might be used. These committees need to take advantage of available materials on how to organize and go about their task but even more needed are some agreed upon ethical principles to follow in communications with prospects.

What are the complaints? More and more pastors are concerned that many pulpit committees make no contact before showing up in a worship service. This is not as disconcerting for the preacher as it is for the congregation which almost always recognizes a visiting pulpit committee. Immediately all kinds of speculations arise, the most harmful one being the conclusion the pastor is unhappy and has put out the word he's ready to leave.

It's only proper for the prospect to be contacted and asked if he is interested at all in talking with the pulpit committee. If he is not interested, a visit by a pulpit committee in a worship service is a waste of time, out of place and harmful.

A greater complaint is that pulpit committees often do not keep their word. They indicate they want to visit a service and talk with the prospect. They show up and leave without a word after the service. If from impressions in the service they decide not to pursue the matter further, they should say so instead of leaving the preacher puzzled over what went wrong.

It is understandable pulpit committee members may not be ready to talk seriously on the first visit to meet and hear a prospect. In this case it's appropriate to tell the prospect he will

hear from the committee later. The problem comes when the committee decides to drop the name of the prospect and being reluctant to tell him that, they don't contact him at all. It is hardly appropriate for the pastor to contact the committee and so he waits in vain for any word and learns weeks or months later from a news report that the church has called a pastor.

Truly it is a matter of forthrightness. It's much better to be honest and tell the preacher he's no longer under consideration than to leave him wondering. Above all, be honest. If a promise was made to get in touch later, get in touch as soon as possible and let the preacher know what the exact situation is.

No Baptist pulpit committee ever likely started its assignment without asking the help of the Holy Spirit in guiding them to the right pastor. And most committees are confident they were led by the Holy Spirit to the pastor they recommended. They should realize the Holy Spirit is just as concerned that they go about their search in the right way as he is that they find the right man.

Guest Editorials

What really is academic freedom?

by Daniel R. Grant,
President, Ouachita Baptist University

Academic freedom is not quite as American as apple pie.

To paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill, never has something so important been so misunderstood and so little appreciated by so many people. I have never heard any patriotic songs that pay tribute to academic freedom. Such phrases as "Let academic freedom ring!" or "Long may our land be bright in academic freedom's holy light" just don't come naturally to any of us.

Why is it that academic freedom is so little understood and appreciated? I think it is because the only time the general public hears about it is when some college professor breaks into the news headlines by claiming that academic freedom protects his right to read poetry in the nude before an English class, or to teach that God is dead, or to advocate free love for his students, or to advocate the overthrow of the government by force, or to propose or do any number of things that the great majority of Americans would label crackpot, wrong, or anti-social. None of these is really academic freedom in action, although it does quite often protect the right of a professor to teach something with which the majority of the public disagree.

What really is academic freedom? It is the right of a scholar to speak out responsibly on subjects on which he is professionally competent. It protects his right to speak or write without fear that he will be punished in some way for expressing these views. He is free to conduct research for new knowledge and to argue that "old truth" is not really true.

Why is academic freedom so important to us all? Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to recall that Hitler, Lenin, Stalin, Mao and all other anti-freedom dictators probably feared academic freedom as much or more than any other freedom during their seizure of absolute power. When Hitler seized power in Germany his first move was to take control of the universities and stifle academic freedom.

But academic freedom is not unlimited. No professor deserves the freedom to teach a way of life that would clearly destroy the very academic freedom he is using. No teacher has the right to disrupt a campus in such a way that the rights of others are infringed upon. And no teacher has a right to teach what is clearly in conflict with the stated purposes of his university.

Academic freedom ought to be as American as apple pie. And it ought to be as Christian as Paul and Silas.

Furloughing missionaries need our assistance

by J. Everett Sneed,
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

All Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough would like to be involved in various ministries throughout their entire furloughs. All of them have more requests than they can fill during November and December, but may not be adequately employed during other months of the year. Obviously, the missionaries are pleased to do everything possible to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Any church desiring a missionary speaker to promote the foreign mission offering should schedule immediately. But the ability of these missionaries should be utilized all year.

Our missionaries are well trained, and their combined abilities cover the total gamut of Baptist work. As many of our missionaries are excellent teachers, churches would be especially blessed to have them for January Bible Study. All are interested in reaching the lost for Christ and would prove effective speakers on Soul-winning Commitment Day. Some of our missionaries are great pulpiteers who should be effective in revivals. Other occasions in which their services would be extremely valuable include Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Race Relations Sunday, Focus Week, Home Missions Study, Youth Week, Church Vocation Emphasis, Cooperative Program Day, Vacation Bible Schools, World Hunger Day and various church or associational emphases.

Some small churches may feel it is impossible to bring a missionary to speak to them. But missionaries are anxious to go to churches of all sizes. While it is true they do not receive travel expenses while on furlough, missionaries do not want this to restrict their activities. Sometimes two churches located near each other may be able to share the expenses and honorarium for a missionary. Congregations may, also, be able to have a missionary who is located relatively close to the church.

Many large churches should consider the possibility of furnishing a car for a furloughing missionary. In this time of inflation and changing values a missionary could easily lose between \$1500 and \$2000 on the purchase and sale of a car during his furlough just for the privilege of sharing mission work with his fellow Baptists.

Churches can, also, enhance the furlough time of a missionary by making it possible for them to attend state conventions, evangelism conferences and annual associational meetings. The Foreign Mission Board provides for the missionaries to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, but limited funds makes its impossible for the board to care for the expenses of other such meetings. Missionaries want to be involved in the total life of the denomination while they are home but limited funds sometimes make it impossible. Conference expense accounts would bless both the missionary and the congregation which provided for them.

In foreign countries English language books are limited in number and are very expensive. Many of our missionaries would appreciate the gift of good books. Direct correspondence with them would be the best way to determine the kinds of books they would like to receive. In many instances books could be read and then given to a missionary.

Churches are to be commended for providing furloughing missionaries with housing. Churches wishing to explore the possibility of providing missionary homes should contact the Foreign Mission Board. The FMB does not want a congregation purchasing and furnishing a house to experience a disappointment of having it vacant most of the time.

It is truly exciting to be a part of the greatest mission effort in the world today. Beyond question, Southern Baptists are doing more to carry the gospel around the world than any other denomination. But our efforts must be greatly intensified if every person is to hear the gospel by the year 2000. Furloughing missionaries can do much to challenge, excite and involve our people in this vital New Testament effort. Let's make maximum use of the missionaries while they are on furlough.

Martha Layne Collins: pressing on upward way

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state WMU work," Martha Layne remembers. "That meant I often attended all day WMU meetings with her" (Martha Layne was an only child). In summers "I went to as many as four week-long vacation Bible schools."

Martha Layne's father was a funeral director, and that service-oriented business probably had obvious effects upon the way she conducts the state's business today.

Her parents, Everett and Mary Hall, are living in Shelbyville now. They attend First Baptist Church and operate Hall-Taylor Funeral Home.

In 1957, between her sophomore and junior collegiate years, Martha Layne transferred from Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo. to the University of Kentucky. That same summer she became a Girls' Auxiliary camp counselor at Cedarmore.

It was a time of destiny for her. She met and fell in love with a young man from Hazard named Bill Collins, a Cedarmore lifeguard that summer. Two years later, upon her college graduation with a BS degree, Martha Layne and Bill married.

Bill entered dental school at the University of Louisville while Martha Layne taught public high school four years. They had two children during this time.

Meanwhile, the faith both Bill and Martha Layne had been schooled in early in life was strengthened by regular participation in Cedar Creek Baptist Church in the Fern Creek section of Louisville.

Asked where she learned about politics, Martha Layne laughs heartily. Unhesitatingly, she answers, somewhat facetiously, "Why, in the Baptist church, of course! Where else?"

An early vision for people

On Bill's graduation the couple traveled throughout east Kentucky in a mobile dental unit. The experience left a lasting impression on Martha Layne.

"Talking with the people, learning of their problems and seeing their potential was a major inspiration to me to become more involved in the decision-making process that affects the lives of the people of our state," she affirms.

Eventually, Bill and Martha Layne and their children set up permanent housekeeping in Versailles

where Bill established a dental practice he maintains today. Martha applied her teacher training at Woodford County Junior High School.

At the time she was becoming an active worker in the state Democratic Party. As a result, in 1971 she was named coordinator for women's activities in Wendell Ford's gubernatorial campaign. A year later she would serve Walter D. Huddleston in the same way in his bid for the U. S. Senate.

She became a Democratic national committee-woman, serving four years. In 1975 she ran for and won the statewide race for clerk of the Kentucky Court of Appeals by a landslide. A constitutional change that year also resulted in her becoming clerk of the supreme court.

Martha Layne Collins was on her way.

When you ran for the lieutenant governorship last year, did you have any idea you'd win it? she is asked.

"I expected to win," she admits frankly.

"I believe each of us was put on earth for a purpose," she assures. "I put as much into every day as I can, for who knows? You just might not be on earth tomorrow."

She also believes her reputation as a helping person affected her race for lieutenant governor.

The genuine article

Most impressive to many observers is the fact the office she holds has not erased Martha Layne's genuineness and humility.

"The way she conducts business is the way she lives," 25-year-old Amanda Stormont, her administrative assistant sees her.

Amanda, a Louisville Baptist pastor's daughter and the lieutenant governor's close confidant and traveling companion, suggests—with Martha Layne—"what you see is what you get—nothing artificial or put-on." She is "intensely interested in people and in hearing their problems and meeting their needs," according to Miss Stormont.

Aside from that, her official duties include presiding over the state senate, being informed well enough on hundreds of pieces of legislation each year to cast a worthy vote in the event of a tie. She is acting gov-

ernor when the governor is away from the state, and attends to numerous ceremonial duties.

Shortly after moving to Versailles Bill and Martha Layne Collins joined Versailles Baptist Church. Before duties for the state limited her time Martha Layne was an active Sunday school teacher and GA leader there.

After moving to the lieutenant governor's mansion in Frankfort last December, the Collinses decided to maintain their church membership at Versailles (15 miles away) primarily for daughter Marla's benefit. A 16-year-old senior at Woodford County High, Marla is quite active in youth programs at Versailles.

Her brother, Steve, 19, is a Georgetown College junior this year majoring in business. Having been a constitutional page he already speaks on behalf of his mother at some public appearances she can't make. He is considering law as a potential career.

Many Sundays the family is present for worship at Versailles but churches of various denominations are often asking Martha Layne to come and speak on Sundays.

"If we're traveling for the state on a weekend and Sunday morning is free," she inserts, "we visit a local Baptist church."

Henry Johns, the Collinses home pastor for eight years, testifies to their loyalty.

"If they can be here, they're here on Sunday mornings."

He adds his own testimony for Martha Layne. "She is a person of high integrity and moral standards who will not compromise on them. Martha Layne exemplifies what I think every public servant should be, with the interests of the people at heart," he believes.

Standing up to be counted

Neither does Martha Layne Collins sidestep the issues, even when there is considerable opposition. On some questions which particularly interest Kentucky Baptists, she offers these opinions:

- **Mandatory prayer and Bible-reading in the public schools:** This is an example of total government control. Our nation was founded upon the principle of freedom to worship as we choose. It is up to us, as parents and members of the church family, to shoulder the responsibility of providing a Christian atmosphere in our homes and to urge church attendance and participation. Let our children see in us what Christ's love can do. There is no better way to teach than through example.

- **Placing 10 commandments in the classroom:** In the 1978 session of the state general assembly HB 156 passed giving the superintendent of public instruction the duty, providing sufficient funds are available, to display the 10 commandments in classrooms throughout the state. The bill provides a notation: "The secular application of the 10 commandments is clearly seen in its adoption as the fundamental legal code of western civilization and the common law of the U. S." With this notation and provided no state funds are used I believe the 10 commandments do have a place in our classrooms.

- **Providing state funds for the purchase of textbooks for parochial schools:** The Kentucky general assembly appropriated over \$1 million for the biennium for the purchase of textbooks for loan to non-public schools. The constitutionality of this action is now being tested in the courts. While I believe we, as Southern Baptists and as U. S. citizens, have been blessed with many freedoms, those freedoms bring obligation to choose without constant governmental intervention. My belief is government exists solely to serve people—to provide service people *cannot* provide for themselves.

Martha Layne also comments on Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust emphasis to win the world for Christ by the year 2000.

"With the words of Matt. 28:19 comes the call to all of us to spread the love of Christ to all corners of the earth. As in any situation, this is a team effort. Its success will depend upon all of us working together, united by Christ's spirit of love and brotherhood. I believe missions begins within a person. We witness daily through our actions and must conduct our lives so others will see the peace and joy of Christ within us," she concludes.

If a lieutenant governor can do that, imagine the positive effect she can have on the people of her state, as well as her own denomination. Whatever her future holds, it's reassuring for a Christian to look back and see where Martha Layne Collins has been.



The Collinses—Bill, Martha Layne, Steve and Marla—make an attractive "second family" for the state.

Owes Falwell an apology

It is indeed sad to contemplate a Christian paper condemning a fellow Christian (same denomination) for promoting morality.

Our country seems to be increasingly immoral. And surely it is imperative Christians try to stem the tide.

Immorality is what brought about the end of other countries, and ours seems headed that way.

Surely God wants Christians to have a say about the way our country is run, and not let the devil have his way.

I think you owe Jerry Falwell an apology.

Mrs. Nevil M. Garrett, Frankfort

Viewpoint

The positions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the editor. Responses are invited.

by Bill Hall, Danville

Reaction to Moral Majority has been a popular topic of the news media in recent weeks. Most of the reactionary statements have been barbed with sharp criticism from the liberal left wing of political and religious groups. Brought into question most often is the right of conservative Christians to exercise direct influence on the political processes of this election year. This is a strange phenomenon in view of the silence of these liberal spokesmen during the 1960's, when the Reverend Martin Luther King was strongly active in the political situation of this country. Volunteers took part in eight night crusades in Georgetown.

Moral Majority has swatted a hornet's nest of entrenched abortionists, homosexual advocates, ERA proponents and extreme, left-wing liberals. The reaction has been as expected; a swarm of angry "hornets." Almost without exception our Baptist Press has released interpretations of Moral Majority from one or more of the above groups. It is time to hear from the other side.

Moral Majority is not a political party. It is not a partisan movement or a quasipolitical front. It is a lobby. However, it lobbies for values, not appropriations of tax money for projects or allotments of political privilege. Its goal is the survival of the United States of America. The restoration of some vital words to our national, social and domestic vocabulary is sought. Some words have all but become obsolete as their meanings have eroded; words like honor, decency, integrity, honesty and purity.

Critics of Moral Majority from outside the movement have all been misinformed, polemics on the other side of issues, or plain dishonest. Attacks from the latter two perspectives cannot be deterred. Those who are simply misinformed can profit from an open and forthright presentation of the facts about Moral Majority.

(1) The name "Moral Majority" does not imply members consider themselves to be morally superior to non-members. They recognize there are some moral minority movements which concern themselves with moral issues. Many minority movements are immoral. The name "Moral Majority" aptly and humbly describes that great mainstream of Americans who are deeply concerned about the moral decline of our nation. The name does not describe the members but the issues involved.

(2) Moral Majority is not partisan. Contrary to all published reports by opponents it does not officially endorse a candidate for any office. True, some leaders have endorsed a candidate. It is their personal, constitutional right to do so. But the movement does not. Of course, to a critic, it appears to be partisan owing to the close proximity of

one of the two major party platforms to the views advocated by Moral Majority concerning some moral priorities. That closeness of perspective is incidental. Some key, basic biblical concerns are emerging as politically oriented positions and issues. This does not diminish their biblical, moral viability.

(3) Moral Majority operates on the basis of what is known about God's holy judgments. The movement does not judge anyone. God has already pronounced judgment upon certain sins and has demonstrated those judgments in history. The announced major emphasis of Moral Majority is an appeal to the people of the United States to recognize sin, repent of sin and return to God. Biblically oriented people fear God's holy judgments. When sins become legalized or subsidized by the national legislature or courts, they take on the nature of national sins. For these, God will destroy the nation even as he took away Sodom, Babylon and Nazi Germany. These sins of infanticide, homosexuality, Secular Humanism and the eradication of sexual distinctions (ERA) will bring this nation to doomsday quicker than anything else. The nation's greatest threat in this hour is Almighty God. He changes not! A nation can sin "the sin unto death." Many have!

(4) The program of Moral Majority is two-pronged. Its major work during this election year is two-fold. One; an all out attempt is being made, wherever the movement is organized and functioning, to get mainstream America registered to vote. Over three million people have been registered with efforts under way to register another million by the deadline. Two; the movement is seeking to educate the people who are registered to vote as to the issues involved in this general election. The idea is based on a simple trust in Christian people to vote their conscience on election day if they know what the biblical, moral issues are. No effort is made to coerce voters, but to educate them.

(5) A profound concern of Christian people of this country is the switch (in public education, politics, economics, religion and other areas) from the Judeo-Christian value system with its philosophies, precepts and principles, to the new religion of Secular Humanism. This poses the single, greatest threat to our freedoms of any we've ever faced. Moral Majority seeks to alert and enlighten our people to this dangerous and all pervasive poison.

Whatever calumny or verbal abuse is heaped upon Moral Majority, it continues, and will continue beyond this election, to pray for our nation's survival into the years ahead, and to work for a perpetuation of our freedoms. I have a granddaughter who is one year old. For her and for your children and grandchildren I desire a free and Godly America.

I hope he doesn't believe it

The News-Sentinel (Knoxville, Tenn.), Sept. 18, ran the following quote from Bailey Smith, president of SBC.

"It is interesting at great political rallies, how you have a Protestant to pray, a Catholic to pray, and then you have a Jew to pray. With all due respect to those dear people, my friends, God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

"For how in the world can God hear the prayer of a Jew, or how in the world can God hear the prayer of a man who says that Jesus Christ is not the true Messiah? That is blasphemy."

I have two statements to make:

One, I come to the defense of Dr. Smith for saying what he believes. Being president of the SBC should not muzzle him. While he is not speaking as the representative of Southern Baptists, his office comes closer to that role than any other. No one is required to believe what he said. Anyone can disavow he believes what he said. I have no quarrel with Dr. Smith's having said what he believes.

Contrariwise, I commend him for his consistency, for there should be consistency of belief and statements.

Secondly, I criticize Dr. Smith for be-

lieving what he said. I can defend his saying what he believes better than I can defend his believing what he says. The first has to do with public relations and image. The second has to do with substance and theology. Dr. Smith has the right (which I defend) to say what is wrong (which I criticize). I do not believe what Dr. Smith said.

I expect to hear a hue and cry over his saying "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew." It will be unfortunate if this is made the focal point. The focal point is: Did he speak what Southern Baptists believe—that is, is this a consensus of Southern Baptist lay people, pastors, teachers in denominational colleges and seminaries, state executives, directors of missions, WMU leaders, etc.? If we do not believe it, this is an appropriate time to say so. If our literature and mission boards do not believe what Dr. Smith said, let them speak up.

I fear our leaders will react more in embarrassment than in repudiation of the content of Dr. Smith's remarks. I am neither embarrassed nor offended by Dr. Smith's saying what he believes. I am offended in his believing what he says.

Lewis E. Rhodes, Knoxville, Tenn.

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Baptist Forum

A good staff, a good building

I would like to take this means to express my feelings about our Kentucky Baptist Building and staff. The new building is not just a work of brilliant architecture, but a stroke of genius. In building the new structure around the renovated existing facilities, Kentucky Baptists have something to have pride in.

The beauty of the facility does not compare with the excellent staff. I have never before experienced a staff as courteous and eager to give assistance. Any member will take time to lend an ear and offer an encouraging word. It is encouraging to know in addition to assisting in whatever manner needed the staff takes time twice weekly from their busy schedule to pray for Baptists in Kentucky.

We Kentucky Baptists are greatly blessed by God to have a fine staff and building. It would be well if more would visit our convention headquarters.

The experience would be beneficial and bolster our pride in Kentucky Baptists.

Toby R. Nunn, Horse Cave

Is there a pastor in the house?

The Upper Valley Baptist Fellowship, a small but growing SBC fellowship in the strategic Dartmouth College/Upper Valley (Vt.-N. H.) area, is seeking God's person to become pastor. Anyone interested in this challenging position should send a resume and introductory letter to Mrs. Donna Holland, 13 Pine Street, Hanover, NH 03755.

Merwyn Borders
HMB Church Planter

Not the ways of the world

I read with alarm that our Foreign Mission Board has hired a fund raiser. I can hear our Lord say "And be ye not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). If we are no different than the unsaved, we are of no effect. We will lose our spirituality and what good is money? Our people, our churches,

our denomination will die spiritually if we continue following the ways of the world. A former pastor of mine, R. G. Shelton, once said "Get the hearts of the people right and the pocketbook follows." May God help us to return to his way in all things.

Mrs. Robert Stovall, Kuttawa

Let me say it again

I would like to clear up a misunderstanding which appeared in the Sept. 17 issue of Western Recorder. I am not opposed to government action against true child abuse. The problem is that in the last year the government has been taking children away from their parents because of normal, healthy spanking. This is what is preposterous.

Frank G. Simon, Louisville

Like Jesus, like Paul, like Bailey

Three cheers for Bailey Smith. Of course his statement on prayer incensed the Jews. Our Lord was crucified for making the same claim. The apostle Paul suffered much for making the exact point and in case some of our liberal brethren would like to see how the Holy Spirit directed him to answer those who disagreed, I refer them to Gal. 1:8-9.

It is so good of Mr. Igleheart to identify himself and also Mr. Humphreys to straddle the fence. I say again, God has spoken. He has spoken through his word. It is inspired, infallible and inerrant. Any person has the right to reject and refuse, but at the end of this life there lies an eternity. Every person who refuses "the way, the truth and the life," must spend that eternity in hell.

To suggest another possibility on salvation serves two purposes. (1) It gives false hope to the hopeless and (2) puts the label of lie to the inspired word of God.

I do not to God that more and more of the denominational liberals would identify themselves. It should serve as a good tool for the trustees when they begin to weed them out, as I surely hope they shall.

L. E. Tapp, Paducah

Way to go, Hinson

I was astonished to read the quotation attributed to Bailey Smith (Western Recorder, Sept. 17) in the open letter written by E. Glenn Hinson. Presuming the quotation to be accurate, I am even more astonished a person with such views could be elected to represent the largest Protestant denomination in the nation by a group of spirit-led (hopefully), intelligent, biblically-oriented ministers and lay persons.

I applaud Hinson's willingness to publicly declare Smith's comments are not representative (of the majority at least!) of Southern Baptists. Personally, I find the quotation offensive to any Christian—Baptist or otherwise—and totally lacking in scriptural basis, as concisely pointed out in Hinson's letter.

Mrs. Rogna R. Tankersley, Paducah

Get off the band wagon

I am opposed to organized Christian support for conservative and wealthy politicians who speak of the need for a return to "true American values."

As a follower of Christ, I would be extremely pleased to see every American turn to God through Christ. However, I am wary of those who would link conservative politics and social actions to Christian principles. I wonder how many of those politicians who support prayer in the classroom and the posting of the 10 Commandments in our schools really know Christ? Talk is cheap. Even the Ku Klux Klan is in support of such actions.

I am not entirely convinced our nation is founded upon a real faith in Christ. Thomas Jefferson, for example, one of the most influential framers of our constitutional government, seems to have been more devoted to the political and social philosophies of English and French theorists than to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Perhaps, one could make an argument our nation is based upon Christian principles, socially.

The bottom line is simply this, we cannot legislate Christ into the lives of people. The Bible teaches us that hearts come to Christ only because God draws them.

As followers of Christ we can and should be working for him. It seems to me we could be better witnesses by taking a positive forward looking approach than by associating ourselves with reactionaries whose faith is in the past.

L. Dail Haney, Nicholasville

Faith—a key to prayer

The open letter to Bailey Smith from E. Glenn Hinson (WR, Sept. 17, 1980) made me realize prayer is indeed a debatable subject.

Although prayer is a universal phenomenon, it becomes unique in biblical faith. In the biblical new covenant man is placed in right relationship to God through Christ's death and resurrection (Heb. 7:22, 8:6-13; 2 Cor. 3:6-18).

Scripture assumes the effectiveness of prayer provided certain conditions are met. Two of these conditions,

among others, are:

1. Prayer avails only when made in the name of Jesus through faith (John 14:13; 15:16).

2. Prayer avails only when made under the direction of the Holy Spirit (Jude 20; Rom. 8:26,27).

So how could Old Testament believers pray in the name of Jesus Christ? What does scripture say?

Does the unbeliever meet the conditions for effective prayer as set forth in scripture? The unbeliever can meet those conditions only by responding affirmatively when convicted by the Holy Spirit of the sin of rejecting Christ. As we read John 14:4 we find Jesus saying, "... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Yes, under the new covenant, prayer becomes unique in biblical faith.

Margaret Combs, Louisville

Smith shouldn't be chastised

If there remained any doubts about the liberal leaning of some of our denominational leaders, they are now surely removed by the reactions to Bailey Smith's comments on the prayers of Jews. How can anyone who has been saved by grace, and who believes God's word, condemn Dr. Smith or be "dismayed" by his statements?

To unbelievers, Dr. Smith's words may sound harsh, but what of our Lord's words in the gospel of John? "Ye neither know me, nor my Father, if ye had known me, you should have known my Father also" (John 8:19). "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye, therefore, hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:47). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber... I am the door of the sheep" (John 10:1, 7). "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Are we to condemn Dr. Smith for speaking the truth as Jesus was condemned by the religious leaders of his day?

Too long we have been led to compromise the truth in the name of "furthering understanding" and maintaining "friendly relations." I love the dear Jewish people, and like Paul, "my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1), but pretending their way is right will not lead them to the Lord. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Carolyn Fitch, Paducah

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Baptist Forum

Bailey doesn't speak for me

Bailey Smith's remarks about Jews and prayer were, I believe, theologically unsound, personally arrogant and racially demeaning. I deeply regret this kind of insensitivity from an elected Baptist leader, particularly in the context of a politicized religious gathering.

Such statements hinder the very missions thrust for which Dr. Smith expresses concern. They also play into the hands of those sowing distrust, fear and sectarianism under the guise of being "moral" and the "majority" in today's political arena.

Dr. Smith has a right to his personal views, even while serving as SBC president, but he does not—thank God—speak for Southern Baptists. His words in Dallas were unfortunate indeed.

William A. Turner, Lexington

Resent Pressler's label of "dummies"

The men and women who are trustees of our Southern Baptist seminaries, as well as those of other SBC agencies, are responsible, competent and committed Christian stewards. They deserve better than unfair and ill-informed accusations. They deserve support through prayer, advice and counsel.

Our trustees are fully representative of Southern Baptist life and fellowship. They are Bible-believing, Christ-honoring, soul-winning Baptists! They are leaders in their local churches. They support and promote the worldwide missions outreach of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program, at the association, state and national levels.

Any attack which vilifies the character of our trustees, boards and commissions is an attack on the integrity of all Southern Baptists. It jeopardizes the essential nature of our fellowship at every level and is an insult to those who support the Cooperative Program through sacrificial giving. It should be repudiated by Southern Baptists with an appropriate reaffirmation of all those

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P. S., I love him

Some may ask what I personally believe regarding Jesus as the Messiah. Since I did not include such a statement in my open letter to Bailey Smith, I will do so at this time.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament and accepted in the New. Furthermore, I believe Jesus believed himself to be the Messiah. I have in the past stated this in my writings and I reaffirm it without hesitation.

E. Glenn Hinson, Louisville

Baptist News in Brief

Men to meet in Memphis

About 200 Southern Baptist laymen and pastors will meet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to discuss the merits of a national fellowship of Southern Baptist men.

James H. Smith, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, called the meeting following an expression of interest in a national fellowship by laymen attending 10 regional conferences.

"Already there is a fellowship of Baptist doctors and dentists," said Smith. "Men in other vocations have expressed the desire for a similar fellowship. The purpose of these fellowships is to involve the vocational skills of Baptist men in meaningful ministries."

Crisis concerns pastors

An informal group of 15 to 20 "concerned" pastors met in Gatlinburg, Tenn. to discuss the issues and future of the Southern Baptist Convention, but deny they are forming a political faction within the denomination.

The meeting was held in reaction to a group which has set as its goal capturing control of the Southern Baptist Convention, its agencies and institutions.

"We are taking them at their word," said Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., who organized the meeting. "I regret this has come to pass but I feel we have no choice (but to fight back)."

The catalyst which set off the meeting was a published report which quoted Texas judge Paul Pressler outlining a plan to capture control of the convention through appointment of trustees to the agencies, boards and institutions.

Sherman, who also is president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, said no formalized organization was planned but participants "have returned to our states to try to gather some friends to go to the convention," referring to the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention to be held in June in Los Angeles.



Southern Baptist leaders visited the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. Sept. 25-26 to hear of the board's work for the future. Shown with R. Keith Parks [r], FMB president, are C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder, and Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"I would not presume to tell you whether we have any clout," Sherman said. "We are just people who think the stated objectives of Judge Pressler and Dr. (Paige) Patterson mean harm to the convention. . . . We reluctantly assembled to work to change the leadership of the convention. We did not turn the corner, we were jerked around it by events in Houston and St. Louis (the 1979 and 1980 meetings of the SBC)."

Rogers M. Smith dies

Rogers M. Smith, 68, special assistant to the president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died Oct. 3 in a Richmond, Va. hospital. He had been hospitalized since August for treatment of multiple myeloma, a type of bone cancer.

Smith took the responsibility of special assistant with emphasis on correlating intercessory prayer in March as part of president R. Keith Parks' reorganization and desire to encourage and focus prayer for world missions.

For 21 years he was administrative associate to emeritus executive director Baker J. Cauthen.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5 at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Interment was Oct. 7 in Ft. Worth with James E. Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, officiating.



Rogers Smith



Bates

Carl Bates joins SBTS

Carl E. Bates, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and since

1959 pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will become senior professor of pastoral ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Feb. 1.

Bates, who has been president of both the Texas and the North Carolina Baptist state conventions, was elected SBC president in 1971 and reelected in 1972. He is a member of the general council of the Baptist World Alliance.

His wife, the former Myra Gray, was second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1976.

Before moving to Charlotte, Bates was pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., 1950-59, and also served churches in Texarkana, Tex., Leesburg, Fla. and Winchester, Ky.

Inflation up, CP down

Southern Baptist giving to the national Cooperative Program fell short of projections when September gifts increased only 1.2 percent over September 1979.

Year end totals show Southern Baptists contributed \$71,762,635 in undesignated gifts to the national Cooperative Program. That total is an increase of 11.84 percent over 1978-79 gifts. By comparison, the increase is one percent short of the cost of living index of 12.8 percent for the 12 months ending Aug. 31, the latest figure available.

The gifts met the operating and capital needs budgets of \$71 million and edged \$762,645 into the \$12 million challenge goal.

Del City baptizes 2027

First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., became the first Southern Baptist church to baptize 2000 persons in a single year by baptizing 2027 in the 12 months ending Sept. 30.

First Southern's total surpassed the previous single year high of 1669 set in 1971 at First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Christian Education

Six named to G'town staff

Six persons have been added to the Georgetown College faculty, according to Joe O. Lewis, acting academic dean.

Bill Baldrige has been named an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

He has BS and MS degrees from Morehead State University.

Baldrige has also been named head football coach and track coach at Georgetown.

Donna Barger Hawkins has been named an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and a coach of women's sports.

Mrs. Hawkins is a graduate of Georgetown. She earned the MS degree in physical education at the University of Kentucky and has done graduate study at Georgetown and the University of Louisville.

Named an instructor in the Department of Music and band director David High has earned the BM and MM degrees from Eastern Kentucky University.

He has taught music in the Springfield, Ky. public school system and was a graduate assistant at Eastern Kentucky University before coming to Georgetown.

Adrian Lamkin Jr. has been named an instructor in the Department of Religion.

Lamkin is a graduate of Georgetown College and earned the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

He was on the staff of Ridgecrest

Baptist Assembly before being called as associate pastor of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

Lamkin has served as an instructor in church history at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, and as pastor of First Baptist Church, Hartsville, Ind.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Cathy Smith has been named an instructor in the Department of Business Administration.

After earning the MBA degree at the University of Kentucky, Miss Smith was a member of the faculty at Brescia College, Owensboro, Ky.

Karen Lynema has been named assistant librarian for technical services.

Miss Lynema earned the BS degree from Colvin College and MSLS degrees from Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

She has taught school and has been a graduate assistant at the University of North Carolina. She was a director of technical services in library at Campbellsville College before assuming the position at Georgetown in August.

Cumberland names seven

Cumberland College president James H. Taylor recently announced the appointment of seven new staff members and the reassignment of three previous staff members.

The new staff members are: Mrs. Ann Bingham, music librarian; Casey Carroll, instructor of health; Mrs. Ethel Faulkner, head resident of Sophomore Hall; Mrs. Connie Golden, instructor of

music; Mrs. Jennifer Sexton, instructor of mathematics; Eugene Waddle, head resident of Mahan Hall; and Mrs. Susan Wesley, instructor of sociology.

Those staff members who were re-assigned were: William Lynch, from associate for alumni affairs to acting director of alumni affairs; Milton Murphey, from missionary-in-residence to instructor of religion; and Mrs. F. Gail Owens, from director of testing to instructor of psychology.

Faculty critical of remarks

The faculty of Meredith College, a four-year women's liberal arts college affiliated with North Carolina Baptists, has taken exception to remarks made by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention about Jews.

The faculty unanimously adopted an open letter to Bailey Smith, which disagreed with the president over remarks he made alleging God does not hear the prayers of a Jew.

The letter says the faculty is "proud of our Baptist heritage and affirms the strength which we gained through the roots of this heritage," but notes part of the heritage is "the freedom of open inquiry and the freedom of individual conscience."

The letter, crafted by Allen Page, associate professor of religion and philosophy, fears Smith's views "may be popularly understood to be representative of all Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist institutions."

The statement was unanimously adopted by the estimated 75 faculty present for the meeting.

"We felt we had a very good representation," Page said. "There was some discussion, but the thrust of it

was in terms of the most appropriate way to say what we wanted to say rather than anyone being in disagreement with the letter."

John E. Weems, president of Meredith, issued a statement: "We do concur with the faculty statement."

Union offers credits

Though gas is averaging \$1.25 per gallon, pastors from as far away as Kentucky and Mississippi are willing to drive 4000 miles during the next four months to Union University, Jackson, Tenn., to participate in the SBC's first seminary studies program.

Nearly 60 pastors, some who car-pooled from as far as 150 miles away from the Union University campus, vowed their interest in the master's degree program by enrolling for the fall semester's course offerings, reported Harold Songer, assistant provost for the Louisville seminary and coordinator of the studies program. More than 100 persons have applied for admission to the theological venture, which will offer three upper level courses each Monday for 13 weeks.

The pioneer program, a joint effort of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, will offer course work needed to receive the MDiv or MRE degrees, or the DipTh.

Students will be able to designate any one of the seminaries as the institution from which they will receive credit and a degree, Songer added.

The administrator defined the program as an extension of Bold Missions Thrust, the denomination's plan for sharing the gospel with the world by the year 2000.

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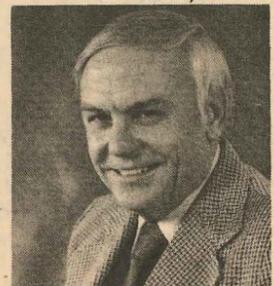
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Ordinations

Sharon first Calvary ordination
Sunday, Aug. 31, Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, ordained Gerald Sharon to the gospel ministry. This was the first ministerial ordination in Calvary's history.

William Humphrey, pastor at Lancaster Baptist Church, was interrogation council moderator. Austin Roberts, pastor at Lexington Avenue, brought the ordination sermon.

Albert Giesler, pastor at First Baptist, gave the charge to the church and candidate. Albert Bryant, an ordained minister within the congregation, presented Sharon with a Bible from the church and led in the ordination prayer.

Sharon, a recent graduate of Georgetown College, is continuing his studies at Georgetown and later plans to enter Southern Seminary. Married to the former Tammy VanKirk, Sharon is part time pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Berlin, Ky.

Cecilia ordains deacon Steve Stewart
Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, ordained Steve Stewart as deacon Sunday, Sept. 14 during the morning worship service.

Stewart is married to Susan Davenport, Cecilia's minister of music.

FBC Prestonsburg ordains two
First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, will soon ordain two men as deacons of the congregation. The men are Garry Vickers and Ken Watkins.

Dean L. Pack is pastor.

Two ordained at 23rd and Broadway
Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained two deacons Oct. 5. Miss Cindy Webber and Miss Fannie Riehle were the deacons ordained.

John A. Sylvester-Johnson and N. Joy Sylvester-Johnson are pastors.

Revivals

Macedonia revival reports 55 decisions
Macedonia Baptist Church, Manchester, reported 17 professions of faith, two by letter, five commitments to soul winning and 31 rededications at a recent revival.

Joe Mobley was evangelist.
Raymond Brown is pastor.

Meta holds revival, 26 decisions made
Meta Baptist Church, Pike Association, reported 26 decisions during a recent revival. Of these decisions, nine accepted the lord as savior, 16 were rededications and one joined by letter.

65 decisions at Immanuel revival
Immanuel Baptist Church, Somerset registered 65 decisions during its recent revival. Of this number 10 joined the church by baptism and four by letter.

The evangelist was Ronald D. Bullock, pastor of Florissant Valley Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

The revival was preceded by four weeks of nightly cottage prayer meetings. James M. Blackerby is pastor.

Penley team leads Ohio River revival
The Bill Penley evangelistic team recently held revival services for Ohio River Association. An average attendance was estimated to be from 950 to

1000 nightly.

During the revival 21 people made public professions of faith in Christ. Many other decisions were made.

Cox leads Ekron crusade

An evangelistic and visitation crusade Sept. 10-14 at Ekron (Ky.) Baptist Church resulted in eight professions of faith and two additions by letter.

James W. Cox, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary, was evangelist.

Charles Blanc is pastor.

Congregations

Calvary, Lexington, honors Denny
Robert S. Denny, retired general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was warmly commended in a resolution adopted by Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington. Denny accepted Christ at Calvary and called Calvary his church home while a student at the University of Kentucky.

The resolution extends the thanks of the congregation to the Dennys and conveys "deepest affection and best wishes for the future."



Stamping Ground [Ky.] Baptist Church recently purchased an Allen computer organ. The cost was over \$11,000. Pictured with the organ are [l-r] Betty Graves, Katherine Murphy, Beulah Mae Stone [back row] John Bratton, Larry Johnson and Glenn Mollette, pastor.

Kenton celebrates homecoming Oct. 5
Kenton Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, celebrated its homecoming with services Sunday, Oct. 5.

Lyle Road dedicates education building
Lyle Road Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, dedicated a new educational building Sunday, Sept. 14.

The new building will provide Sunday school facilities.

Dan C. Moore is pastor.

Calvary holds homecoming Sept. 14
Calvary Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held its annual homecoming Sunday, Sept. 14.

A service was held in the afternoon with Ken Barbee, pastor of Barren Run Baptist Church, bringing sermon and music.

Shady Grove celebrates homecoming
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, held homecoming Sunday, Sept. 28.

The afternoon program consisted of a message by Jerry Easley, former pastor, followed by gospel singing by the Galatians Quartet from Illinois and the Jubilee Quartet from Hopkinsville.

Melvin Bell is pastor.



John A. Wood [l], pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, represents Kentucky as trustee on the Radio and Television Commission board. He is shown with Jimmy R. Allen [r], president of the commission, and Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Allen is demonstrating one of the commission's mini-cams.

Deaths

Ernest Smith succumbs

Ernest Smith, former pastor of Coral Hill Baptist Church, Glasgow, died Sept. 15.

Sept. 17 services were canceled so church members could attend Masonic rites for Smith.

Personnel

Central Hospital appoints David James
David B. James, former assistant director of personnel at Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, has been appointed personnel director at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

James succeeds Alan Newberry who has been promoted to administrative assistant at Central.

In 1973 James received a BA degree in sociology from the University of Kentucky and he received an MS degree in community development from the University of Louisville in 1978. In addition to his hospital experience he has held several positions in the field of business.

Teague leaves Beechwood, Louisville
Chuck Teague has resigned from the staff of Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville. While at Southern Seminary Teague was Beechwood's minister of education.

Upon completion of his MDiv degree Teague leaves Beechwood and goes to Pleasureville Baptist Church in Henry County as pastor.

Teague and his wife, Leah, have one son, Andy.

Jones joins Sunday School Board staff
Larry Jones is a new placement consultant in the personnel office of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He was formerly a minister of education at Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Jones holds a bachelor's degree in religion from Samford University in Birmingham and an MDiv degree in religious education from Southern Seminary.

Thornes furlough in Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Thorne, Foreign Mission Board representatives to Israel, have arrived in Versailles, Ky., for furlough. He was born in Yale, Okla., and also lived in Tulsa.

Mrs. Thorne, formerly Anita White of Oklahoma, was born in Hominy and lived in Kellyville, Sapulpa and Tulsa.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

Parks furlough in Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Park, missionaries to Chile, are furloughing in Paducah, Ky.

He is a native of Paducah. Mrs. Park, the former Divina Key, was born in Nortonville, Ky., but moved to Paducah as a teenager. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Carter resigns Second pastorate

Chris Carter, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has resigned.

Larry Embry new at Woodlawn

Larry H. Embry is the new pastor at Woodlawn Missionary Baptist Church. Embry, a Bowling Green native, had previously pastored Richland Baptist Church, Morgantown, and Friendship Baptist Church, Warren Association.

He is married to the former Kathleen Daughterty of Ohio County. They have a daughter, Karen Lynn.

Ray Spaulding joins Ashland Avenue
Sunday, Aug. 31, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, welcomed Ray Spaulding as minister of music.

Spaulding and his wife Janet have three children: Tricia, 10, Karen, 8, and Kristi, 7.

Prior to coming to Ashland Avenue Spaulding was a minister of music for 15 years, directed the band at Holmes High School in Covington and has given professional performances with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Opera.

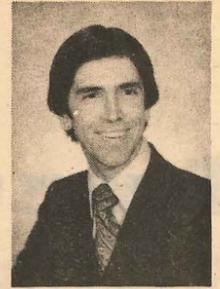
He holds degrees from Bob Jones University, University of Cincinnati, Miami University and Xavier University.



Geurin



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Flynn accepts Annville call

Annville Baptist Church, Irvine Association, has called Raymond Flynn as pastor.

Lebanon welcomes Gary Stringer

Lebanon Baptist Church welcomed Gary Stringer as pastor effective Sept. 21.

Stringer came to Lebanon from New Salem Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stringer have two daughters, Valerie Ann, 12, and Mary Beth, 8.

Aubrey Barrett accepts Memorial's call

Aubrey Wayne Barrett Jr. has accepted the call to be minister of music at Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort. Barrett is seeking an MCM degree at Southern Seminary. He has worked in Alabama churches and for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department this past summer.

Ron Burdon is pastor.

Clarks River welcomes Frank Benton

Clarks River Baptist Church, Symsonia, welcomes Frank Benton of Louisville as assistant to the pastor and minister of outreach and activities. Benton has been a teacher at Ninth and O Christian School for the last three years. He is married to the former Nancy Travis of Hammond, Ind. Mrs. Benton was a teacher in the day care program at Ninth and O Baptist Church.

Willmoth resigns Fern Creek pastorate

James G. Willmoth resigned as pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.

Willmoth accepted a position as minister of music and education at First Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, Mo. Harold Songer, assistant provost and professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, is the interim pastor.

Chester Young goes to Hawaii

Chester R. Young, chairman of Cumberland College's department of history and political science, was supply pastor for five weeks this summer for Kahului Baptist Church in Hawaii. This church is the oldest Baptist congregation on the island of Maui.

Young was a SBC foreign missionary on the Hawaiian islands from 1949-64.

Jack Geurin accepts Second

Jack Geurin has accepted the call to become pastor of Second Baptist Church, Greenville. He comes to Second Baptist from First Baptist Church, Ridgetop, Tenn.

Geurin is a 1970 graduate of Southern Seminary. His wife is the former Mary Ingold of Kansas City, Mo. They have two children, David, 7, and Jacqueline, 3.

Miss McCoy leads Marrowbone Center

Miss Pam McCoy is the new director of Marrowbone Baptist Center, Pike Association.

She is a native of Pike County and a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. She was on the staff of Cumberland College before joining Marrowbone's staff.

Kentucky Association.

A native Ohioan, Hounshell went into broadcasting and public relations following high school. He accepted the call to full time ministry in 1976.

Hounshell graduated from Boyce Bible School, Columbus, Oh., in 1980. He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Brian and Charity.

Lentine directs Freedom Ministries

A new program in downtown Louisville known as Freedom Ministries is headed by Ron Lentine. The ministry purposes to take the gospel into the streets of downtown Louisville. In addition to evangelistic witnessing, recreation and fellowship in a Christian setting for downtown Louisville is provided. Freedom Ministries is supported by local churches and individuals in the Louisville area.

Lentine is a native of Detroit, a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic College and is currently studying at Southern Seminary. He has been youth evangelist for the Florida Baptist Convention and worked with Kentucky Baptist evangelism director Jay Brown in youth evangelism throughout the state. In addition to heading Freedom Ministries he is available for weekend or week-long evangelistic meetings.

Danny Lane begins Falmouth pastorate

Danny G. Lane recently assumed the pastorate of Falmouth Baptist Church. Lane came to Falmouth from West Covington Baptist Church where he pastored while a student at Southern Seminary.

He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and of Southern Seminary. Ordained in October 1977 he has been active in youth and music programs for the past five years.

Smithfield calls Doug Carver

Sept. 7 Smithfield Baptist Church called Doug Carver as associate minister. Carver, a second year student at Southern Seminary, is a chaplain at the V. A. Hospital, Louisville.

He and his wife Sunny have one daughter, Brooke. They went to Smithfield from Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville.

Carl Hunter interims at Elkhorn City

Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association, has called Carl Hunter, professor at Clear Creek, as interim pastor.

Taylor to host Manaus mission

Mr. and Mrs. Lescal B. Taylor, Foreign Mission Board volunteers, have accepted the invitation of a mission in Manaus, Equatorial Brazil to be host/hostess.

They will be in Manaus for approximately one year, beginning Oct. 1, 1980. The Taylors are members of Mason Baptist Church.

Mrs. Chatham goes to Guyana

Mrs. Betty Jean Chatham, a concert pianist from Shelbyville, left for Georgetown, Guyana, Sept. 12 with four other mission volunteers.

These five Foreign Mission Board volunteers took part in an eight night crusade in Georgetown.

Two Laotians attend HMB conference

Khamsig Norady and Bounchanh Vong Surith of Campbellsville were among Laotian Baptist pastors and church leaders from across the country who participated in a training conference sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

The meeting told the Laotians about various aspects of the Southern Baptist Convention such as what Southern Baptists believe about the Bible, the mission of Christians, baptism, the local church and salvation, said Joshua Vand, a Laotian and a national language consultant for the board.

"Many of them were members of the Lao Evangelical Church when they were in Laos," Vang said. "They became Southern Baptists when they got to this country because Southern Baptist leadership showed care and concern for them and because doctrines were

similar.

"This meeting was very important for them because they actually knew very little about Southern Baptists, and it gave them a chance to find out for themselves," he said.

Nationwide, there are about 40 Laotian Baptist congregations with membership totaling more than 6000 persons, Vang said.

Crain to Middleton

Mike Crain is the new pastor of Middleton Baptist Church, Simpson Association.

Short leaves Suwanee Furnace

Don Short has resigned as pastor of Suwanee Furnace Church, Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association. He has accepted the call from Immanuel Church in Marion to become pastor.

He was pastor of Suwanee Furnace for six years before resigning, during which time Sunday school attendance rose from approximately 40 to 140 people.



After commissioning in the Kentucky Air National Guard, Tommy Smith has his 1st Lieutenant bars attached by his wife Margaret.

Tommy Smith named chaplain

Tommy Smith, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville. Former staff writer for Western Recorder in 1975, Smith serves as wing chaplain of the 1000-person unit. The position is also an appointment by the Home Mission Board.

Smith graduated from the Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. with a BA in religion in 1975. He went on to receive a MDiv from Southern Seminary in 1978. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith of Lonoke, Ark.

His duties as wing chaplain are an extension of the preaching and pastoral duties of his current congregation at Cedar Grove.

His wife Margaret and son, John Thomas, 2, witnessed the swearing-in ceremony.



Johnni Johnson Scofield, who grew up in Ashland, received a 30-year service pin from R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, at the board's September meeting in Richmond, Va. After serving three years as a missionary to Japan Mrs. Scofield joined the board's home office staff as an assistant in production in the division of visual education. In April 1980 she was named vice president for communications. She is the sister of Mary Johnson, director of preschool work at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Christian Education

Boyce Bible School student has ministry to alcoholics

by David Smith, News Director, Southern Seminary

"I am myself a recovering alcoholic. I used to meet all my friends on the corner of Clay and Jefferson Streets, in the Clarksdale project. I lost my job, my fiancée, everything I owned, because I wanted to drink."

Ronnie Allen, a student at Boyce Bible School, said that of the life he used to lead in Louisville. Now a "recovering alcoholic" as he puts it, he volunteers his time starting programs in local churches for alcoholics.

"I kept getting worse until one day I was passing Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel and the custodian there invited me to come back. It was like God was showing me. 'Hey, here it is,' and I couldn't stand the way I was living."

For rehabilitation he went to a Salvation Army program for alcoholics as well as an Alcoholics Anonymous program.

The pastor of Jefferson Street Chapel offered Allen a job as custodian. There he started a personalized ministry helping other alcoholics.

"I would invite people to come over to the church and all of us would go out on picnics and do things together. Since I was a recovering alcoholic, I talked a different language with them."

"I was a minister of the community. I liked it, so I quit the job I had and went ahead and started doing the ministry work," serving Jefferson Street about three days a week as well as working

with Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concerning the alcoholic's particular problems, Allen believes the alcoholic tends to feel very guilty about drinking. "The alcoholic thinks, 'Gosh, how could I do all this?'" He has self-pity and resentment and uses alcohol as an escape, Allen insists.

"I knew the things I did were wrong, but I'd go right back to drinking" and feeling guilty, he said. "Alcoholics don't realize everyone is a sinner and through church and through God we can become a saved sinner."

Allen said the best way to help alcoholics come to God is to let them know you love them and God loves them, no matter what they have done. Ministers should keep in close contact with alcoholics who are trying to recover, ask them how the AA meetings are going and even offer to go to a meeting with them.

The 35-year-old Louisvillian has started AA programs at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, East Baptist Church, Vine Street Baptist Church and University Hospital. As a seminarian he is doing his clinical pastoral education in counseling at Seven Counties Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center and wants to be a counselor to alcoholics upon graduation from Boyce.

"I feel God has called me to do something concerning the problem of alcohol," he concluded.



Ronnie Allen spends some time at Southern Seminary where he takes courses as he prepares to minister to alcoholics.

Two promoted at C'ville

Franklin D. Cheatham has been promoted at Campbellsville College, according to W. R. Davenport, president.

Cheatham was promoted to the rank of professor. He was formerly associate professor of mathematics.

Cheatham, a graduate of Taylor County High School, received the BS degree from Campbellsville, the MS degree from Tennessee Tech University and his PhD from University of Kentucky.

Cheatham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cheatham of Bradfordsville. He is married to the former Shirley Hardin and they have one daughter, Tammy Rene.

Robert L. Doty, son of Mrs. Eddie Doty of Ravenna, has also been promoted, according to Davenport.

He was promoted to the rank of professor of literature and languages.

A graduate of Estill County High School, Doty received the AS degree at

Henry Ford Community College. He received the BD degree from Southern Seminary and the PhD degree from the University of Kentucky.

Chafin to address pastors

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, will be the keynote speaker at the first Baptist pastors fellowship at Georgetown College.

The day long program is scheduled for Dec. 2 and is the first in a series of such meetings. A number of subjects will be discussed in the series including: the pastor as a person; the pastor and his family; the pastor and his finances; and the pastor and stress.

Chafin is dean for the schools of evangelism conducted during the Billy Graham crusades. He is the former chairman of the North American group of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization.

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Dave Mossman



Twilight time

A place to call home

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Should Baptists begin to look seriously at the problems of old age, and think realistically about meeting specific needs of people who have reached their twilight years? While ministries are now provided for children, students and church programs for all ages through our state convention, until now Kentucky Baptists have said 'no' to the possibility of starting one or more 'golden age' homes for the elderly, primarily due to cost.

What happened to the Tennessee Baptist Convention last year in its unfortunate legal and financial battles over Belmont Plaza, a high rise for senior citizens in Nashville, underscores Kentucky Baptists' hesitancy about moving into this area.

Yet, there are Baptists who continue to believe this is an area where the denomination should focus attention for ministry. Louisville's Walnut Street congregation, the state's largest, recognized a need a few years ago and formed a corporation to operate a multistory apartment complex for senior citizens in the heart of that city. The program has been a success by every measure, so much so the church recently authorized a second corporation (including members of the church) to provide another such complex especially for upper and middle income residents. A model apartment is now available for showing.

Louisville, however, does not hold the exclusive edge on Baptist care for the elderly in the state. For many years Baptists in northern Kentucky have observed these needs and have attempted to do something about it through their own private corporation, a convalescent center located in Newport. That work has grown. Baptist leaders in the area admit providing a sustained ministry to healthy, retired persons has never received the attention they feel it deserved through the convalescent program.

Thus, some years ago they began thinking of alternative methods of serving those who reach retirement years, yet who don't require round-the-clock medical or personal attention. The result was a second corporation, Baptist Retirement Village Inc., which on a balmy Sunday afternoon in late September held ribbon-cutting ceremonies for its first apartment unit for the elderly, in Erlanger.

A pleasant, care-free existence

Robert M. Dunn, who manages the village along with a third corporation sponsored by the association, Bullittsburg Baptist Camp, near Hebron, Ky., explains the concept.

"The village is for people who approach retirement who don't need or require nursing home care, but who prefer a place to live where there is no required maintenance or yard work either."

Although only eight apartments have been completed thus far, Dunn says a total of 120 apartments are on the drawing board for completion on a gently

rolling, treed site comprised of 22 acres near interstate highways 75 and 275. "We have no particular timetable for completion," Dunn emphasizes. "As more and more persons become interested we will complete more apartment units."

The first units are typical of those projected for the future. There are six one-bedroom and two two-bedroom apartments in the initial section. Each apartment includes a living-dining room combination, bedroom or bedrooms, large bath with handicap bars, closets and fully equipped kitchen, including stove, refrigerator and sink disposal. Though unfurnished, every apartment is fully carpeted, air conditioned, includes smoke alarms and other safety devices, and is all on one level, eliminating stairs.

Each apartment complex will include a locked storage room for the convenience of residents, plus a laundry room equipped with washers and dryers free to residents.

Eventually, Dunn says a community building will be constructed on the property for use by all residents. It will include 24-hour staff contact reached by a call button directly in each apartment. It will provide a place for meetings, socials and recreation, plus the possibility of a cafeteria. Looking down the road Dunn foresees the possibility of outdoor recreation facilities, perhaps including a swimming pool, a lake and gardens as more apartment units are readied.

Till death do us part

Unlike retirement centers requiring a cash deposit on acceptance and a high monthly maintenance fee, Baptist Retirement Village offers its residents a lifetime estate plan. For one sum a resident has a maintenance-free apartment for his or her lifetime. Insurance on the apartment building is carried by the village, as well as taxes. However, residents must insure their personal property as well as underwrite such services as medical expenses, laundry, house-keeping, electric bills, telephone and newspaper delivery.

At the death of the resident the apartment reverts to the corporation for sale to another tenant.

One-bedroom units are priced at \$32,000 while two-bedroom apartments go for \$35,000.

"A portion of this money will be put into an escrow account in the bank," Dunn explains, "for utilities, grounds, upkeep, maintenance, insurance, taxes and administrative costs. The remainder will be applied to building the next apartment complex to be constructed each time."

Dunn says 16 apartments are scheduled to be included in the second unit. A total of eight apartment buildings is projected altogether.

There is only one requirement for admission to Baptist Retirement Village. That is age. To be accepted, an applicant must have reached his 62nd birthday. In the case of a couple, at least one person must be 62.

Dunn emphasizes residents must be able to care for themselves. "If medical care becomes necessary the resident will be transferred or referred to the facility of his choice which may adequately meet his needs.

The administration is not responsible to provide services in this area but will assist residents and their families in making these decisions," he adds.

To whom much is given

The corporation's board is elected by Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, including Baptists living in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties. Two members are elected from each of the three counties and there are three at-large members of the board, including the moderator, moderator-elect and association director of missions. Members serve overlapping three-year terms.

The six members from the three counties characteristically include three laymen and three church staff members. The board meets for lunch monthly in the board room of the convalescent center in Newport.

The site for Baptist Retirement Village was donated nearly five years ago by two brothers, Chester Long, now deceased, and Oren Long. Oren is a Methodist while Chester was a deacon at Erlanger Baptist Church. Though blind, Chester Long served his church and association faithfully, and was a member of the convalescent center's board of directors.

He had a great interest in providing a ministry for people who reached retirement, yet were still mobile. He and his brother gave 10 acres to the association for such a development. The association later purchased an additional 12 adjacent acres from the pair.

Although Chester Long never lived to realize completion of his dream, his family brought him to the construction site several times last year before his death to let him walk beside it. The legacy he has left will be a tribute to his memory for years to come.

All work, and very little play

Robert Dunn, manager of the property, was interviewed a few weeks ago by Western Recorder in his dual role as manager of Bullittsburg Baptist Camp. He had been pastor of Greenview Baptist Church, Florence, before resigning last March to accept the two-pronged job for the association of managing the camp and the retirement village.

"Neither institution could support a full time man," he reflects. "I spend 75% of my time at the retirement village, 75% at Bullittsburg and 50% preaching on Sundays in one of the association's churches," he chuckles. He has missed preaching only three Sundays since resigning his pastorate.

Dunn says he hopes, when the village is completed, to see a group of apartments set aside for rent to needy persons, especially pastors whose churches have not adequately provided for their declining years.

He has been asked many times why the village is selling lifetime estates rather than renting apartments to residents. "If that were done there would never be any money to build additional apartment complexes as part of the lifetime estate is earmarked for that.

Therefore, we'd only serve the first eight residents to move into the current building, and their successors," he affirms. "That's not the idea at all."

Dunn sums up the advantages of the lifetime estate, which he frequently shares with audiences. They are:

1. The security of knowing one has a lifetime apartment with no maintenance cost.
2. The opportunity to live in a Christian community with people of similar persuasion.
3. The opportunity to be a part of an ongoing ministry to future people in this situation.

Meanwhile, Baptists across Kentucky will watch from the sidelines as Baptist Retirement Village develops, perhaps wondering if it could also work somewhere else.

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Tuesday Morning — Nov. 11

Music Leader Kenneth Hale
President, Kentucky Baptist Music Association
Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg
10:30 Message in Song Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Director, Eugene Sutherland
Prayer Bill R. Tichenor

10:40 Convening of the 1980 Kentucky Baptist
Convention John Dunaway
President, Kentucky Baptist Convention
Prayer Bill R. Tichenor
Immediate Past President,
Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference

Hymn Singing

10:50 Welcome and Worship Rollin S. Burhans
Host Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green

11:00 Organization of 143rd Convention A. W. Walker
Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Appointment of Committees John Dunaway
Appointment of Tellers John Dunaway
Report of Credentials Committee Verlin C. Kruschwitz
Assistant Director, Boyce Bible School, Louisville
Report of Committee on Order
of Business Rollin S. Burhans
Chairman

11:05 Message in Song Kentucky Baptist Chorale

11:15 Fraternal Greetings John Dunaway

11:25 Special Music Church Choir
First Baptist Church, Corbin

11:30 President's Address John Dunaway

12:00 Closing Prayer William Cromer
Immediate Past President
Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association

Tuesday Afternoon — Nov. 11

Music Leader C. Alan McCutchen
Minister of Music, Minors Lane Church, Louisville

1:30 Hymn Singing

1:40 Worship and Prayer Roy Faulkner
Pastor, Everts Church

1:50 Report of Executive Board Franklin Owen
Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

2:30 Hymn Singing

2:35 Bold Mission Thrust Report William H. Rogers
Staff Committee Chairman, KBC, Middletown

2:40 Election of President

2:55 Business Session and Resolutions

3:20 Chaplains Recognition Franklin Owen

3:30 Message in Song Rebecca Johnson
Minister of Music, Ralph Avenue Church, Louisville

3:35 Report on Conventionwide Education Edwin F. Perry
Retired Minister, Louisville

3:40 Theological Address Duke K. McCall
President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Louisville

4:00 Closing Prayer Frank E. Deese
Retired Chaplain, Hopkinsville

Tuesday Evening — Nov. 11

Music Leader Jack Gordon
Minister of Music, First Church, Hopkinsville

6:40 Concert Host Choir
Carl Moman, Minister of Music,
First Church, Bowling Green

7:00 Hymn Singing

7:05 Worship and Prayer Robert Browning
Pastor, Rich Pond Church, Bowling Green

7:15 Report of Business Related Division ... Barry G. Allen
Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Annuity Byrd Ison
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Kentucky Baptist Foundation Grady L. Randolph
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Foundation,
Middletown

7:35 Report of Woman's Missionary Union Kathryn Jasper
Executive Director, WMU, Middletown

7:40 Report of Obituary Committee Hubert Reynolds
Chairman and Pastor, Inez Church

7:50 Hymn Singing

7:55 Presentation Franklin Owen
Baptist World Alliance Message .. Robert S. Denny
Retiring General Secretary, Washington, D. C.

8:10 Report of Western Recorder C. R. Daley
Editor, Middletown

8:20 Report on Cooperative Program ... R. Dwayne Conner
Chairman and Pastor, Erlanger Church

8:30 Message in Song Host Choir

8:35 Message James H. Smith
Executive Director, Brotherhood Commission,
Memphis, Tenn.

9:00 Closing Prayer Robert M. Dunn
Manager, Bullittsburg Baptist Camp, Hebron,
and Manager, Baptist Retirement Village, Erlanger

Wednesday Morning — Nov. 12

Music Leader Rodney Vincent
Minister of Music, Bellevue Church, Owensboro

9:00 Hymn Singing

9:05 Worship and Prayer William S. Roberts
Pastor, Pleasant Grove Church, Owensboro

9:15 Report of Baptist Hospitals Inc. ... Homer D. Coggins
President, Baptist Hospitals Inc., Louisville

9:25 Report of Committee on Constitution and
By-Laws Sidney Maddox
Chairman and Pastor, Twelfth Street Church, Paducah

9:35 Recognition of New Leadership Franklin Owen

10:00 Hymn Singing

10:05 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business

10:30 Report of Committee on Resolutions John Kruschwitz
Chairman and Pastor, Highland Hills Church, Ft. Thomas

10:45 Report of Board of Child Care William E. Amos
Executive Director, Middletown

11:00 Report of Historical Commission Leo T. Crismon
President, Historical Commission, Louisville

11:10 Message in Song Carl Moman
Minister of Music, First Church, Bowling Green

11:15 Scripture and Prayer David Gardner
Pastor, First Church, Hopkinsville

11:20 Convention Sermon Edwin F. Perry
Retired Minister, Louisville

11:45 Closing Prayer Ernest Martin
Pastor, Calvary Church, Danville

Wednesday Afternoon — Nov. 12

Music Leader David Phelps
Minister of Music, LaCenter Church

2:00 Hymn Singing

2:05 Worship and Prayer Gilbert Sapp
Pastor, First Church, Russell Springs

2:15 Student Department Don Blaylock
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

2:20 Message Morris Norfleet
President, Morehead State University

2:35 Report on Christian Education

Campbellsville College W. R. Davenport
President

Cumberland College James H. Taylor
President

Recognition of James Boswell, Retiring President

Georgetown College Ben M. Elrod
President

Clear Creek Baptist School D. M. Aldridge
President

Oneida Baptist Institute Barkley Moore
President

3:10 Message in Song Georgetown A Cappella Choir
Director, W. Wayne Johnson

3:20 Address Martha Layne Collins
Lieutenant Governor, Frankfort

3:35 Miscellaneous Business Session

3:50 Closing Prayer Richard Tapscott
Pastor, Mt. Zion Church, Kuttawa

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6:30 Choir Rehearsal Eugene Sutherland
Director

6:40 Worship through music

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Mrs. Boyce Tate

Host Pastor Rollin S. Burhans

6:50 Choir and congregation — "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Parade of Flags
Scripture and Prayer
Introduction of Program
and presiding John Dunaway
and Franklin Owen

Bold Growing through: ... A. B. Colvin - James Whaley
Bible Study Fred Halbrooks - Vernon Cole
Witnessing Jay Brown - Forrest Sawyer
- Kathryn Jasper

Mission Points Robert Jones - KBC Staff
- Still life scenes by churches in Bowling Green

Choir — A Gospel Medley

Bold Going
Introduction Wendell Belew, Home Mission Board
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
Slide and tape presentation of Kentuckians "on the go"
as a part of Bold Going

Bold Giving Jesse C. Stricker
Bold Mission Church Leadership
Meetings William H. Rogers
Congregational Singing
Offering
Choir — Missions Medley
Message: "The Urgency of
Bold Missions" R. Keith Parks
President, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Dedication and Commitment John Dunaway
and Franklin Owen

8:50 Adjourn
Foreign, home, state and associational missionaries
available in designated places for personal conver-
sation and counseling

Thursday Morning — Nov. 13

Music Leader Rick Case
Minister of Music, Pleasant Grove Church, Owensboro

9:00 Hymn Singing

9:05 Worship and Prayer Richard Allison
Pastor, Georgetown Church

9:15 Report of Temperance League Delbert Butts
Executive Director, Louisville

9:20 Report of American Bible Society ... Dowling Runner
Pastor, Pleasant Grove Church, Shepherdsville

9:30 Report of Committee on
Arrangements Francis R. Tallant
Chairman and Missionary, Warren Association,
Bowling Green

9:35 Report of Committee on Committees ... David Gardner
Chairman and Pastor, First Church, Hopkinsville

9:45 Report of Committee on Nominations Glenn Armstrong
Chairman and Pastor, Beaver Dam Church

9:55 Hymn Singing

10:00 Report on Radio and Television Robert A. Young
Associate Pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville

10:05 Report of Committee on Public Affairs .. Billy G. Hurt
Chairman and Pastor, First Church, Frankfort

10:15 Report of Missions Division A. B. Colvin
Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Cooperative Ministries-Christian Life William H. Rogers
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

10:25 Report on Home Missions Henry Schafer
Retired Minister, Owensboro

10:30 Report on Foreign Missions Darrell Cruse
Pastor, Gano Avenue Church, Georgetown

10:35 Report of Church Services
Departments James H. Whaley Sr.
Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

10:40 Report on Cedarmore Baptist
Assembly Marshall Phillips
Director, Bagdad

10:45 Miscellaneous Business

10:50 Recognition of Former Executive
Secretary-Treasurers Franklin Owen
Recognition of Former Presidents President Dunaway
Recognition of Convention Officers and
Presentations Franklin Owen
Recognition of New Convention Officers Franklin Owen

11:10 Message in Song Barbara Stauffer
Minister of Music, Eminence Church

11:15 Message Harold C. Bennett
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee,
SBC, Nashville

Closing Prayer Newly Elected President

Music Association

November 10, 11

First Baptist Church,
Franklin, Ky.

OFFICERS:

President Ken Hale
Minister of Music, First Church, Lawrenceburg
Vice President Larry Cook
Minister of Music, First Church, Frankfort
Secretary-Treasurer Sheila Albritton
Minister of Music, First Church, Ashland
Pastor-Advisor Willis Henson
Pastor, Lone Oak Church, Paducah

A.M.
11:45—Officers Luncheon at Copper Kettle, Franklin
P.M.
1:00—Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal Eugene Sutherland
Director
1:00—Children's Choirs Leadership Betty Bedsole
(for spouses and other interested persons) Church Music Department, BSSB, Nashville

2:00—Call to Order of KBMA
Worship
Concert Don Phillips
Minister of Music, First Church, Franklin
2:30—Personal Growth Session
"The Christian Classics in the Devotional Life" Wilf's Henson
Lone Oak Church, Paducah
3:15—Refreshment Break
Visit Baptist Book Store Exhibit
4:00—Children's Choirs Methods and Materials Betty Bedsole
Church Music Department, BSSB, Nashville
Children's Choirs of First Baptist churches of Franklin and Scottsville
5:15—Business Session
1. Constitution Revision Committee Report
2. Election of KBMA Officers
3. Church Music Department
4. Bold Mission Thrust Project Committee Report
5. Miscellaneous Business
5:45—Adjourn for Supper
6:00—Buffet Supper: Advance reservations made with Church Music Department, KBC
7:30—Evening Concert
Campbellsville College Brass Ensemble Dallas Blair, Director
Campbellsville College Handbell Choir Ronnie Smith, Director
West Kentucky Chorale Jack Duvall, Director
First Church, Russellville

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN

9:00—Donuts and Coffee
9:15—Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal
10:30—Sing for Opening Session of Kentucky Baptist Convention

Pastor's Conference

November 10-11

First Baptist Church,
Bowling Green

President Bill R. Tichenor
First Church, Princeton
Vice President Wayne Padgett
Plum Creek Church, Taylorsville
Secretary Arnold G. Moon
Bruners Chapel Church, Harrodsburg
Organist Austin Roberts
Lexington Avenue Church, Danville
Pianist Chester Culver
Nortonville Church, Nortonville

THEME: BOLD GROWING

MONDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10

1:30—Pre-session "Sunesis"
Cumberland College
1:50—Hymn Larry Baker
Clinton Church
Prayer David Haley
Hillcrest Church, Louisville
1:55—Message: "Bold Growing: What Every Growing Pastor Must Be" Harold Mauney
First Church, Taylorsville
2:20—Hymn

2:25—"If Your Church is to Grow?" Bruce Grubbs
Sunday School Board, Nashville
2:55—Special Music "Sunesis"
Cumberland College
3:00—Message "Feeding the Flock in Bold Missions" Ferrill Gardner
Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville
3:25—Hymn
Offering Arnold G. Moon
Bruners Chapel Church, Harrodsburg
3:35—Message Bill Bennett
First Church, Ft. Smith, Ark.
4:05—Benediction Lloyd Storment
Bethany Church, Louisville

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10

6:45—Pre-session Music "Sunesis"
7:05—Hymn Malcolm Lunceford
Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort
Prayer Larry Cook
Salvisa Church, Salvisa
7:10—Message: "Leading the Church with Authority" Bruce Grubbs
7:40—Special Music Mrs. Charles Elder
Princeton
7:50—Message: "Righteousness Exalteth A Nation" David Gardner
First Church, Hopkinsville
8:15—Hymn
Offering Arnold G. Moon
8:35—Message Bill Bennett
9:05—Benediction John Holloway
Fairlane Church, Butler

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11

8:15—Pre-session Music Lois Jones
Gospel Singer, Williamsburg
9:00—Hymn Bob Kersey
First Church, Paducah
Prayer Don Flanery
Southern Avenue Church, Danville
9:10—Message Bill Bennett
9:40—Special Music Mr. and Mrs. Marc McFarland
First Church, Hopkinsville
9:45—Message Sam Cathey
Evangelist, Hot Springs, Ark.
10:15—Benediction 1980-81 President

Religious Education Association

November 10

Downing Center,
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Ky.

President Bill Cromer
Southern Seminary, Louisville
President-elect Mike King
Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Secretary-Treasurer Mike James
First Church, Danville
Secretary-Treasurer-elect Johnny Taylor
First Church, Whitesburg

12:30—Registration—Room 308, Downing University Center
1:00—Welcome and Introductions President Bill Cromer
1:15—Bible Study—"The Cost of Leadership" Jack McEwen
Dean, School of Religious Education, SBTS, Louisville
1:45—Conference—"A Minister's Relationships with his Family" Harley Dixon
Chaplain, Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah
3:15—Break
3:45—Conference—"Your Relationship with other Church Staff" Chip Miller
Administrative Pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville
5:00—Dismiss
5:20—Fellowship Banquet President-elect Mike King
Auxiliary Dining Room, Downing University Center
7:30—Bible Study—"Rewards of Leadership" Jack McEwen
8:00—Conference—"My Relationship with Church Members" Bill Simmons
Minister of Education, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
9:00—Business Session
Miscellaneous Business
Report of Nominating Committee
Installation of New Officers
9:30—Fellowship

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

1980

Recommendations of the Executive Board to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

The Convention's constitution in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

A. Cooperative Program Goals and Percentages for 1981-82 Budget:

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These are now recommended for 1981-82.

	For Comparison 1979-80 Budget	Approved 1979 1980-81 Budget	Recommended 1981-82 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operational Budget	8,800,000	9,000,000	10,340,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	3,080,000 (35%)	3,150,000 (35%)	3,619,000 (35%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	5,720,000 (65%)	5,850,000 (65%)	6,721,000 (65%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	1,200,000	3,000,000	4,060,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	420,000 (35%)	1,050,000 (35%)	1,421,000 (35%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	780,000 (65%)	1,950,000 (65%)	2,639,000 (65%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	10,000,000	12,000,000	14,400,000
II. Other Estimated Income	693,199	782,752	800,000
III. Total Budget Goal	10,693,199	12,782,752	15,200,000

*—The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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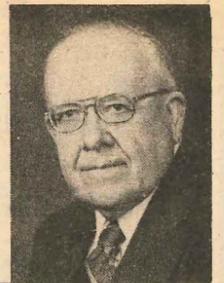
B. General Recommendations for the 1981-82 Budget

- We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.
- That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 18, 1982 or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.
- We recommend vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.
- We further recommend all contributions received and identified for bold mission thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.
- That we approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Child Care Program.
- That we approve the Mother's Day offering for charity work in our hospitals.
- That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU—Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, Annie Armstrong offering for home missions and the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions in September.
- We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.
- The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from those mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount. (The KBC in annual session, November, 1979, approved the recommendation of the executive board authorizing the Christian education institutions to engage in individual financial campaigns among the churches and individuals to seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years; the approved campaign period was Jan. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1984.)
- That we ask the Sunday schools to observe state missions emphasis day for its institutional and educational value.
- That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

Sunday School Lessons

OCTOBER 19, 1980

H. C. Chiles



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

GROWING AWARENESS

Luke 2:39-52 This passage contains an account of a visit which Joseph, Mary and Jesus made to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of the Passover. It was a custom among the Jews at this feast the boys who were 12 were recognized as "sons of the law," and thereafter were morally and spiritually responsible for living by it.

When this feast was over Joseph and Mary started home in company with their relatives and friends. In those days it was the custom for men to travel in one group in a large caravan, and women to travel in another group and the children went with the group which they preferred and played together as they went along. Because of this custom it was only natural for Joseph and Mary to be free from anxiety, even though they did not see Jesus during the first day of their journey.

After three days they found Jesus. Instead of playing with the children about the temple courts he was in the temple listening to the wise teachers, asking them questions and surprising them by his marvelous understanding. They were astonished at the quickness of his mind in grasping such great truths at a tender age.

When Joseph and Mary found Jesus in the temple conversing with the teachers of the law they were astonished he should venture into such an august presence. Mary reproved him for his seeming lack of thoughtfulness for her and Joseph, in remaining behind and causing them so much anxiety and inconvenience.

Jesus gently reproved their inordinate solicitude about him with the tender reply: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Indicating his mother should have realized his mission, Jesus made it clear, regardless of what others might do, he intended to do the will of God.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

GOD'S COVENANT AND JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 31:1-3 Speaking through Jeremiah, God told his disobedient people after they had paid the penalty for their rebellion against and disobedience to him, he would bring them again into their homeland. Jeremiah also predicted their spontaneous response to this great and merciful achievement would be thankfulness and praise to God.

Jeremiah 31:29-34 Knowing the prevalent tendency to blame others instead of self when things go awry and problems multiply, God's prophet refuted a widely-quoted proverb and declared every person is responsible for his actions and the results.

The promise of the new covenant—Jeremiah 31:31-32 Since a new covenant is promised, one is warranted in concluding there was a previous one. At Sinai God made a covenant with the nation of Israel. Since it was national in nature it could bring blessings to other nations.

The prospectus of the new covenant—Jeremiah 31:33-34 Whereas the old covenant was external, the new one was to be internal. Whereas the old one had been written on stone, the new one would be written on the hearts of the people and thereafter they would enjoy intimate fellowship with him.



Ministering to the children of the 80's



Wm. E. Amos, Director

Ky. Baptist Board of Child Care

A challenge called hope

Recently, while attending a meeting of residential child care administrators from across the nation, I was extremely moved by one speaker in particular. George Gallup Jr. of the famed Gallup Polls was to bring an address on the topic of America's youth. Most folks think the Gallup Poll deals simply with political ideas and trends. However, they have done major amounts of study and research on the American family as far as trends are concerned.

Gallup made several interesting points worth sharing. While admittedly the American family is in serious trouble in terms of pressure, divorce, etc., young people today have as their goal marrying and having children. What a hopeful word! In spite of all that is wrong with the family, there seems to be enough right with it to call forth a sense of hope from America's youth in terms of a goal to strive for. One qualification was most girls felt they would like to have a career as well as a family.

Religious values were spoken to as well. Gallup's material indicated there is a great deal of religious fervor and enthusiasm from American youth, but he added he has nowhere to go with it in terms of growth. At the same time, in terms of biblical ethics and knowledge, he said America's youth are basically biblically illiterate.

While there is great hope generated from these trends, there is also much challenge, especially to those of us in the church. The challenge is to help make the hopes of our youth a reality. This means taking seriously the religious education of our youth . . . of making sure they understand God's word and have opportunity to know personally the love of Jesus Christ. We also must respond to the challenge of equipping our youth for marriage in more effective ways than ever before.

All of this lies at our doorstep of child care in terms of our task, of our opportunity. These youth who live with us have hopes and dreams. Pray with us that we can meet the challenge of making these dreams and hopes a reality.

Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, Ky. 40977



The mountains

From the beginning the Clear Creek Baptist School has considered the southern mountain region as its distinctive field and its work is conducted with a view to supplying an improved type of Christian leadership for this area.

We will discuss the mountains represented in the center of our logo this week as I attempt to explain our unique ministry.

Although Clear Creek's special ministry centers in the Appalachian regions, students are not limited to these areas. They come from some 20 states in the Southern Baptist Convention to Pineville to prepare for a church related vocation.

When L. C. Kelly began this school he wanted to upgrade the education of the mountain pracher. Some of them could not read or write. You might be interested to learn the Southern Baptist literacy program can trace its roots back to Clear Creek. It was begun here by one of our faculty.

The fact that Clear Creek is located in the mountains gives us a definite advantage to reach numbers of lost persons with the gospel message. I have heard many figures tossed around concerning the evangelistic opportunities here. In fact, one report stated that up to 90 percent of the population is unchurched! Now I don't know if I can agree with the results of a survey like that, but the fact is, there are many lost people here in the southern Appalachian mountains.

Our students provide a number of services designed to reach them. Let me name just a few.

As part of their training, Clear Creek students conduct regular street preaching services, both in Middlesboro and Pineville. They learn how some of our foreign missionaries feel when they preach on the streets of the countries they serve. It's not easy, since the crowd is not seated in a comfortable pew, but from the reports I have received, the students learn much from the experience.

Another ministry of our students is their jail ministry. Regularly they visit local penal institutions with the message of hope. Several confessions of faith have been reported as a result of this outreach.

If you would like more information about our ministry in the mountains, write me and I'll be happy to send it to you. The address is D. M. Aldridge, President, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

KBC Activities

Here and now

OCTOBER

- 17-18 Baptist Young Women's Retreat. Cedarmore. Husbands invited. Evening meal through lunch. Call Cedarmore (502) 747-8911 concerning space
- 18 GA Mission Fair. Madisonville. First Baptist Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking ahead

OCTOBER

- 20-24 Mission Emphasis Week on local college campuses
- 24-25 Associational Officers' Briefing. Cedarmore. Friday evening meal through lunch Saturday. Reservations made through associational director of missions or moderator
- 24-25 Baptist Women's Retreat. Jonathan Creek. Husbands invited. Evening meal 24th through lunch 25th. Reservations through Jonathan Creek
- 31-11/1 Baptist Women's Retreat. Cedarmore. Evening meal Friday through lunch Saturday. Reservations through Cedarmore

Planning ahead

NOVEMBER

- 1 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek. 9 a.m. to early afternoon. Make reservations with Jonathan Creek
- 2-8 Royal Ambassador Week. Suggestions for observing in Brotherhood materials
- 7-9 International Student Conference. Cumberland Lake. For international college students. Reservations made through Student Department, KBC

Oneida Journal

Babes in Christ

Barkley Moore, President
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972



In two recent baptismal services of the Oneida Baptist Church 22 of our young people were baptized.

Pastor Joel Rackley reminded the church of its duty to encourage and guide these new "babes in Christ." I want to give you a thumbnail sketch of each of them.

Shannan is 13, a seventh grader from Louisville. She has a single parent who must work.

David is the youngest of five children from Carlisle. He wanted a Christian school and there was none near his home.

Anna is the seventh grade daughter of a Prestonsburg lawyer.

Ricky is a Lexington boy who came and worked all summer on our farm.

"Butch" is from Winchester and came to us last year in our "Special Help" program. He has made much academic progress and appears to have grown a foot.

Kim and Tina came from Kermit, W. Va. along with their older sister. Two older brothers are in the university but received such poor academic preparation in their local public school their parents were determined the three daughters would have better.

Doug is from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. His parents are divorced and he is in his father's custody but the father owns a produce business and must be at work at 2:00 a.m. Doug has volunteered for much extra responsibility in our work program over that assigned him, and is doing a tremendous job.

Phillip, originally a mountain boy, now calls Lexington home and is a 14-year-old eighth grader.

Kim is from a Catholic family in Louisville. Her parents wanted her in a better environment.

John is also from Louisville, a "middle" child, age 14, grade nine.

Another Kim, this one a senior from Lexington, was referred to us by a prominent Methodist pastor.

Robbie, a little bundle of energy from Winchester, learned of our school from a former Oneida staff member.

Tim, one of our black students, from Lexington, is of Pentecostal background.

Mark is a husky, 16-year-old from West Carrollton, Oh. He has two older sisters. His parents divorced five years ago and a man's discipline is important in these teenage years.

Al came to us last year from Michigan, born and raised a Catholic, an only son with four sisters. He was so difficult that we were forced to expel him. However, four months later, I agreed to try again. He is 18, a junior, and now one of our more responsible students, helping to supervise others in our work program. I rejoice we gave him another chance, and he now knows our Lord.

Jill is the 18-year-old daughter of a Williamsburg, Oh. Baptist missionary. She visited our school last year with a cousin who is an Oneida graduate and "fell in love with the school." She is a fine young lady and a senior.

Kara is a 13-year-old seventh grader from Troy, Oh. Her parents are divorced and her mother must work.

Rhonda, age 16, was referred to us by a Louisville pastor who graduated from Oneida and whose wife is also an Oneida alumnus.

Richard's parents are divorced and remarried. His father is a New York detective. Will you pray for each of these? Now?

Frank Owen

Pray and fight



A visit back to Gainesville, Ga. with a group of old friends in a former pastorate brought back some reminders of other years as we exchanged memories. My three sons were little when we were at Gainesville. A total of three years and nine months separates them from the youngest to the oldest, so those were pretty wild days with a pretty noisy household and sometimes noisy church.

Mrs. Paul Turner was telling about one of my sons in the church nursery. We picked him up one day at the nursery door and as we led him to the car, I engaged him in conversation.

"What do you do in the nursery, sonny?"

"Pray and fight," he said.

Mrs. Turner confirmed the general accuracy of his response. She declared she had tried to teach them about prayer and such, but a great deal of fighting took place. Skirmishes sometimes developed faster than she could stop them.

I hope that nursery was different from the experience of older people in their churches, but I have seen a few relationships in churches in my life where the answer might be somewhat the same—pray and fight. The church sometimes serves different purposes to different people, even though it is not so intended. The church is the arena of some people. It is where they most contend to have their way, even if it requires their worst behavior.

It seems like my children wrote the record book for those years in Gainesville. A second report of Mrs. Turner was the fact they played church one day and my son volunteered to be the devil. They chided him with reminders that his father was the minister and it seemed he should have a nobler ambition than to play the role of the devil. He was quick to declare he intended to be a good Christian and all that, but he was "just going to act like the devil."

Again, one wonders how many of us grow out of this childhood inclination. I am afraid that at times many of us who intend to be good Christians "act like the devil."

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