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## Smith, Jews resolve differences but their beliefs are unchanged

Expressing deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community because of his statements concerning Jews, Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith joined national Jewish leaders in a joint statement abhorring, condemning and rejecting anti-Semitism.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., read a joint statement following a three-and-a-half hour meeting Dec. 18 with six other Southern Baptists and seven officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a national organization of Jewish laymen.

Smith asked for a meeting with ADL national director Nathan Perlmutter in the wake of controversy over Smith's widely reported comments God does not hear the prayers of Jews and Jews have funny looking noses.

The statement, issued after a closed door meeting held under tight security at the B'nai B'rith headquarters across the street from the United Nations Building, said:

"The parties agreed that they abhor, condemn and reject Anti-Semitism because it violates their respective deeply held religious beliefs;

"Second, both reaffirmed their commitment to their

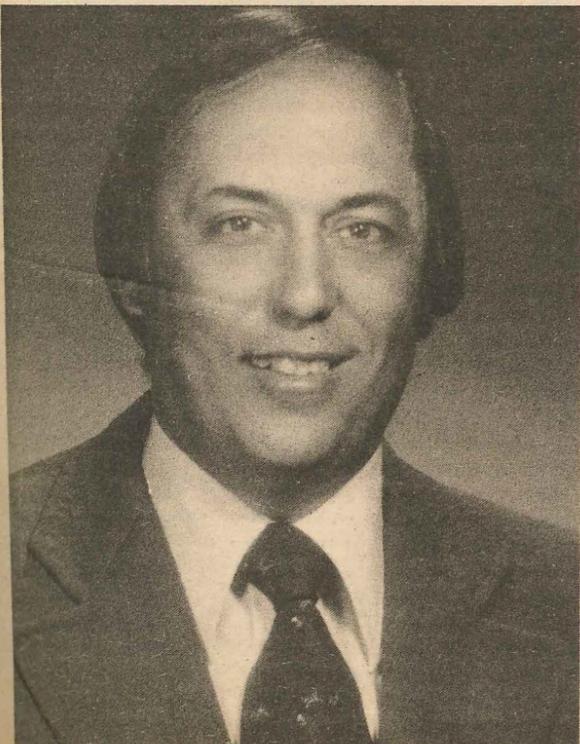
### SBC Executive Committee taps BSSB staffer for post

Reginald (Reggie) McDonough, 44, has been elected associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McDonough, secretary of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, succeeded Albert McClellan, who retired Dec. 31 after more than 31 years with the Executive Committee.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Tex., McDonough is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and received master's and doctor's degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been with the Sunday School Board since 1964 as a consultant, supervisor and secretary of the Church Administration Department. Previously, he was minister of education at churches in Thibodaux and Arcadia, La. and Beaumont, Tex. He was also instructor of religious education at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall.



McDonough

basic theological beliefs without rancor or rejection of each other; and

"Third, both groups have been the victims of religious persecution and even to this day suffer persecution in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world."

The statement concluded: "For the above reasons, they (participants) agreed to establish a joint working relationship in which Baptists and Jews will explore and plan improved methods of communication."

It specifically cited plans for conferences, seminars, academic interchanges, preparation of joint materials and "other means for each community to learn more about the other."

The president of the 13.6 million-member denomination also refused to back down from his previous position. The statement made plain Smith "has distinctive theological beliefs he cannot compromise," but added the Southern Baptist "stands with the Jewish community for total religious liberty" and "for an American pluralistic society."

In the written statement Smith expressed "deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community" and said if he had it to do over again, "knowing how it would be misinterpreted," he would not have made the statements.

After reading the statement, which described the meeting as "open and friendly," Smith told reporters he had never met with nicer people in his life. He, however, refused to answer questions from the 15 to 20 representatives of the national and New York news media.

After Smith declined to answer questions reporters asked Perlmutter if he considered Smith's earlier remarks anti-Semitic.

"I am satisfied pastor Smith had no anti-Semitic intent," Perlmutter said. "But I am not satisfied with his beliefs and he is not satisfied with mine. That's what makes him a Baptist and me a Jew."

In a telephone interview with Baptist Press Smith said the meeting was "just perfect . . . they are my friends and they know I love them."

He added he has been invited to the home of one of the participants, Mark Briskman, regional representative of ADL in Dallas, to observe Passover and "both my wife and I plan to go." He said he also discussed the possibility of making a joint trip to Israel with ADL representatives, but made no decision.

Smith, who was elected president of the SBC in June, made national news in mid-September when reporters were given transcripts of a sermon he preached Aug. 22 at the National Affairs Briefing, a conservative religious-political gathering in Dallas.

In that sermon, Smith said "God almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew," and commented: "How can God hear the prayer of a man who says Jesus Christ is not the true messiah? It is blasphemous."

He made national headlines again in mid-November when a tape recording of a sermon he preached Aug. 31 surfaced. In that sermon, on "God's Special People and Special Places," Smith quipped from his pulpit: "Why did he (God) choose the Jews? I don't know why he chose the Jews. I think they've got funny looking noses myself."

## Baptists, others consider governmental intervention

Southern Baptists will join representatives of more than 50 religious groups in a conference on government intervention in religious affairs Feb. 11-13 at Bethesda, Md.

With 450 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish participants representing religious bodies with more than 121 million adherents, sponsors believe the event will be one of the most inclusive gatherings in history. The conference will focus on a wide range of issues from tax exemption to governmental restraint on "political" activities of religious bodies.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said the meeting is



### Ye are my witnesses

Many Southern Baptist congregations will observe Sunday, Jan. 11 as Witness Commitment Day. This is "a time to consider responsibilities for reaching people for Christ," said Fred White, direct evangelism director of the Home Mission Board. On that day Southern Baptists will be challenged to fulfill their obligations to the Great Commission, he said.

### Philippians at home: an alternative this year?

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is offering Louisville area residents an opportunity to take eight hours of studies in Philippians by cable TV during January.

New Testament professor James L. Blevins and theology professor Dale Moody are presenting four one-hour lectures this month, with each lecture carried eight times during a single week. The programs are telecast on CPI channel 24 which the seminary has been programming since September along with five other educational institutions.

The Blevins course, a biblical study of Philippians, is seen Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 a.m., Fridays at noon, Saturdays at 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. It begins the week of Jan. 5.

Moody's course, theology of Philippians, will be shown Mondays at 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 2 a.m. and 7 p.m., Fridays at 1 p.m., Saturdays at 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. beginning the week of Jan. 5.

CPI is serving about 30,000 homes in metropolitan Louisville with a potential viewing audience of more than 100,000.

Equipment used in television productions was paid for by a grant to the seminary from Louisville's J. Graham Brown Foundation.

needed because "there have been numerous cases where the government has intervened in the religious affairs of several denominations."

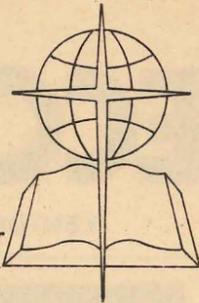
Other participating religious groups include the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., U. S. Catholic Conference, Synagogue Council of America, National Association of Evangelicals and Lutheran Council in the U. S. A.

Admission is by invitation only. The SBC is allowed 35 participants based on a quota system that permits each of the national religious groups to issue invitations on the basis of its membership.

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

### Hopefully the storm is passing

In the last several weeks a welcome calmness has come upon the turbulent Southern Baptist waters. The condition and the spirit of Southern Baptists at any given moment are always reflected on the pages of state Baptist papers and for the last month these publications have been almost entirely free of charges and counter charges from opposing forces in Southern Baptist life.

Judging by the events of the last two years, one has to ask the question whether this quietness means the severity of the storm is over or this is merely the eye of the storm and more destructive winds are to follow. We can pray the worst is over but we must remember that, unlike the weather over which man has no control, the Southern Baptist storm rises and subsides with the action of men.

There are two chief contributors to this change in Southern Baptist atmosphere. One is the growing signs that president Bailey Smith will be fair and responsible in performing his presidential duties and especially in his appointment of strategic committees. He gives evidence he is his own man and will not bow to pressure from zealots who want to use him for their ends.

Smith has been unduly criticized for careless remarks. In some instances his critics have been more severe than he has been and his efforts to atone for his remarks about Jews and his requests for the prayers of fellow Southern Baptists have won him many friends.

The other contributor to the present tranquility is the spirit of the 1980 state Baptist conventions. Contrary to what was expected in several states, almost without exception these meetings were positive and free from predicted divisiveness. There is no way to account for this except the Lord answered many prayers and zealots did not make their play to gain control of state convention offices. Apparently no candidate for office in any state was elected due to his commitment or non-commitment to "inerrancy."

One almost has to assume that Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler did not follow through with expected efforts to recruit and to direct lieutenants in each state in an effort to gain control of the state presidencies as they claim to have gained control of the Southern Baptist Convention presidency. If that be so, let us hope they continue to leave state conventions to their own directing.

The atmosphere in the Los Angeles convention next June will be determined by president Bailey Smith and by whether or not any group of messengers shows up with a predetermined agenda. If president Smith's appointments reflect any

kind of balance, he will be reelected president for another term without any trouble. If his appointments are one sided, an effort will likely be made to make him a one term president. This would be most unfortunate.

Another hope has entered the picture for the prospect for a God-pleasing convention this year. It is the special prayer being planned for the convention between now and June and at the convention. This could make all the difference in Southern Baptists this year and for all the years to come. Please read the other editorial on this page and become a part of this, the greatest hope for Southern Baptists.

### A priority for Southern Baptists in 1981

The year 1981 will be a year of destiny for Southern Baptists. It will bring us nearer or take us farther from God's plan for us. Left to our own resources, the recent spirit of divisiveness could lead to tragic consequences but there is one way to be certain to prevent this. This is to take seriously the suggestion of Southern Baptist Convention vice president Jack Taylor and other convention officers that the 1981 convention in Los Angeles to be the most prayed-for Southern Baptist Convention meeting in history.

The plan known as Prayer Mobilization for the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles in June 1981 was originally proposed by vice president Taylor but was quickly sanctioned by other officers of the convention.

The simple but important plan has two stages. One of these takes place prior to the convention and the other is during the convention.

Prior to the convention a prayer representative in each state will be responsible for mobilizing a prayer chain in his state to be activated anytime a special need appears. These state chairmen will also help host a continuous prayer meeting to be held in the convention hotel in Los Angeles during the 72 hours the convention is in session.

It is hoped a special Prayer Sunday between now and June will be set aside for all the churches to pray for the convention.

In addition to the 72-hour prayer meeting in the Hilton Hotel during the days and nights of the convention, a prayer room will be open to all messengers in the convention meeting hall where eight sessions of prayer will be held while the convention is going on.

In one sense it is ironic we have to be called to special prayer for the convention. It is assumed all Southern Baptists do is preceded by sincere prayer. No doubt many prayers have been lifted for every convention in our history but we are particularly sensitive to our need for God's guidance this year.

This prayer mobilization can make all the difference in Los Angeles but only if undertaken in humility and sincerity. Prayer will be sacrilegious if we have already decided what to seek and how to vote on convention issues. Prayer for the convention will not change God's mind so much as it will change our attitudes replacing disagreement and suspicion with harmony and

mutual trust.

In Kentucky T. Howell Upchurch, 8911 Old Third Street Road, Valley Station 40272, has been asked to serve as representative for this prayer mobilization plan. It would be helpful to him to have the pledge of hundreds of Kentucky Baptists to join this much needed effort. Write or call him with assurance of your participation (502) 935-9454.

## Baptist Forum

Who is right?

The "Moral Majority" is bad, because they attempt to influence the political process.

Our Foreign Mission Board's action encouraging "immediate help" to avoid taxes for missionaries by lobbying Congress is good.

Posting the 10 Commandments on public property is bad, because taxpayers (including non-believers) pay for such facilities.

Chaplains in tax-supported facilities are good.

Prayer at basketball games is bad, because Americans United and the Civil Liberties people might be offended.

Profanity and vulgarity in textbooks is good, because it expands the cultural horizons of our students.

Criticism of college and seminary professors is bad, because it divides our people.

Criticism of convention presidents is good, because we need an open discussion of the issues facing us.

Dialog with Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Moslems is good.

Dialog with fundamentalist Baptists is bad, because they are narrow minded, intolerant people who hold views that differ from ours.

Right? or wrong?

R. Charles Blair, Mayfield

### Missionary family needs home

I shall be coming on furlough in June 1982 as visiting professor of missions at Southern Seminary. A graduate of Southern, I did DMin work my last furlough which I completed after returning to Liberia.

Although Southern Seminary will provide housing, my wife and I are desirous of living in a house, if at all possible. This is the purpose of my letter—to see if you might help in our locating one. It seems missionary houses in the Louisville area are quite scarce. The one at Lyndon is already scheduled for occupancy at that time by Jim McKinley.

We have four children, the oldest starting college as we begin furlough. The other three are 14, 12 and nine.

I was pastor of Union Baptist Church, Defoe, in seminary before we came to Liberia in 1963. We enjoy getting Western Recorder to keep up with happenings in Kentucky.

I believe I saw in one issue an article by you requesting help in transportation for a missionary coming to the area. Should you be able to help me in any way to get transportation the year we are home I would be most grateful.

By the way, we would be happy to live out from Louisville, if a house should be provided.

Thank you for any help you may give.

Bradley D. Brown  
Monrovia, Liberia

Editorial note: any person or church who possibly could provide housing or transportation for the Browns are encouraged to contact them directly. The address is Box 1778, Monrovia, Liberia.

# January is 'Make Your Will Month'

by Grady L. Randolph,  
Executive Director,  
Kentucky Baptist Foundation

The use of a will in estate planning often implies that only large estates need a will. However, regardless of the size of the estate, a will should be prepared. This is a basic item in every estate plan. The will makes it possible for you to decide now what will happen to your estate in the future. Many lives may be affected by your decisions, so these decisions should be made with prayerful consideration.

The care of the family is the first priority in planning a will. This in itself makes every will different since families and their needs differ. There may be standard phrases, clauses or procedures in planning the will, but it should be uniquely yours and is drafted with your family in mind.

Family lifestyles and other concerns

are often reflected in the will. A family with a strong religious orientation would probably want that reflected in the structure of the will. Thus, it becomes important for you and your attorney to become familiar with denominational institutions and agencies. Information about Kentucky Baptist institutions and agencies may be secured by writing your Kentucky Baptist Foundation. This will enable your attorney to do a better job for you.

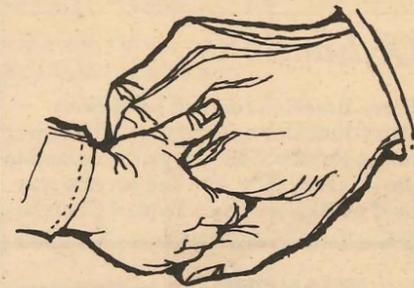
Keep in mind that charitable gifts from an estate must be clearly spelled out in the will. If a charitable trust is involved in the will, special drafting regulations apply and often a tax attorney is needed for this drafting.

The constant changing of tax laws

that bears upon an estate is another important consideration in planning a will. This fact alone makes it very important that you seek legal counsel in planning your will. The properly drafted will, in compliance with state statutes and taking advantages of tax laws, may save the estate considerable money—money that would otherwise go to your heirs.

Finally, an informal conference with your Kentucky Baptist Foundation director may prove to be helpful before you begin this planning process. He is available at no cost to you. Write to: Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243; or call (502) 245-4101 extension 331 for an appointment.

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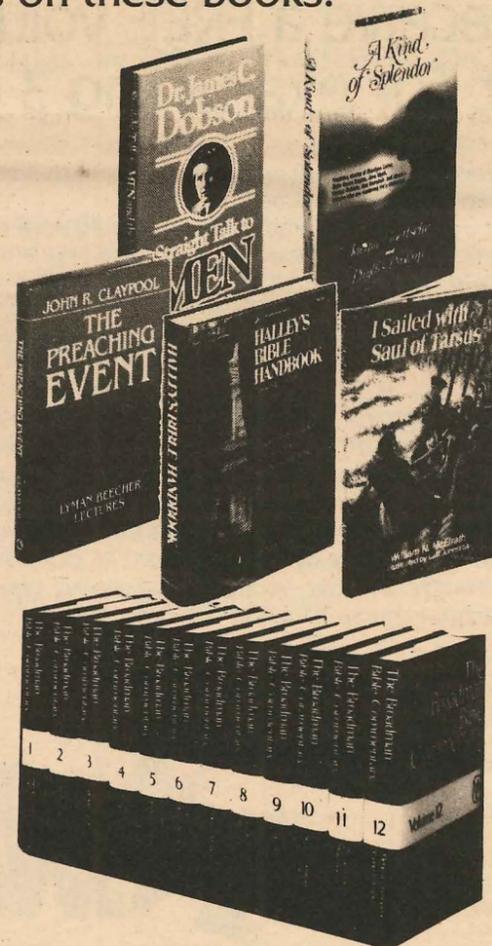
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# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Ordinations

Perry Brackin ordained by Hickory Perry Brackin, a student at Mid-Continent Baptist College, was ordained to the ministry Nov. 22. The service was held at Hickory (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Brackin is pastor at Kirbyton Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association. He and his wife Nancy reside in Hickory.

Northside ordains two deacons Barry Brown and Carroll Boyd were

ordained as deacons at Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Jan. 4. David Royalty is pastor.

## Personnel

Hensley is available for pastorate A. J. Hensley has resigned as pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Shelby County Association. He is available for an interim or full time pastorate.

Wilburn Bonta to pastor Greasy Creek Wilburn Bonta has accepted the pastorate of Greasy Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Cedar Grove calls Ray Daniels Ray Daniels, former pastor of several churches in Illinois and Missouri, has accepted the pastorate of Cedar Grove Baptist, Simpson Association. He and his wife Betty Lou have two children, Mike, 25, and Kim, 19.

## Revivals

Woodlawn revival brings 32 decisions Larry Embry, new pastor of Woodlawn Missionary Baptist Church, Russellville, led the church's fall revival. Thirty-two decisions were made including 10 professions of faith. One person surrendered to the ministry and one surrendered to missions.

Landis leads South Greensburg revival Gary Landis led the fall revival at South Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

There were four professions of faith, two additions by letter and several rededications.

Trammell Creek adds two members Trammell Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, had two additions during its November revival.

Pleasant Grove adds 21 members Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, received 21 members by baptism in the past year.

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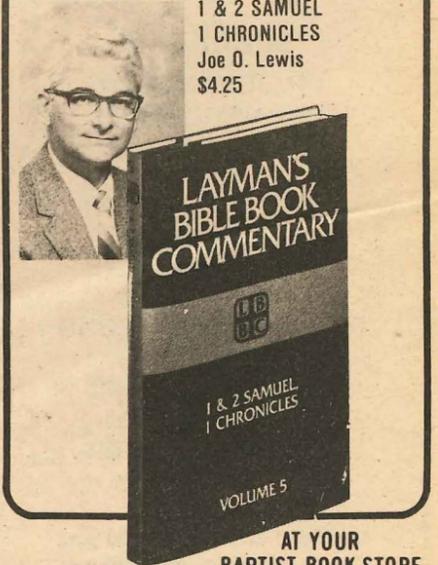
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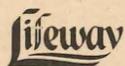
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A 600 percent increase in church additions has been made during the first year of Milt Hill's pastorate.

## Deaths

**Charles Robert Rader dies**  
Charles Robert Rader, retired pastor of Decoursey Baptist Church, died Nov. 28. Funeral services were held Dec. 1 with Carl Evans officiating.

Rader is survived by his wife Lorine; two children, Ron Rader and Wanda Guthrie; and four grandchildren.

## Congregations

**Columbia opens Christian life center**  
Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church has dedicated its Christian life center. The multipurpose facility complements the Christian life park which was purchased earlier.

The park consists of 11.5 acres with a softball field, tennis courts, croquet courts, volleyball and running track. The new center houses a regulation basketball court.

Bobby Beard has been employed as Christian life center director.

**Central accepts bold mission challenge**  
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, voted to accept the bold mission challenge and to take steps to double its 1977 Cooperative Program giving by 1982.

The church also voted to increase its direct giving to Mt. Zion Association and to Kentucky Baptist colleges.

Don R. Mathis is pastor.

### Bethany is constituted

Bethany Baptist Church, a former mission of Columbia Baptist Church, has been constituted.

Jim Kinser, a senior at Campbellsville College, is pastor of the new church.

### One surrenders to mission service

One person surrendered to God's call for mission service during the World Missions Conference at Temple Baptist Church, Central City.

A youth revival following the conference resulted in four rededications, one addition by letter and one addition by baptism. Ron Lentine was evangelist. Gary Shockley is pastor.

**Turkey Creek begins construction**  
Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Flat Lick, which was constituted in 1977, has begun construction on a 300-seat auditorium. The new building will also include educational facilities, library, offices and baptistry.

Ron Centers, a Clear Creek student, is the bivocational pastor. He and his wife, the former Susan Powers, have two children.

**Note burning held at Buffalo**  
Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, had a note burning service Nov. 23. The note retired the indebtedness on an auditorium which was built in 1966.

**Highland marks pastor's anniversary**  
Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, held a special service Dec. 7 to mark Don Burke's 10th anniversary as pastor.

**Franklin Cross Roads breaks ground**  
Franklin Cross Roads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, broke ground Dec. 14 for an educational addition. The new building will double the educational space.

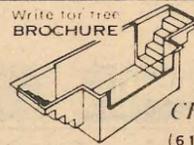
**Hatley licensed by Dawson Springs**  
Ricky Hatley was licensed to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs. Hatley is a sophomore at Murray State University.

Lawson Williamson is the pastor.

**116 present at Turkey Creek**  
Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Flat Lick, had 116 present on high attendance Sunday. The previous attendance

record was 86.  
Ron Centers is pastor.

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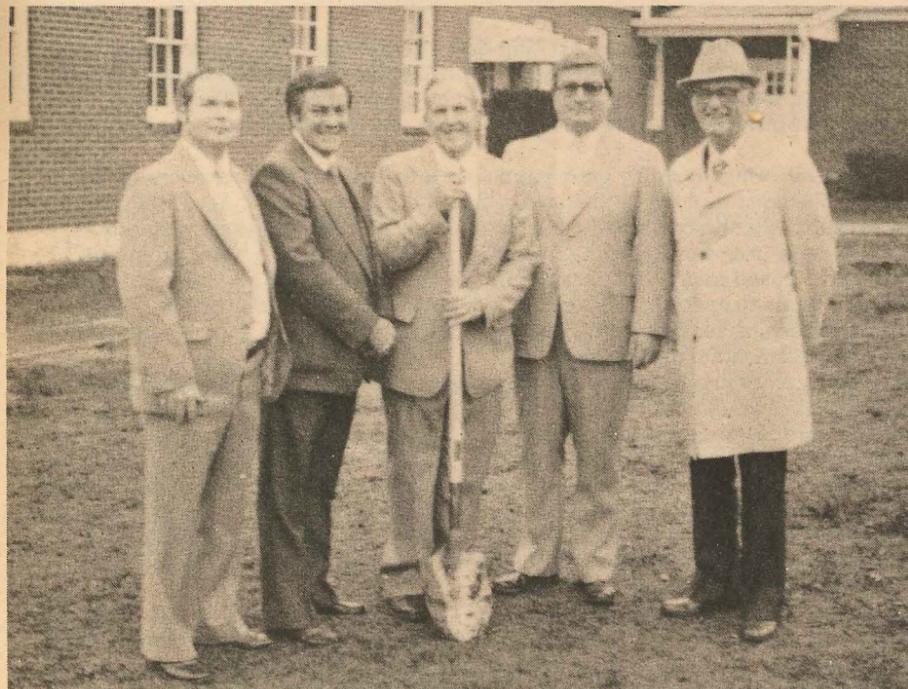
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Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, recently held a ground breaking ceremony for a new sanctuary. The sanctuary will cost \$400,000 and will seat 525 people. Individuals taking part in the ceremony included [l to r] Jerry Allen, Norris Cooper, Preston Miller, pastor Paul Welch and Howard Whitson.

# Sunday School Lessons



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## Ministering to the children of the 80's

### Preparing for the future

by Lawrence J. Dauenhauer

The new year promises to be an exciting time in child care. Our new cottages on both campuses will be completed and a new executive director will be selected for our program. It is a rewarding experience to be a part of all this. Most of you through your prayers and gifts are a most important part also, and for this we are grateful.

A new year brings not only anticipation of the future but reminiscences of the past. My thoughts go back to the days of Sam Ed Bradley and C. Ford Deusner, the first executives in the combined program of child care. What tasks they faced as they led a new program emerging from the rich heritage of two sister programs which had blessed many lives through the years. There was the never-ending task of raising funds to operate, the complexity of ever-changing government regulations and licensing requirements, and the challenge of training and keeping staff on what often seemed a thankless task.

The eight years just passed found the program facing some of the greatest challenges yet to come. Under the leadership of Bill Amos we have continued to grow into a forward looking program on the cutting edge of the child care task, building physically for tomorrow's young people and seeking to prepare ourselves and those who support us for the overwhelming responsibilities of the future. One thread runs through it all—the deep and abiding concern of Kentucky Baptists for young people as expressed in gifts and prayers. That concern and support is acknowledged in a committed and well-trained staff backed by an able, united board sensitive to their responsibilities in the future.

And what are those responsibilities as we enter 1981? The same as they've been for over 100 years—not just to provide food, clothing, shelter, as important as they are; and not just to educate and provide opportunity to learn social graces and practical, everyday tasks. What then? To humbly seek the guidance of our Lord as we live and speak our witness to his love for the young people whose lives we touch. The new year will be exciting, and having acknowledged anew the coming of Christ we expect child care in 1981 to reflect his coming at every opportunity. Happy New Year!

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## We believe

The charter of our school provides that all members of the board of trustees and the teaching and administrative staffs shall be members of Baptist churches in good standing. It also stipulates that the New Hampshire Confession of Faith shall be the official doctrinal statement of the school. One condition of employment as a faculty member is agreement with this confession.

The following is a brief summary of the school's doctrinal position.

### WE BELIEVE

1. That the Bible is truly the Word of God and that its teachings will be the standard for our final judgment.
2. That God is holy, infinite, intelligent, and that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, being equal in essence, each has a distinct part in man's salvation.
3. That man was created sinless but having sinned, brought on himself the just judgment of God and passed on a guilty nature to his descendants.
4. That God's grace, through the sacrifice of his son, made possible man's salvation.
5. That through faith, by no merit of his own, man is made righteous and comes into a state of peace and favor with God.
6. That salvation is free to all who will turn from sin and surrender to the Lord Jesus.
7. That the new birth is essential to salvation and will show itself in a true Christian life.

To be continued next week

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### JANUARY

- 11 Soul Winning Commitment Day. Evangelism Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, sending pastors information
- 12-13 Area Evangelism Fellowships. Conferences for pastors, church leadership, and laymen. 7 p.m.  
12—Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church  
13—Lexington, Central Baptist Church

### Looking ahead

#### JANUARY

- 19-20 Area Evangelism Fellowships. Conferences for pastors, church leadership, and laymen. 7 p.m.  
19—Owensboro, Hall Street Baptist Church  
20—Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church
- 23-24 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Evening meal 23rd through noon meal 24th. Register with Cedarmore. Conference repeats 1/30-31
- 25 Baptist Men's Day. See Baptist Program, Dec. 1980, Brotherhood Builder, Jan.-Mar.
- 26-27 Area Evangelism Fellowships. Conferences for pastors, church leadership, and laymen. 7 p.m.  
26—Mayfield, Northside Baptist Church  
27—Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church
- 30-31 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Evening meal 30th through noon meal 31st. Register with Cedarmore

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Suggestions available from BWA, 1628 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009
- 2-3 "Growing a Loving Church" Seminar. Lexington, Parkway Baptist Church. Begins Monday evening; concludes Tuesday afternoon. For registration, contact Church Administration, KBC, or Harold Polk, Elkhorn Association
- 8 Race Relations Sunday. Suggestions available from Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Department, KBC

# Oneida Journal

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



## No angels here

There is nothing more gratifying than to hear from former students. Every week long letters come from students recently here and from some gone for 50 and more years.

Recently a letter came from an outstanding Christian girl:

"Recently I graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a BA in broadcasting and public relations. There I met a wonderful man whom I plan to marry soon. The Lord has been so good to me. I received my degree in three years. There were many nights of desperation staying up to three and four in the morning studying. But God gave me the strength to persevere.

"Although it has been several years since I have seen my much missed Oneida I still keep abreast of the happenings at the school. I am very excited about all the new buildings that have been built. I know that the campus has changed but never will my feelings for Oneida. I had so many great experiences in the year I was there. Some day I dream to come back to Oneida to teach. Our prayers continue to be near you."

Then a fine young man, with us for three years, wrote a long handwritten letter recently. He said, in part:

"I'm always thinking about the good times I had at Oneida. Without Oneida's strong Christian atmosphere I wouldn't be the kind of man I am now. I have grown to love and serve God and to spread his good news.

"I am doing very well at college, but the morals taught here are not as strong as Oneida's. Jesus will come back one day and I thank God there is still some backbone in a few of our schools, and Oneida is in that group.

"I thought at times the rules at Oneida were dumb and old fashioned. But, as I look back to an old fashioned, strong, loving school where I was guided for three years, I am grateful for those standards. Mr. Moore, I pray to the Lord to keep Oneida strong.

"You always said the things we would remember the most about OBI, when out in the world, would be the chapel services. Though I was tempted to sleep through a few, you were right. I remember the warm Christian fellowship. I remember the loving, God-filled worship through song, prayer and meaningful messages each morning.

"Oneida is special. Keep it that way. Thank you for the education I received."

The weeks have slipped by and half the academic year is already past. Time seems to fly. And there is so much yet to do!

The attitude of our students is most encouraging. Not every student has done his or her best. Neither have all of them, or any of them for that matter, acted like angels. But, in fact, Oneida Institute was not founded, nor is it conducted today, for the training of angels. We are here to work with normal boys and girls who, though faced with temptations of their day, can grow up to be useful men and women.

They are not a group of misfits nor are they a group of handpicked geniuses. They are the equals of your sons and daughters.

Help us feed, house, clothe and teach them in the love of Christ.

## Frank Owen



## New year—new start

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Everyday is a new beginning. God mercifully responds to every sinner's confession, anytime, anywhere, every time he confesses; and lets him start anew, so long as his heart is right and his confession sincere, his intentions the best.

The new year, though, seems somehow the most measurable new start time we have. This is what brought the New Year's resolution into being. 1981! A brand new slate, a new year. What are you going to write in 1981? How are you going to write in 1981? Open the record book of your life, lift up the pen, what will you record in 1981?

How many more chances will you have to write a good year? Will you have all of this one? Pray that you will and promise God to write to His glory.

What noble resolve have you not yet fulfilled? What good intention have you continued to postpone? What worthy decisions have you held in abeyance, unmade?

Hezekiah was told to "set thy house in order for thou shalt die and not live." (II K. 20:1) It isn't likely that you and I will be given this kind of warning. God has given it to us through the record of Hezekiah, and He is reminding both of us of it in this writing, as I write it and you read it. Is your house in order? Don't go into 1981 without setting it in order.

Hail New Year! Let me be ready for you. Let my life throughout this year be ready. Christ makes men new. He puts new life, a new nature where the old life and the old nature was. He does this upon our surrender to Him. What a time for Christian decision! New life for a New Year in Christ.

# Paralyzed deacon sets example for service

by K. Maynard Head

When the East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church in Middlesboro, Kentucky, asked Arville H. Rowlett to become a deacon, he had to consider not only his spiritual qualifications but his physical condition as well.

East Cumberland Avenue's deacons had just begun the Deacon Family Ministry Plan and were seeking men to become deacons to minister to more than five hundred resident members.

The fifty-eight-year-old Rowlett had been hit by enemy sniper fire during World War II and is paralyzed from the waist down. Because of his incapacity, he had serious reservations about his ability to be a deacon.

"I knew if I accepted the position, I had a difficult job ahead of me," Rowlett commented. "It takes a lot of planning and more effort for me to make a home visit than most men."

Rowlett was born in a log cabin in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Soon after his birth, however, Rowlett's parents moved to nearby Middlesboro where the new deacon has spent his life except for his time in the service.

In 1940, at the age of nineteen, Rowlett volunteered for service in the United States Army. The war was spreading in Europe, but the United

States had yet to enter the growing conflict.

Rowlett was assigned to the Fifth Infantry Division and completed his basic training at Fort Custer, Michigan. During 1942 and 1943, he served in Iceland and England.

On August 10, 1944, while on duty in Angers, France, Rowlett was wounded by a German sniper. He sustained an injury to his spine which totally paralyzed him for more than four months.

Rowlett received treatment at the 154th Field Hospital in England but was soon transferred to the Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained until 1949.

The transfer was perhaps planned by God who knew what lay ahead for the young soldier. It was during this time that a young graduate nurse, Margaret Franks, came to work at the hospital. She was assigned to Rowlett's ward and became acquainted with him. The friendship turned into love and on March 18, 1949, she became his bride.

"While I was in the army," Rowlett said, "I had little fear of being killed or injured; I was more afraid of being captured."

"After regaining the use of my arms, I had terrific pain in them almost every day. There was an intern who helped

me and the other patients, and I would often plead with him to rub my arms.

"I have no bitterness," Rowlett commented as he reflected on those years of agonizing uncertainty about his condition.

Being paralyzed from the waist down has created few problems for Rowlett, who has driven an automobile since 1946. His vehicle is equipped with controls that permit him to drive safely; and when he and his wife travel, he does much of the driving.

In order to allow him easy access to the church, Rowlett was instrumental in getting a ramp installed in the building. He also led the church to see the need for an elevator so he and other handicapped persons can reach other floors in the building. Today there are three other persons in the church confined to wheelchairs who are grateful for Rowlett's farsightedness.

"I still remember my baptism," Rowlett said, "as though it were yesterday. I was baptized in a creek at a place called Horseshoe Bend in Middlesboro on February 24, 1935."

"I was saved at age fourteen in the old Second Baptist Church (now East Cumberland Avenue Baptist) building during a revival conducted by evangelist Wesley Epperson."

Rowlett admits that he was a nominal Christian until 1968 when he rededi-

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cated his life to the Lord and vowed to serve in any capacity God wanted him.

His experience as a Sunday School teacher and Training Union director at East Cumberland has helped prepare him for service as a deacon.

"I studied a lot," he said, "when I was told the congregation had nominated me to be a deacon. I wanted to serve God faithfully, to do a good job as deacon."

As a deacon at East Cumberland, Rowlett ministers to approximately a dozen families who have been assigned him as part of the Deacon Family Ministry Plan.

"I knew it would be difficult to reach some homes of my assigned families. So I designed a ramp that is easily portable. It permits me to reach the homes when I make a visit," he added.

Although there are many meetings difficult for him to attend, Rowlett rarely misses any of them. He is faithful at revival services and the many meetings required of a deacon serving a growing congregation.

No doubt Rowlett's paralyzing injury and subsequent return to a productive life is an inspiration to all whom he visits.

K. Maynard Head is pastor, East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

## Victory Memorial, Thais minister together

by Bob Jones, minister of education, Victory Memorial Baptist Church

A little over a year ago Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, was not much different from many churches across the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor W. Louis Walters was working to lead the people of Victory Memorial in an active ministry for all ages. Within the last year that hasn't changed. But some of the people sitting in the pews seem a little different. Many of them don't understand anything which happens during the morning worship, and yet they hear every word. And while they do not understand much of what is spoken many have accepted Christ as their personal savior and followed him in baptism. Who are these people who don't understand and still respond? They are men and women, boys and girls from Thailand and Laos who now call Victory Memorial their church home.

What has grown to a major ministry for this south Louisville congregation began slowly and unexpectedly. It began with what God did in the heart of Sanongjai Wheeler, a vibrant young woman from Thailand who lives just a few hundred feet from Victory Memorial. Jai, as she is known by her many

friends, was attending New Salem Baptist Church. Reflecting back on that time Jai says, "For a long time I fought God and ran away from him. I believed in Buddha and was afraid to trust God. I didn't want to hear the word of God." Then one day in great distress over the illness of one of her three children Jai prayed God would give her strength and help her child. She had been taking her son to the doctor every week for many months and after her simple prayer she reports she never had to make the trip again.

Near this time a Thai friend invited Jai to church to see the baptism of her daughter. Jai says this had a special effect on her life. Shortly afterward she made her own profession of faith in Jesus Christ. She became active in International Friendship, sponsored by the Baptist Student Department of the Sunday School Board. The local Friendship groups meet at Walnut Street Baptist Church. While in attendance Jai questioned some there about a church closer to her South Third street residence. After being visited by pastor Walters, Jai joined Victory Memorial and was baptized.

Nan Smith is a long time member of Victory Memorial who has found herself immersed in the church's international ministry. "When Jai was bap-

tized some of her friends from Friendship came to the service. After her baptism many of them continued to attend morning worship," Mrs. Smith says.

That small beginning has mushroomed into a ministry which God seems to have no intention of putting on the back burner. Mrs. Smith says Jai immediately began witnessing to her people. Jai says of her ministry, "I speak to many Thai and Laotians about Jesus. It is hard for them to break from the worship of Buddha. But I remind them that with Buddha we have to take care of ourselves, and no one died for us. I tell them how Jesus takes care of us, and how he died for us and will change our lives. This makes sense to many of them." Now Jai teaches a Sunday school class of her people each week at Victory Memorial.

Two of her Thai friends, Supenny Bryan and Samrit Dougherty have also been instrumental in the ministry. Not too many weeks ago Doug Moran, a Missions Volunteer working with Bill Kaufman of the Long Run Baptist Association, began attending Victory Memorial in an effort to help with this opportunity. Doug, also a seminary student, is planning outings and hoping to begin an English class later. Nan Smith returned recently from Nashville where she spent four days at the Sunday

School Board training to be more effective in her ministry to internationals.

According to Walters the way the Thai and Laotian people have responded to the gospel has created a new warmth and spirit of revival in the church.

Nan Smith summarizes the feeling of the Victory Memorial congregation in saying, "I feel this is one of the greatest spiritual blessings I've ever known. Sometimes I feel I am pushed into being more within the will of God. I didn't seek this ministry. It was sort of thrust upon me. I now believe God was pushing me to do something for him he had chosen me for."

Pastor Walters concludes, "This is a ministry we have not sought but I believe with all my heart this is a ministry God has laid at our doorstep. I don't know why he has chosen us but I believe he has. We have a tremendous opportunity to minister to these beautiful, loving people. I hope and pray their love will permeate our whole congregation."