

## Airborne TV network plans unveiled by Radio-TV Commission

by Toby Druin

The Radio and Television Commission moved to establish a 100-station low powered television network with a potential national viewing audience of 163 million.

In a called meeting Jan. 5 the commission unanimously voted to establish the network and created a subsidiary corporation, the American Christian Television System (ACTS) to implement it.

The corporation, organized Jan. 6, will make application and hold licenses for the stations, establish the stations in partnership with local Baptist bodies and contract with the commission to provide network programming for them.

Jimmy R. Allen, RTVC president, also will be president of ACTS. Other members of the corporation will be Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Daniel Rivera, president of Mexican Baptist Bible Institute, San Antonio, Tex.; Harold T. Branch, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Marvin C. Griffin, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.

Cothen was named to the corporation and the Sunday School Board promised an hour of network time because the board will provide a \$10 million "insurance credit" to assure the Federal Communications Commission the corporation and the commission have adequate financial backing to establish the stations. None of the \$10 million is expected to be spent, however, since local Baptist groups—churches, associations and others—are expected to construct the stations.

Rivera and the two black Southern Baptist pastors, Branch and Griffin, were named to the corporation because an essential requirement of the FCC in granting the licenses is ethnic representation among the license holders, Allen told trustees.

The FCC will apply a three-point system to any contested areas, Allen said, which will include date of application, whether the station is commercial or non-commercial—with preference to non-commercial uses—and minority representation in the ownership.

Hundreds of the low power 100 and 1000-watt stations are expected to be established across the nation in the next few years, broadcasting over a limited radius of 10 miles. However, as Allen pointed out, the signals can be picked up by local cable systems to greatly expand the audience.

## Pleasant Hill donates 13 'monthly' mission checks

One of the many mission-minded churches across the state, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, went an extra mile in giving last year.

According to pastor C. E. Jacobs his congregation gave a total of 13 "monthly" checks to the Cooperative Program in 1980. A member of Pulaski County Association, Pleasant Hill averages about 250 people in Sunday school.

In the past few years Pleasant Hill has designated approximately 25 percent of its incoming offering to mission work. As the end of the year came around the congregation decided to share its financial blessings with others.

Pleasant Hill's final Cooperative Program check of 1980 was written for \$1,346.85. This raised the church's annual mission giving to \$33,891.

"We do not wish to have any feathers in our hats," emphasized Jacobs. "We only hope the 13th check will be an idea that will catch on across the convention and thereby increase Cooperative Program giving."

Applications for licenses for the stations were frozen by the FCC Jan. 15, Allen explained, hence the hastily called meeting.

While the low powered translator stations have been around for many years, they have not figured in Southern Baptist plans because of their 10-mile range, Allen said. But, when the possibility of easier access to existing and developing cable stations was realized, Allen revamped his strategy.

"We stumbled onto this thing five weeks ago," Allen told trustees, relating he had a conversation with an engineer, John F. X. Brown of Louisville, in early December and immediately began looking into the matter.

With Brown's help, RTVC staffers "worked almost around the clock," Allen said, to determine potential sites and assemble engineering data.

About 200 of the station licenses already have been granted, Allen said, and hundreds more requested, which prompted the freeze. He said there is no way of knowing how many of the FCC requests will be granted, when they will be granted or when a network might begin.

Allen said applications will be made for more than 100 licenses, anticipating some contested areas. Several large companies, he said, have applied, as has the Christian Broadcasting Network. No other major denominations are known to have sought licenses, however.

Cost of the stations is expected to vary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each, the basic cost of transmitters and tower at each local station. The station, in some instances, Allen said, could be limited to a room in a church if the station simply transmits network programming and originates nothing locally.

ACTS will provide network programming during specified times and the local body would determine how much and what type programming it would originate during the remaining hours. Allen emphasized, however, the future of the system will depend on quality programming and agreements with assured time for small churches.

Network programming ultimately would be beamed to the stations through a satellite transponder system from an originating station in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Should the system begin operation before its satellite link can be achieved, Allen said, the stations would be supplied with network programs via videotape.

Cothen told Baptist Press: "We envision we will be able to use some of the same hardware to create and operate for the denomination a telecommunications system to communicate with associations, churches and state conventions by way of a satellite."

"The potential for the Southern Baptist Convention is that within 10 years as many as 10,000 churches may have the equipment to receive telecommunications."

Cothen said a satellite receiving dish can be built for about \$5000, and once it is in place, a church, state or association would be able to receive live or taped programs which might include Bible study lectures, teaching and training sessions or addresses delivered at Glorieta or Ridgecrest Baptist conference centers.

The network proposal will require the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee which meets in Nashville Feb. 16-18. The Sunday School Board's participation in the \$10 million insurance credit, already approved by its plans and policies and executive committees, will have to be ratified by the board when it meets in Nashville Jan. 27-28.

Allen said he doesn't know where the money will come from but feels by better informing Baptists through the programs about what the Cooperative Program is doing the whole level of giving among Southern Baptists will be raised.



## Channel masters

Officers of ACTS, Southern Baptists' proposed TV network, are [l-r] Grady C. Cothen, Baptist Sunday School Board president and corporation secretary-treasurer; Jimmy R. Allen, Radio-TV Commission president and ACTS president; and Daniel Rivera, president of the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute and ACTS vice president.

## The man in the moon isn't Sun Myung Moon, no attachment to Avon

Rumors that Avon Products and Procter & Gamble are controlled by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church are not true, according to representatives of the Home Mission Board and spokesmen for both companies.

Glenn Igleheart, director of the board's Interfaith Witness Department, called the rumors "unfortunate" and said: "We have an obligation to tell the truth and to set the record straight on these rumors. We've attempted to tell people when Moon has connections with certain businesses, but we must be careful not to cast falsehoods about innocent, legitimate businesses."

"The rumors circulating about Rev. Moon's ownership of Avon are completely untrue," Betty Abrams, manager of Avon's community information center, said. "Rev. Moon is in no way involved with Avon. We do not have any listing of Rev. Moon or his church as shareholders of our corporation."

She said the cosmetics company is "at a loss" to explain how the rumor got started. That's not the case for Procter & Gamble whose gossip derives from a company logo which is dominated by a man-in-the-moon figure.

The P & G stories claim the logo is symbolic of Rev. Moon and that the Unification Church is skimming 75 percent of the company's profits for its own use.

"Obviously, this rumor has no basis in fact," said Robert M. Norrish, director of P & G's public relations department. "Rev. Moon's Unification Church owns no shares in Procter & Gamble. As a matter of fact not one of 98,000 Procter & Gamble shareholders owns more than one-half of one percent of our stock."

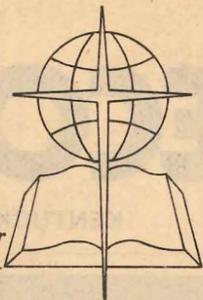
Norrish said P & G's moon and stars logo dates to 1850 and has been registered with the U. S. Patent Office since 1882, "long before Rev. Moon was born."

Nevertheless, the false information has caused at least one church in Missouri and other individuals in the south to boycott Procter & Gamble goods.

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## Daley Observations

### Peacemaking is Christian business

Most Southern Baptists favor world peace but not that many would join a peace organization without careful consideration. This is because pacifism, anti-military draft sentiments and other extreme anti-war views and activities are often associated with peace organizations. Also strong peace pronouncements and activities historically have been more associated with liberal Christianity than with the conservative theology which characterizes Southern Baptists.

Thus, world peacemaking has been an almost completely silent note in Southern Baptist preaching and has never had strong enough support to be given much emphasis by any Southern Baptist agency. The Christian Life Commission has pamphlets and other materials on peace but never has put much emphasis upon it.

Historically Southern Baptists have stood for peace in peacetime but have managed to justify war whenever the United States was involved in war. For Southern Baptists, like most other Americans, the song, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," became the national hymn during World War II. It still stirs patriotism in many of us.

But no matter how patriotic we may be Southern Baptists must be peacemakers if we take Jesus Christ and the New Testament seriously. This conviction is behind the efforts of a few Baptists mostly in the Louisville area who sponsored a peacemaking conference last year and now have started a publication dedicated to promoting peacemaking efforts among Southern Baptists (see news article on page 4 of this issue).

How far this project will go no one knows. Surely the present mood of the nation and the national administration will not help it. But this is all the more reason it deserves support. To stand by and do nothing or to join the present growing national mood of belligerency seems like the least Christian stance.

I am far from being a part of a unilateral disarmament movement or from adopting strong anti-military draft views but there are many meaningful peacemaking activities apart from these. Among these are talking about peace instead of military superiority, living peaceably with everyone, praying sincerely for world peace and adopting a lifestyle that would share more of the bounty of America with hungry and needy people all over the world.

Southern Baptists have not always been silent on peacemaking nor condoned war. Most Southern Baptists are not aware of it but Article XVI titled "Peace and War" in the Baptist Faith and Message doctrinal statement includes this para-

graph:

"It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war."

Another expression on the subject of peace and war of which most Southern Baptists are not aware was contained in a resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1940 shortly before the United States entered World War II. The resolution spoke of the "abhorrence of war," called war "a wanton and wicked waste" and said "even a defensive war should be waged only as a last resort." For many years the Southern Baptist Convention has recognized the right of conscientious objection to war and the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has facilities for registration of conscientious objectors and certification concerning these objectors to the United States government.

Thus, World Peacemakers and the publication, *Baptist Peacemaker*, is the perpetuation of a minor but important part of Southern Baptist heritage. May their efforts be blessed!

### Sunday school is ailing but not dying

Every few years someone writes an obituary for the Sunday school but like Mark Twain's comments on premature reports of his death, such reports are greatly exaggerated.

This time it is Russell Chandler, a Los Angeles Times writer, who says the Sunday school is in trouble—serious trouble. He bases his conclusion on findings of the Institute for American Church Growth in Pasadena, Cal.

Chandler sounds convincing when he presents statistics to prove his point but he doesn't give all the latest statistics nor the whole picture.

It is true the Sunday school movement as a whole has fallen among hard times of late. In the last 10 years Sunday school enrolment in America has declined by one fourth and some old line denominations have lost as many as 30 to 50 percent of their Sunday school enrolment. Some newer denominations and sects, however, are still experiencing Sunday school growth.

From the humble beginning in England in 1780 Sunday schools grew rapidly until the enrolment reached over 40 million in 1974. That year the enrolment dropped for the first time and by now is down to 32.6 million, according to the American and Canadian yearbook of churches.

One observer says at the present rate of decline, Sunday school as we now know it will be extinct. This argument is buttressed by the fact

that Sunday school enrolment among the Christian churches has declined 45 percent in eight years, among the Lutheran (Missouri Synod) churches 28 percent in 10 years, among the United Methodist churches 35 percent in 10 years, among the Episcopal churches 41 percent in 15 years, and among the United Presbyterians 30 percent in eight years.

Until last year Southern Baptists showed slight decline in Sunday school enrolment for several years but this was turned around in 1980 with an increase in Sunday school enrolment. Whether this is a reversal in the downward trend or a temporary halt remains to be seen.

There are some obvious reasons for Sunday school enrolment decline in the past decade. One is the declining birth rate now catching up with Sunday schools. A smaller percentage of the population is children (20 percent now 13 and under over against 27 percent a dozen years ago) who have always been the mainstay of Sunday school enrolment while more and more Americans are elderly who do not attend Sunday school in great numbers.

Another reason is the breakdown of marriage and the growing number of broken homes. A larger and larger percentage of children is now cared for by one parent or in foster homes where Sunday school is not as popular as in institutional homes.

Again, more and more of the adult population are singles having divorced or having never married and Baptist churches with the exception of a few have been slow to provide attractive Sunday school programs for single adults.

Other things contributing to declining Sunday school enrolment are poor quality teaching, especially for young people and young adults, competition from television and other Sunday recreational activities and the growing spirit of secularism in America.

Are the death bells tolling for Sunday schools as Mr. Chandler indicates? Hardly. Sunday school attendance will have its ups and downs but it is here to stay a long time, especially for Southern Baptists. Old line denominations have never put the emphasis upon Sunday school which Southern Baptists have. Thus they may see more and more decline but with the great majority of Baptist churches the Sunday school is the heart of the program. Indeed, many Baptist churches grew out of Sunday schools and today when a new Baptist mission point is opened, the first concern is a Sunday school.

Baptists put too much emphasis upon the Bible for the Sunday school to ever die. They have come to regard teaching the Bible as important as preaching the gospel and many of us first heard the gospel plainly in a Sunday school class. Others may discard the Sunday school but not Southern Baptists.

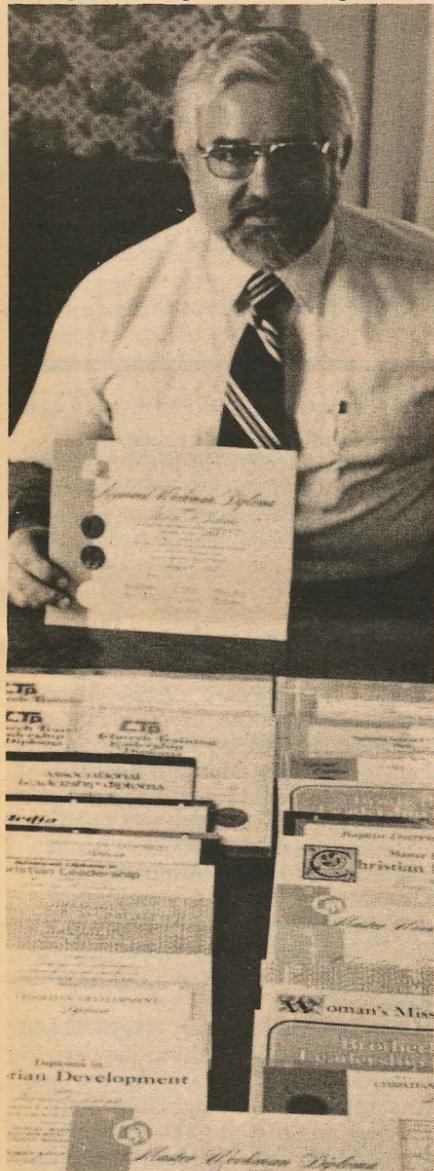
# Study course 'addict' awarded 66 diplomas

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer

"I became kind of addicted to it," confessed George Hedges, Versailles Baptist Church's minister of education, as he discussed his participation in the Church Study Course program. "It's more than just January Bible study," he affirmed.

And Hedges should know as well as anyone. The part time minister of education, who also works full time as a data processing operations manager, was awarded 39 individual study course diplomas last year.

Added to his other diplomas, which he began earning in 1963, Hedges has



George Hedges displays a few of the 66 diplomas he has earned through the Church Study Course program.

accumulated a total of 66 such diplomas.

"For him to read, study and answer all those questions on his own is an absolute phenomenon," remarked Vernon Cole, Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department director. "I admire him for his discipline."

The impressive list of diplomas reflects the completion of 312 individual study courses. Modest about his accomplishments, Hedges compares his "hobby" to golf or gardening. "It's where you put your priorities," he stated. "I do it because I want to do it."

Cole explained that the program began as a way to recognize the training people had received in Sunday school, Church Training, Brotherhood and WMU.

"Only about one-fourth of our

churches still request study course material," said Cole. "Ten to 15 percent of the requests are from individuals."

He related that the program allows individuals to study at their own convenience. A person may choose from 23 different subject areas ranging from church music to Christian ethics.

To earn a diploma, an individual must read six study course books in a chosen area, answer the attached questions and send the results to the Church Study Course coordinator at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Cole added that several churches still take advantage of the program. He cited Louisville's Highview Baptist Church as one example. It led the state in earning Baptist doctrine diplomas last year and was fourth in that area in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hedges also supports the idea of a church doing a cooperative study. "We recently enrolled about half of our teachers in a basic teacher training program on a self-study basis," he remarked. "We know people are busy but if they can get through the first few books it will give them a good background."

Listing Christian education and church growth as two of his main interests, Hedges sees the Church Study Course program as a tremendous aid. "When used to its fullest potential, it's a very valuable tool in training laymen and in personal spiritual development. Even in our small community I see the need to get out and reach people."

Hedges added that the cost of training, which includes only books and postage, is a minor expense and one that is well worth the price. "In the past few years I've even borrowed quite a few study books," he explained. "Several churches have been very helpful."

As Versailles, Highview and other churches across the convention continue to take advantage of this program many individuals like Hedges can also continue to earn diplomas at home while "studying under some of the greatest leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention," as Hedges put it.

Hedges' personal awards, beginning with the Approved Workman Diploma in 1963 and including such areas as Brotherhood leadership, Baptist doctrine, media skills and even WMU leadership, are challenging examples of what can be accomplished through a strong commitment to personal priorities.

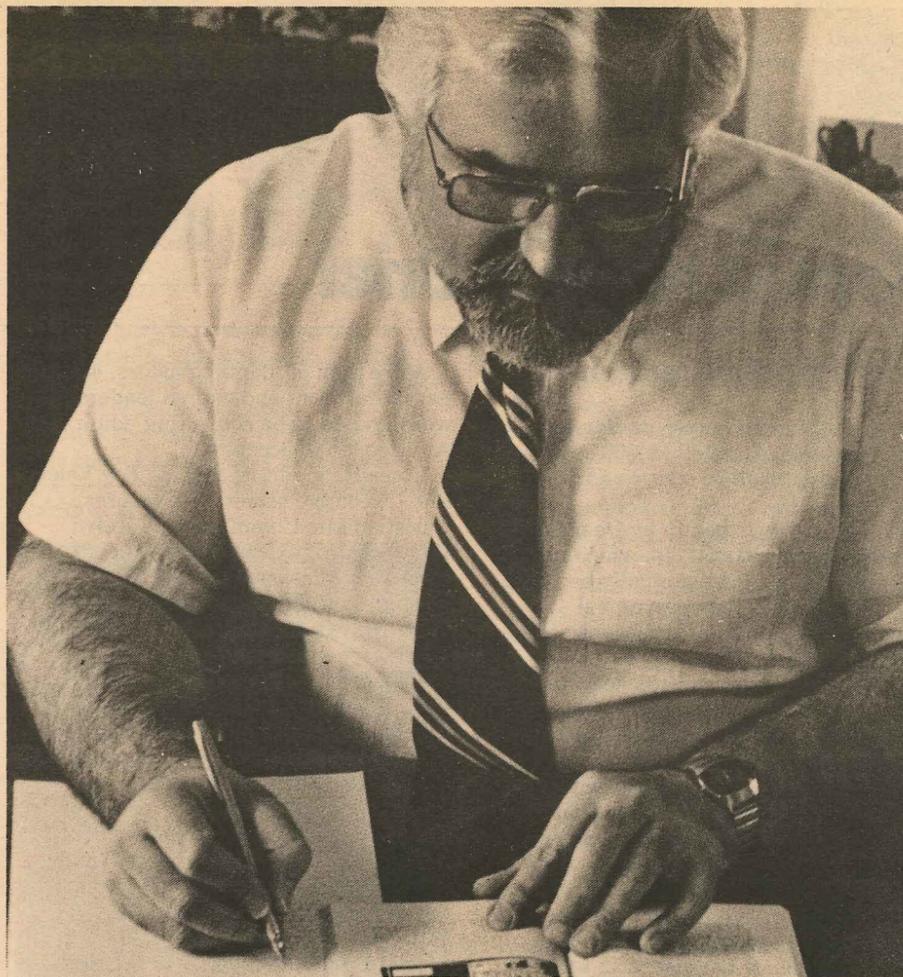
But as Cole aptly quipped, "My big question to George is, 'How do you do it?'"

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# Baptist News in Brief

## Peace pipeline launched

A new publication known as *Baptist Peacemaker* has mailed 12,000 copies of its first issue to all 50 states and 18 foreign nations.

The project was begun by Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, which hopes the publication may eventually be taken over by a Baptist denominational agency. Plans call for four issues of the paper this year.

C. Carman Sharp, pastor, led the congregation to sponsor a peacemaking conference last year, attracting nationwide attention. Subsequently, a World Peacemaker group was organized among Deer Park members and the idea of a publication came out of the group.

The church approved use of a few hundred dollars remaining from the conference to apply to the first issue. The remainder of the \$900 cost was contributed by interested individuals.

The purpose of the publication is to provide a focal point for peacemaking efforts in the denomination, says Sharp. E. Glenn Hinson, Southern Seminary professor, who shares editorship of the publication with Sharp, says the paper will seek to (1) explain the biblical basis of peacemaking, (2) foster a peacemaking lifestyle and (3) examine the peacemaker's inward and outward journey.

Glen Stassen, another seminary professor, is world peace consultant for the publication. Stassen is a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville where a World Peacemaking group was organized prior to the one in Deer Park.

Other publication staff members include Robert Parham, news editor; Joe Williamson, production editor; Michael Johnson, business manager; Robert Broome, secretary; and Charles Darling, media critic.

More than 50 Baptist pastors, seminary professors and church leaders were invited to be consulting editors. All except one accepted.

Consulting editors include Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Christian Life Commission; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Donald Stewart, executive vice president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and Ralph Noonkester, president, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

In the first issue Hinson invites readers to aid the project by (1) sending items for publication including sermons, prayers, articles, stories or quotations; (2) making financial contributions since the project has no funds and no subscriptions; and (3) organizing peacemaking groups in local churches.

Sharp reports response to the first issue "has been most gratifying."

Anyone desiring a copy of the first issue may secure one from Baptist Peacemakers, Deer Park Baptist Church, 1733 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40205.

## Atheist loses first round

Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair has failed in the first round of her legal challenge to ban the practice of maintaining chaplains in Congress.

In an oral decision announced Jan. 6 Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled Mrs. O'Hair did not have standing to bring the suit challenging the practice. His decision, announced at the conclusion of oral arguments, did not deal with the church-state arguments raised by the case.

Reached at the Austin, Tex., headquarters of her organization, American

<b>Kentucky Cooperative Program receipts</b>	
for month of December 1980 — \$937,387.66	
To date this year .....	\$3,324,825.76*
Operational goal to date this year .....	3,000,000.00
To date this time last year .....	2,678,435.80
<b>NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH OPERATIONAL GOAL .....</b>	<b>750,000.00</b>
<b>NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH FULL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL .....</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>
Over operational goal .....	324,825.76
*(\$646,389.96, or 24.13% increase compared to this time last year)	

Atheist Union, Mrs. O'Hair told Baptist Press she will appeal the decision. She said she found Oberdorfer's announcement she did not have standing to sue "incredible."

Mrs. O'Hair sued the government last summer, arguing that employing and paying chaplains from the federal treasury violates the Constitution's ban on an establishment of religion.

## Former HMB exec dies

G. Frank Garrison, 82, former president and assistant executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died after he collapsed at his Atlanta home Jan. 11.

Garrison, a layman, was president (chairman) of the board from 1944-53. He then stepped aside from his insurance business to serve as assistant executive secretary-treasurer and director of the board's Church Loans Division from 1954-65.

His family requests memorials be made to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions.

## Mission drive exceeds goal

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors appointed 40 persons to mission service and received a final report on the 1980 Annie Armstrong Easter offering during their January meeting.

Board president William G. Tanner told directors the 1980 Annie Armstrong offering was \$16,479,032.05, almost \$1 million more than the \$15.5 million goal.

"I feel nothing but gratitude to Southern Baptists for this total," Tanner said.

The 1980 offering was the first Annie Armstrong offering to surpass its goal in four years. The goal for the 1981 offering is \$17.25 million.

Approvals for mission service include nine missionaries, one mission pastor intern, 28 persons to receive church pastoral assistance and two persons granted language pastoral assistance.

Named missionaries were Jane Edwards of Jefferson, La.; Ross and

Shelba Harmonson of Spencer, Iowa; Jim and Bettie Jo Hill of Lee's Summit, Mo.; John W. Mullens Jr. and Cynthia Mullens of Wenonah, N. J.; and Miguel and Carmen Soto of Dallas, Tex.

## El Salvador work continues

Foreign Mission Board officials report record sales from the literature ministry in El Salvador and say there are no plans to withdraw Southern Baptist missionaries from the strife-torn Central America country.

"In fact, another missionary family, Ernest and Lee Ann McAninch, just entered the country this month after completing language school in Costa Rica," said Don Kammerdiener, director for middle America and the Caribbean.

Hoyt and Marie Eudaly—ages 67 and 68—were the only Southern Baptist missionaries in El Salvador for the past six months while Bill and Libby Stennett were on furlough. The Stennetts returned to El Salvador Jan. 12 and the Eudalys are scheduled to go on furlough in February, which will leave the missionary force in the country at four.

Kammerdiener said the Eudalys recently told him they "have to look over their shoulders more often than they used to," but otherwise are carrying on their regular ministry. The book deposit in San Salvador, according to Kammerdiener, led the Spanish-speaking world in the wholesale distribution of Baptist literature during July 1980.

More than 9000 slayings have been reported in El Salvador within the past year. Included were four American Catholic women missionaries who were killed in December and two American men who were slain less than one month later.

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## Morris named to math post

Cumberland College president James Taylor announced the appointment of Cecil Morris as chairman of the Cumberland College department of mathematics effective Jan. 4, 1981. Morris succeeded Joe Early who became academic dean at the college.

A native of Concord, N. C., Morris earned a BA at Pfeiffer College, MA in mathematics at Appalachian State University and PhD in mathematics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

During his five years at Cumberland Morris has served as associate professor of mathematics and assisted in developing a consumer problems course. He was instrumental in developing Cumberland College's minor in computer science and he was advisor to pre-engineering students.

Morris is married to the former Brenda Braswell, also a Concord, N. C. native, and an elementary school teacher in Williamsburg. He is the father of Cecil, 9, and Leah, 3.

## SBTS receives \$250,000

Gifts by a Missouri court of appeals judge honoring the memory of his father have exceeded \$250,000 in a special trust fund for student aid at Southern Seminary.

In 1971 Judge A. P. Stone Jr., Springfield, Mo., established the Dr. A. P. Stone Fund, in honor of his father, an 1895 graduate of the seminary. The endowment is held in perpetuity by the seminary for the benefit of ministerial students, with preference for those preparing for foreign missionary service.

Continuing contributions by the donor have since taken the fund beyond the quarter-million dollar mark.

"This means we are able to assist 30 to 50 students each year with significant financial aid as a direct result of the generosity of Judge Stone," said Wesley M. Pattillo, vice president for development.

## Four graduate SWBTS

Four students from Kentucky were among 275 candidates who received degrees from Southwestern Seminary Dec. 19.

The Kentuckians were David Woodfin Hardy, MDiv, Fulton; David

Michael Lee, MDiv, Cumberland; Richard Allen Newcom, MDiv, Marion; and Brenda Braswell Cleveland, MRE, Madisonville.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, was commencement speaker. Seminary president Russell H. Dilday Jr. conferred the degrees.

The December graduating class represents the largest number of winter graduates in the seminary's history.

## Cumberland buys schools

Cumberland College and the Williamsburg Board of Education recently signed an agreement in which Cumberland College purchased Williamsburg High School and Elementary School buildings.

Cumberland committed \$700,000 for the city school property. Jim Taylor, president of Cumberland, said, "While the acquisition of this property does constitute a substantial, heavy, long-range financial burden for Cumberland College, I believe it was the feeling of our college's board we should help the city school system, while at the same time acquire valuable buildings and property contiguous to our college's campus in which to teach various academic, business and recreational courses. We are pleased to have been able to be a valuable part in helping make the dream of a new city school become a reality."

## Mr./Miss Campbellville

Jeff White and Tammy Curry have been named Mr. and Miss Campbellville College.

White, 21, is president of Sigma Zeta, the science and math club. He is majoring in chemistry and biology and plans to go to medical school, possibly specializing in surgery. He is a basketball manager.

He is the son of Harlie and Leoma White. Harlie White is chairman of the Natural Sciences Division at Campbellville and a newly elected member of the Campbellville board of education. Mrs. White teaches third grade at Campbellville Elementary School.

Miss Curry, 21, is president of the Student Government Association. She is a Baptist Student Union member and is director of the preschool choir at Campbellville Baptist Church, where she and White are both members.

Miss Curry is double majoring in business administration and psychology. She would like to work with people in a business-related area.

She is the daughter of Kendall and May Dean Curry. Curry is a plumber, and Mrs. Curry is employed by Union Underwear Co.



When he received God's call to learn and teach the word Vincent Paul, a native of India, needed to receive additional education. With \$6.20 in his pocket and the faith that God would provide for his needs Vincent left India with his wife and three daughters. He is presently a student at both Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

## Seminary Extension grows

For the third consecutive year, more than 10,000 persons participated in Seminary Extension study programs

during 1979-80, according to Raymond Rigdon, director of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department.

Seminary Extension, an arm of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, seeks to provide theological and practical study opportunities for pastors and others unable to attend a seminary.

Courses were taught last year in 397 centers, an increase of more than nine percent over the previous year. The centers are located in 41 states plus Puerto Rico and four foreign countries — Cuba, England, Mexico and West Germany. The centers are locally operated, usually sponsored by a Baptist association and most often taught by pastors with seminary degrees, using Seminary Extension Department materials.

Students enrolled in either a center or through Seminary Extension's Home Study Institute totaled 10,554, up 49 from 1978-79. Courses taken by these students increased by almost 1,000 to a record level of 15,919.

## Ex-college head succumbs

J. K. Powell, 81, president emeritus of Campbellsville College, died Dec. 29 at Haggin Memorial Hospital in Harrodsburg after a short illness.

Powell retired from Campbellsville College in 1969 after serving as president from 1967. He was executive vice president of the college from 1963-67 and between 1953-57 was business manager, director of the teacher education program and in student recruitment.

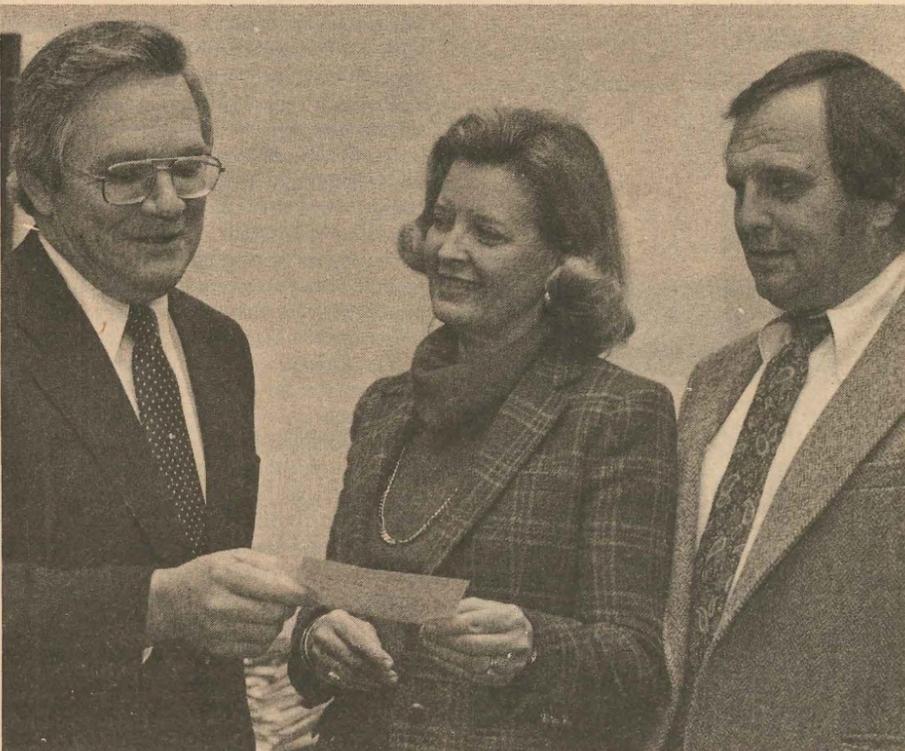
His only son, J. C. Powell, is president of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

Besides his son, Powell is survived by his wife, Earsel Whitt Powell; a stepdaughter, Una Florence Noland of Harrodsburg; two sisters; two half-sisters and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at Harrodsburg Baptist Church with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery.



Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, was keynote speaker at the first Baptist Pastor's Fellowship at Georgetown College. More than 50 Baptist pastors hear Chafin speak on "the pastor as a person."



Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins and her husband Bill present a check to Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College, for the school's decade of progress campaign. Collins is a Georgetown College graduate and a vice chairman in the alumni division of the campaign. The Collins' son Steve is a junior at Georgetown.

# Journal: Nigerian mission tour

Continued from December 24 issue

by Gregory L. Hancock

Photos by Ron St. Clair

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A local doctor has taken a special interest in our endeavor. He has repeatedly gone out of his way to research information that will safeguard our health while we're away. We've been prescribed the latest and most effective anti-malarial drugs; been counseled in the prevention and, if necessary, the treatment of dysentery; been warned about possible infections; and been schooled in the proper first aid for snake bite. We have in no way considered his volunteered help morbid or forboding. He merely helps us face and deal with the harsh physical realities of this trip.

This afternoon he invited all six mission team members to his office for a final, pre-travel briefing. For over an hour he reviewed our knowledge and updated our medical information. As we stood to leave, he took my arm and said, "I wish I could join you."

I could hardly respond. This man's every action for the past two months had prepared us for just such a statement. We knew his concern and each and every one of us shared his wish. He would have been a grand contribution to our team. But all of us knew he could not accompany us.

Every time someone is sent, someone else must stay behind. But such is not the system's flaw; it is its strength. Those of us who climb aboard Delta flight 145 at 3:10 p.m. Dec. 26 will do so under the shelter of countless thou-

Gregory L. Hancock is pastor, Stanford [Ky.] Baptist Church.



Hancock delivers his challenge to the church. "The revival must take place here, as well as in Nigeria."

sands of prayers; behind the impetus of hundreds of man hours of footwork and phone calls and letter writings and personal sacrifice. In a very real sense, everyone who has labored for us goes with us.

Dr. Glen Click will be there. So will J. B. Sebastian, our director of missions for Lincoln County Baptist Association. My deacons and church members will be there, as will Stanley's, David's, Charles', Jimmy's and Wiley Jr.'s. We are one in the spirit, and in that spirit, no mortal power can stand against us.

Christ's words, transcribed in the first chapter of Acts, suddenly speak to me with new meaning: "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you . . ." This is the same Holy Spirit that, within the hearts of men, interprets the sighs too deep for words. The same Holy Spirit that intercedes on our behalf before God, the Father. The same Holy Spirit that strives for a place in the heart of every man. How could the coming of this Holy Spirit not bring power?

Born from the very heart of God, this Holy Spirit encompasses for us the hearts of every single man, woman and child who has prayed for God to use us. Who has helped prepare for us to go.

As men, alone, we're a poor excuse for a mission team. But as men in the Spirit our confidence grows daily.

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We enter our final week of preparation with good news and bad news. The good news comes via a midnight phone call from a recently furloughed Nigerian missionary named Sung (pronounced Soongh) who has seen and spoken with our missionary hosts within hours. He brings word that the Faws need a new electrical generator. They've sent a check for us to purchase one here and pack it along as extra luggage. To have one delivered through ordinary channels might take months.

The Faws have spent much time in preparation for our visit. Wiley builds his annual revival effort around the volunteer mission visit each year. He promises without apology (none is needed) to work us hard during our stay. I am reminded, once again, of the importance of volunteer participation to our Southern Baptist world wide mission effort. Bold Missions tasks simply cannot be professionally delegated and forgotten about by the average Christian in the pew.

The bad news regards our travel schedule. British Caladonia has canceled the flight on which we were booked from London to Kano. We are left with two alternatives: one, delay our arrival in Kano by over a day; two, leave Kentucky a day late and eliminate our 15-hour layover in London. We

can catch an immediate flight on to Kano on Dec. 28, thereby reducing our delay to only 12 hours.

We decide our primary purpose is the revival. To postpone that for even one day might deny the gospel message to someone. London will have to wait. We'll still be late arriving but not so late that our work in Nigeria can't begin on time.

I begin searching for the requested generator. The Faws have been relatively specific: something light (shipping will cost about \$3.00 a pound) and capable of producing 1200-1500 watts of power. We'll have to build a shipping crate from 2x2s and plywood, also, since the original cardboard crate will not withstand the rigors of our travels.

While the team has been busied with travel preparations, others have gathered staples and supplies for us to carry to the Faws. These are now stockpiled and ready for us to pack. We elect to meet the evening of Dec. 22 and distribute the items among our luggage. Our families are invited to attend this last preparatory get together. We'll have supper together at a local restaurant and our wives will get a chance to meet the other team members and each other.

I notice an ominous silence around the house. Throughout the hurried Christmas season Sharon and I haven't talked much. Our second child was born in mid-November and now demands a considerable amount of her attention. I've been pressed, at work, to iron out the details of this tour; our corresponding local revival; the church's spring program; and all the little things to be done during my absence. We've had a meeting or fellowship every single night.

Now all that is over—or nearly so. From the close of business tomorrow through our new departure date, Dec. 27, she and I have conscientiously kept the calendar clear. Save meeting with the other volunteer missionaries Monday night our time belongs only to each other and the children.

We find ourselves strangely on edge. Time has crept up on us until, suddenly, we've only a week between now and the time this whole thing unfolds. We have so many things to say to one another; so many feelings to share. Yet all our emotions seem bottlenecked. I don't want to say anything that might upset her. She doesn't want to say anything that sounds fatalistic. Consequently, our conversations are shallow and stilted.

It occurs to me most of the pastors I know are notorious adherents to the "do as I say and not as I do" philosophy of family life. I spend hours trying to keep other people's marriages from breaking up; other people's parent/child relationships in line. I harp, constantly, that couples need to spend time together and that nothing is more important than prioritizing family togetherness. Yet, in the name of ministry, I consistently neglect my own wife and family.

A dozen times I have promised, "When this current crisis is over, I'm going to begin taking time off. I'm going to start putting 'home' before 'work' and everything else." Then my ego gets in the way. I recognize how nearly invisible a pastor's work is. One can't advertise the hours of pressure

and grief. Not everyone understands the need for regular, in-depth study.

I want my congregation to know how much I love them. I want them to think of me as a 'good' pastor. The only way I know how to do that is to give my very best. And since my best is more difficult to see than the best of the contractor or businessman or lawyer in my community, I feel pressed to give it longer and harder than anybody else. That is ego, pure and simple. I serve my own interests by it. Not the interests of God.

To pastors who might be considering volunteer missions work: volunteer at home, first.

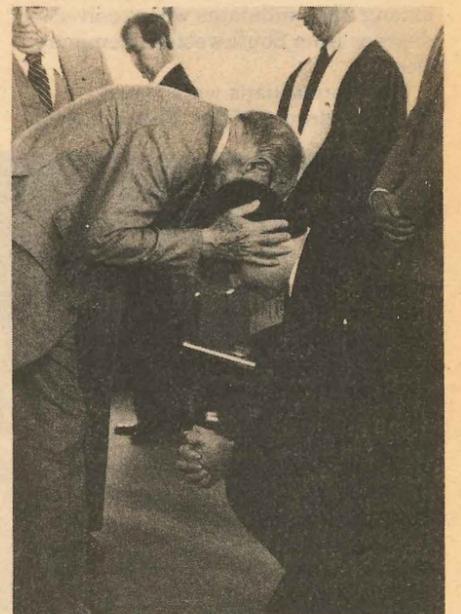
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Sunday. My last Sunday at home before the tour begins. The first Sunday of our "One In The Spirit" revival.

The sanctuary is crowded as the service begins. My parents and grandmother have driven from Lexington to take part in the ceremonies.

This is the Sunday before Christmas yet Christmas carols give way to mission hymns in the song service. Every member of the congregation knows why we are assembled. The Christmas spirit is not absent, it is focused, concise. The concept of "peace on earth, good will toward men . . ." has lost its passivity. We know that the earth will have peace and men will come to open their hearts to one another when they know Jesus Christ as savior and Lord. They will come to know him if and when they are introduced to him. And that is the purpose of missions. We, as a church, have come to see Christmas as an overt exercise; an active endeavor to encourage hope. We are the spirit of Christmas because we are learning to take our Christianity seriously.

The worship service unfolds in three stages: one, an explanation of the scope of the Nigerian mission tour, given by the director of missions for Lincoln County Baptist Association, Jesse B. Sebastian. Brother Sebastian is a primary reason we are engaged in the



Deacon chairman Robert Winn commissions his pastor to serve in God's strength. Others wait nearby to deliver messages.

mission in the first place. Every one of us, every church in the association, knows him well. He is the man who supplies our pulpits when our pastors vacation or are away for revivals. He keeps us up to date on literature and trends within the state and national conventions. He is a listening ear for every congregation, large or small, in the county. We take his advice seriously. We trust him.

"There is a great mission need in Nigeria," he tells the people, "but there is a great mission need here as well. These six men (he refers to us by name) will carry the word to that country. What will you do, here, while they are gone?"

The next part of the service is mine. Our deacons have assembled themselves on the front pew of the church. My part is a commission to the church and the deacons, representing the church, receive that commission. I challenge them to be active in attendance; to be diligent in seeking opportunity. I ask that they remember us in prayer every day and I promise I will pray for them. I remind them although we are separated by thousands of miles we are not really apart at all: we are one in the spirit of God.

Concluding this portion of the service, the deacons kneel and I, in the tradition of past missionary tours, lay my hands upon them to symbolize the passing of responsibility to minister. They now pastor the church from which I will be absent.

For the final portion of the service our chairman of deacons, Robert Winn, mounts the platform. His voice is choked with emotion as he delivers the church's commission to me. He reminds me to rely upon God's strength rather than my own. He recalls an idiom we have often shared: "If I can get out of God's way God can do the job." He reassures me of the love and prayers that will accompany me until—and certainly after—my return in late January. He asks that I, just as did Paul and Barnabas, bring a full report of the team's work when I come home again.

Following his statements I kneel at the front and each deacon passes by to lay hands upon my head; a symbol that they are part of this mission and that the church supports my going. Each deacon whispers a personal message as he bends over me and my heart overflows with love for them. I know how God has used each of their lives and I only hope I can emulate them in my own ministry.

When the ceremony ends and I stand, once again, the congregation reads, responsively, the liturgy that has been prepared for this occasion. A hymn; a prayer; and the people file by, one by one, to shake hands or embrace me. We do not say 'goodbye.' We know we will meet again in this world or the next. Between now and then, our hearts remain one . . . "in the Spirit."

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We met tonight to distribute supplies among our luggage. I have sacrificed a suitcase already to be able to carry the new generator with me. Now I am given a box of groceries, electronic supplies, books, films, clothing and sundry items that would choke a horse.

Quite honestly I wonder how I'm expected to carry enough clothing to last me for five weeks in addition to all this extra. I'll have to make all my gear fit into one small bag that I can carry on the plane and tuck under my seat.

This is a minor problem, however. Our departure date is only hours away. We've barely time to celebrate Christmas with our families before we board the Boeing 727 in Lexington.

Tomorrow morning I'll do the last of my Christmas shopping. Might be able to buy some insect repellent. Did you ever try to find insect repellent in the dead of winter? Stores aren't exactly overstocked with the stuff.

The first series of journal entries appeared in this week's Western Recorder. I've been surprised by the response. People from all over the state have telephoned to extend their best wishes and to inform us their churches will pray for us. Many have sent donations to help with our expenses. Dan Corman, my RA leader when I was a boy at Central Baptist Church in Lexington, called to say he never dreamed one of "his" boys would one day preach the gospel in Nigeria.

I wonder how many workers with young people in Baptist churches throughout these United States go about their personal ministries, never dreaming the long range ramifications they will inspire. I owe my place in Christian service to men like Dan

Corman who probably never knew the impression he made upon me. I remember his example.

I remember the council of dedicated workers—Lynn Schrader, Catherine Sebree, Ernie McNabb—who sat on my first RA examination board and approved my promotion from Page to Squire. There was my pastor, Homer Carter, who always seemed to have time to camp out with us or drive us to Cedarmore for our week of summer camp. And I remember dozens of others who knew, and were committed to the fact that young minds and hearts must be carefully cultivated and instructed in those things that make a Christian—and more specifically, a Baptist—knowledgeable, efficient and effective.

There was a long period in my life when I had to do some searching. Such was in vogue at the time. Yet when I came to know myself I reaffirmed the teachings of those who had cared about me in Christ.

I say all this, reflectively, because I now realize how difficult youth work can be. There is such a fine line between proper Christian nurture and mere entertainment. What's more, obvious results aren't always forthcoming. No one, however, can build a house without a foundation and the hope for the continuation of the gospel lies not nearly so much with the adults who now labor as with the young people who will fill the ranks of the future.

Perhaps this will encourage a youth worker who has thoughts of dropping out. Perhaps it will inspire some who have given casual consideration to serving. Not all of us have the same gifts but all of us do have a gift to use in the Lord's service. How wonderful it is that God directs every gift into the ultimate accomplishment, to spread the gospel to every nation.

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Get Rich detecting heat loss in homes and businesses using infrared camera. A very profitable business. S.A.S.E. Dougherty Engineering, N.E. ...	Sailboat. 50 ft. In Jacksonville. Trade for airplane. Make offer Mr. Walsh ...	Mobile Telephone, Motorola. Will trade for Olympus 35 mm camera. (Prefer OM-1). Call Mr. Grover ...	Hundreds of boxes of electronic equipment. Exact contents unknown. Government surplus. Take it, and it's yours. Mr. Crandell ...	House on twenty acres. Will give entire estate, with furniture to good family. Moving to Europe soon. Mr. Gowan ...
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Would like to correspond with other WWII vets. Cassidy, Los Angeles	Knife collection. Trade for motorbike. Sanders ...	Snomobile. Will trade for boat. Make offer Prefer inboard type. Call anytime. Mr. Nichols ...	Old medical equipment. Give to anyone able to move it. Contact Dr. Weis ...	Grandfather clock. Still works. Must pick up. Free for the taking. Mr. Patrik ...
How to run your electric meter backwards at night. Perfectly legal. Plans, Lamkin, Mass.	Trade home in Tampa for home in or near Knoxville, Tenn. Valued at \$80,000. Willing to accept some loss. Mrs. Gordon ...	Old wood stove. Large Kitchen model. Terrible condition. Will trade for color T.V. Must pick-up. Call Mrs. Blair ...	Take over payments on 700 acre ranch in Arizona. No equity required. \$450 2 month. Valued at \$390,000. Mr. Nelson	Old cash register. 1881 Model, workable. You can have it. Mr. Morgan ...
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Facts about the coming depression. \$2, Fulton, Mo.	Giving up hunting due to health. Large rifle and handgun collection. Trade for new car. Call Mr. O'Bryan ...	Video Tape recorder with camera. Sony. Trade for good 20 gauge shotgun. Call Mr. Hunt collect ...	Books, attic full, 50 years worth. Value unknown. Its yours. Mrs. DePace ...	DC-3 airplane. Does not work. Get it off my property and its yours. Mrs. Jeffries ...
"Blackmarket in America". Where to buy anything. How it works. Book, \$7.50, Publisher, N.Y.	Jeep WW II model with new motor 2nd tires. Will trade for Late model color T.V. Call Mrs. Brooks ...	Small cafe. Moving. Trade for home in or near Dallas, Tex. Call collect. Mr. Ivy ...	Blacksmith tools, will give to person who will appreciate them. Mr. Warner ...	Food, warehouse full. Mostly non-perishables. Going out of business. Will give away to anybody. You will need a truck. Mr. McTavish ...
Money from private funds overseas. No credit or collateral necessary. Legal and safe borrowing. Details FREE. Write Honadel, Chicago.	Amateur Radio equipment. Collins, Drake. Will trade for piano or small organ. Mrs. Dowski ...	Silverware, sterling set. Will trade for sewing machine. Must be late model Singer. Mrs. Davis. Call anytime ...	Moose head. Good condition. Take it out of my office and its yours to keep. Call soon ...	Healthkit Computer. Unassembled. Free for the taking. Call Jerry ...
	Small Florist Shop. Will trade for home in or near Orlando, Fla. Call Mr. Irvin collect	Handguns. Ruger, Colt single actions. Trade for late model washer and electric dryer. Must deliver. Call Mrs. Lacy ...		Beachouse, south of Jacksonville. Will give to some church or Christian group. Mrs. Wagner ...
	Airplane. Cessna 150. Great condition. Recently inspected. Trade for land in North Georgia. Mr. Carlton ...	Old Model-A Ford. Needs work. Best trade offer. Call anytime. Mrs. Montgomery ...		
	Huge Record Collection from 1935-1980. 78's, 45's, albums. Best offer for trade. Mr. Douglas ...	240 Acres in Southeast Georgia. Will trade for house in Atlanta. Prefer north-side. Mr. Murray ...		

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

**Stephens called to Faith Mission**  
Charles Stephens, a student at Morehead State University, has been called by First Baptist Church, West Liberty, to pastor Faith Baptist Mission, Cannel City.

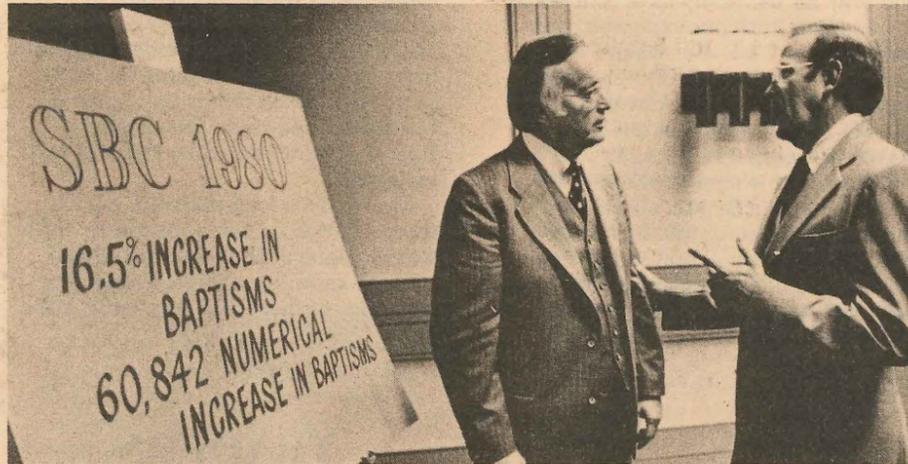
First Baptist also recently ordained J. W. Cecil, Steward Lacy and D. B. Gullett as deacons.

Carl D. Mullins is pastor.

**Ray accepts Liberty call**  
Liberty Baptist Church, Russell County Association, has called Reese Ray as pastor. He is a student at Campbellsville College.

**Paschall honored on 25th anniversary**  
First Baptist Church, Nashville, honored H. Franklin Paschall Jan. 1 on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as pastor.

A native of Hazel, Ky., Paschall is a graduate of Southern Seminary and former pastor of First Church, Bowling



Jay Brown (l), Kentucky Baptist Convention evangelism director, meets with C. B. Hogue, Home Mission Board vice president for evangelism, during an evangelism directors' annual conference. The directors discussed the projected increase in baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention since 1979.

Green. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1966-68, and has spoken at numerous Kentucky churches and meetings.

**Bethlehem extends call to Garland**  
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Arjay, has called Pat Garland as pastor.

A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Garland is married to the former Sharon Burns. The couple has four children.

**Lindsley accepts Newtown pastorate**  
Phillip Lindsley, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, has accepted the call to pastor the Newtown Baptist Church, Pineville.

A Nashville native, Lindsley is married to the former Margaret Ann Hawk. They have two children.

**Lawrence goes to Bethel**  
Bethel Baptist Church, Allen Association, has called Jimmy Lawrence as pastor. He began his ministry there this month.

**Brooks to pastor Jenson Baptist**  
Bobby W. Brooks has been called to pastor Jenson (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native of Fourmile, Brooks is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He is married to the former Susan D. Ellis and has one daughter.

**Enoch accepts pastorate in Tennessee**  
Bill Enoch, former pastor of Indian Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, resigned to accept the pastorate of Roaring Fork Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Dec. 28 was his final Sunday at Indian Creek.

**Smith resigns Buckner pastorate**  
Jim Smith, pastor of Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has resigned and accepted the pastorate of a church in Utah, Ala.

**Whitis begins service at Union**  
Don Whitis began service as minister of music at Union Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Jan. 4.

He and his wife, the former Beverly Sisk, have two children. Whitis is the former minister of music at South Side Baptist Church, Mayfield.

**Faught accepts Cumberland pastorate**  
Kenneth L. Faught has been called as pastor of Cumberland (Ky.) Baptist Church. He assumed his new duties Jan. 4.

A graduate of Cumberland College and a doctoral candidate at New Orleans Seminary, Faught is the former pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prairieville, La. He and his wife, the former Jolly Kay Sharp, have one daughter.

**Al Claybrook called to Covington**  
Al Claybrook, a student at Boyce Bible School, has been called to pastor Covington Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

He is to be ordained to the ministry by Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, where he has been a member.

**Hurst accepts Zions Cause pastorate**  
Zions Cause Baptist Church, Blood River Association, recently called Deward Hurst as pastor. Hurst came on the field in December.

**Lam is available for pastorate**  
Ronnie D. Lam has resigned as pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He is available for an interim or full time pastorate.

**Audubon calls four staff members**  
Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, has called four new staff members.

G. Ted Taylor, a student at Southern Seminary, has been called as minister of education. He and his wife Sherrie are from Knoxville, Tenn.

Fred Johnson, also a Southern Seminary student, has been called as minister of youth. He and his wife Luann, who is the church organist, are from Montevella, Ala.

Tim Byrd, son of David Q. Byrd of Boyce Bible School, has accepted the call of minister of music.

Laura Willhite has been called as preschool coordinator. She is a second-year student at Southern.

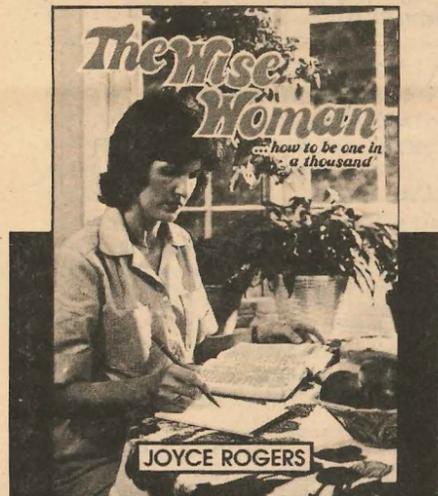
**Carpenter called to Mt. Carmel**  
Dallas Carpenter is the new pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

A graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist College, Carpenter has pastored churches in Mayfield and Ewing.

He and his wife Joyce have four children.

**Taylor move to Lexington**  
Johnny Taylor has resigned as minister of education and youth and his wife Laurie has resigned as children's coordinator at First Baptist Church, Whitesburg. Taylor has accepted the position of minister of education at Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington. Before going to Whitesburg, Taylor

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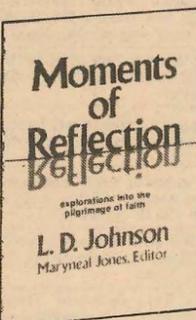
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First Baptist Church, Booneville, held a note-burning ceremony to signify the clearing of indebtedness on the church parsonage. Wendell Carmack, assistant deacon chairman, burns the note held by deacon chairman Ernest Hughes. Houston Lanier, KBC director of mountain missions, looks on.



Paschall



Lindsley

was minister of youth at Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville. His wife, the former Laurie Kirkland, is a former Western Recorder staff writer.

**Wheeler moves to Advance church**  
Jim Wheeler has accepted the call to pastor Advance Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

**Ham information is requested**  
Jerry Hopkins, pastor of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore, is working on a biography of evangelist Mordecai Fowler Ham. Anyone with information about Ham may write to Hopkins at Box 36, Wilmore, KY 40390.

**Lewis begins ministry at Union Ridge**  
Union Ridge Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has extended a call to Raymond Lewis as pastor. Lewis began his ministry there last month.

**Barnes begins Rosedale ministry**  
Bobby Barnes has accepted the call to pastor Rosedale Baptist Church,

Dec. 14 by Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association. The ordination was requested by Little River Baptist Church, Christian County, where he has been called as pastor.

### Congregations

**Oak Ridge leads in SS growth**  
Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Covington, led Northern Kentucky Association in the greatest increase in Sunday school attendance and enrolment in 1978-80. Frank D. Farley Jr. is pastor.

### Deaths

**Simmons University president dies**  
W. L. Holmes, president of Simmons University, died Jan. 10 at the age of 67. A graduate of Southern Seminary, he was former pastor of First Baptist Church, Eminence, and New Hope Baptist Church, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, the former Annie B. Woods, two brothers and four sisters.



Greenland Baptist Church, Corbin, which has gained 318 additions during the 20-month pastorate of John Wade, presented a new car to Wade and his wife as a Christmas present. Russell Mayne [1], chairman of the deacons, presents a set of keys to Wade as Mike Howard, chairman of the trustees, does the same for Mrs. Wade. Looking on are the other trustees.

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Miss Alma Harris [1], 91, and Mrs. Lou Ethel Metcalf, 89, were honored in a special service at Olivet Baptist Church, Paducah. Each lady received a gold pin and a plaque commemorating 75 years of active service.

**Covington.**  
Barnes is a graduate of Cumberland College. He began his ministry at Rosedale Jan. 4.

### Ordinations

**Judson Miller ordained to ministry**  
Judson Miller was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Foxport Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

**White Oak ordains pastor**  
William J. Forsee, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Russell Association, for two years, was ordained to the ministry Dec. 14.

Wilbur Johnson, pastor of Russell Springs First Baptist Church, preached the ordination sermon.

**Tom Bowman ordained as deacon**  
Tom Bowman was ordained to the office of deacon Jan. 4 by Bethel Baptist Church, Frankfort. David M. Jackson is pastor.

**Floyd ordained by Meadow Hill**  
Eddie Floyd, a graduate of Boyce Bible School, was ordained to the ministry

**Hyden's Roy Sizemore dies**  
Roy Sizemore, an active member of Hyden (Ky.) Baptist Church for more than 60 years, died recently at the age of 80.

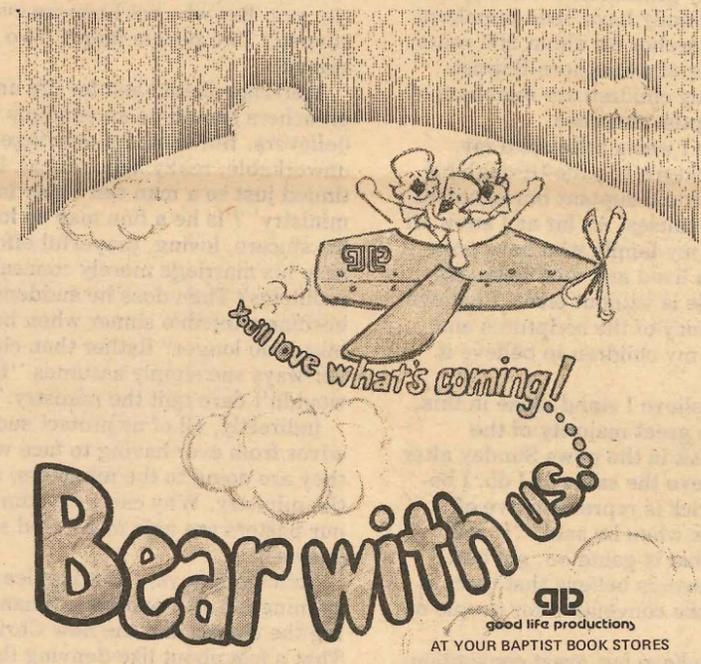
He was a deacon, church song leader, Sunday school director and a board member of Three Forks Association.

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## Baptist Forum

### Conservative Baptist roots?

This is in response to Paul Frick's statement in Western Recorder Dec. 17 about those who believe in the inerrant word of God. He said, "They are a group of people trying to acquire convention property and resources which they themselves did not build or support." He also stated, "If we do not approve of the seminaries and agencies we should leave the convention," and "that our convention was built with the hard earned money of people who had never heard the word inerrancy."

Let me just inform Mr. Frick that he has made a bad mistake. My father and mother were charter members of the Maceo Baptist Church. They were married in 1902 and in 1905 when a group of local people met and constituted that little church my father was converted and baptized into that fellowship. My mother moved her membership from Yelvington Baptist Church where her mother and father were members. My grandfather's family and his father's family have been members of Baptist churches for about 200 years. I am a pastor of a Southern Baptist church and my children are members of Southern Baptist churches.

Ever since I was a little child my parents taught me to tithe through my church so it could support our agencies and mission causes. As far as I know all members of my family who have gone on to heaven lived and died believing that the Bible is without error. I believe in the inerrancy of the scriptures and have taught my children to believe it also.

I do not believe I stand alone in this. I believe the great majority of the people who sit in the pews Sunday after Sunday believe the same as I do. I believe Mr. Frick is representative of most liberals when he said, "If you don't like what is going on, get out." He would have us believe that there is no room in the convention for people of my belief.

I do not believe our great convention was built upon liberal teaching. On the contrary I believe our convention was built by people who believed in the inerrant word of God. He would have me believe the convention has always been liberal but that is just not so.

I do not want to split the convention or destroy our agencies. I just want our convention to stay with the book. Mr. Frick would have me believe people of my persuasion are trying to get the convention off course. I just want our convention to get back on course.

Lester L. Nash, McKee

### Forgiveness for divorce needed

One of your editorials in the fall of 1978 referred to me and several other servants of Kentucky Baptist churches and institutions in connection with romantic involvements and broken marriages. You were gentle and very concerned, for which I thank you.

I wish to differ with your suggestion that the problem is one of weak morals,

or some failure of the seminaries to put out morally strong graduates. Certainly sin is involved; I will come to that. Young preachers, however, cannot be sure what type of wife the young lady will turn out to be, and neither can the pastor or professor who helps them.

If the young wife never really begins to keep the house (preventing her pastor-husband from being "given to hospitality"); and if her mother-love for the small children curdles to possessive bitterness toward her teenagers; and if her part in the Lord's work is to criticize and direct her husband (even in front of the deacons); if she can never be wrong about any matter, never needs to learn anything, just must dominate the man God set to be her leader in two roles—husband and pastor—then when the marriage is already dead, why is it the man's crime to bury it? Why discuss in Western Recorder how slowly and carefully such a pastor should be forgiven, as if he alone had wrecked the marriage? There are faults and failures, yes. There is sin, yes. But why not be more even-handed? Two people failed. Two people sinned.

Marriage should last for life and preachers should be an example of the believers. But should a marriage that is unworkable, really hypocritical, be continued just so a man can "stay in the ministry"? Is he a fine man so long as his sincere, loving, prayerful efforts to save his marriage merely conceal the problems? Then does he suddenly become a terrible sinner when he can take it no longer? Rather than change her ways she simply assumes "He wouldn't dare quit the ministry."

Indirectly, all of us protect such wives from ever having to face what they are doing to the ministers, and to the ministry. Why can't we admit that our pastors are only men? God surely knows it.

Somebody says, "But just leaving, running off with another woman, hurting the church and the new Christians! That's just about like denying the Lord!" Consider Simon Peter, who did just that—literally denied him. How long did Jesus delay in forgiving him? "Feed my sheep," he said, in keeping Peter as a pastor. That is a far cry from refusing even to grant a letter.

I want to testify that God is not kidding. He does forgive. Much sooner and more willingly than lots of his people. I do not justify myself. He forgives when we repent and confess. I have sinned. God has forgiven. I ask Kentucky Baptists also to forgive me.

Beyond that, I ask you to see your pastors and other leaders in a clearer light, as people with problems and no easy answers. "Beloved, let us love one another," and "Restore such a one in the spirit of meekness." Our New Testament was written by a murderer (Paul), and one who denied his lord (Peter), and one who ran away from the work (Mark), among others. The phrase, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done," means a lot more than first appears. We are not sinless—just forgiven. We are all equal at the foot of the cross.

Name withheld

### KEEPING LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE

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**Luke 12:13-15** While Christ was teaching his disciples truths on how they should live he was interrupted by a man who was displeased with the division of his father's estate. He requested Christ to plead with his brother for a more generous division of the inheritance. Christ declined to do so for it was not his mission to sit in judgment upon such matters. He warned the man against the sin of covetousness which is an evil that so often divides families and generates lasting enmity. Christ pointed out that life does not consist in the abundance of things possessed. It is "being" instead of "having" that really counts.

**Luke 12:22-31** Two things harass people's minds, anxiety about food and clothing for today and fear of tomorrow's uncertainties. Christ did not teach that intelligence and industry in providing for our daily needs are not good and proper, but he did warn against the sin of worrying about these things. Worry is unnecessary, unchristian, unavailing and useless. Christ taught that trust in God is an adequate antidote to worry. Worry is simply a distrust of God. It is due to one's thinking that God is either incapable of supplying needs, or that he will forget and fail to do so. Regardless of what concern one has in reference to his material needs, they can be provided only in accordance with God's directive or permissive will. Since the spiritual is worth immeasurably more than the physical, things should be our servants and never our master.

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**The Parable of the Tares—Matthew 13:24-30** A man sowed wheat in his field. That night an enemy crept into his field and sowed bad seed on the newly-plowed soil, perhaps before the good seed had been covered. Both the good and the bad seed germinated and grew. When the crop reached the stage that servants recognized weeds in the wheat field, they told their master they were willing to pull up the tares and destroy them. Knowing that the weeds could not be uprooted without damaging the wheat the owner commanded his servants to let them remain until the harvest. At that time the reapers could burn the tares and place the wheat in the bin for storage until it was turned into flour.

This parable points out the difference between church members. Some may be compared to the good seed and others to the bad seed.

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed—Matthew 13:31-32** A grain of mustard seed was the smallest seed for sowing. Normally it did not grow into a very large plant. In this case Christ said that its growth was so remarkable that what should have been an herb developed into a tree. The tree was large enough to attract birds and they lodged in its branches.

This phenomenal growth of mustard is a picture of the tremendous growth of Christianity. As the tree is defiled by the birds which lodge in its branches, so the unsaved who unite with our churches can do the churches an injury and impede their growth.

**The Parable of the Leaven—Matthew 13:33-35** In both the Old and New Testaments the word "leaven" is a symbol of evil. Some claim that in this passage there is an exception, here it is a symbol of good. They claim the leaven represents the gospel of Christ and the meal is a symbol of the world, thus teaching that in due time the entire world will be saved. I do not accept this position. Nevertheless, the leaven does give us a familiar picture of the power of human influence.



## Ministering to the children of the 80's

Robert B. Carline, Director  
Glen Dale Children's Home

Persons who work with children recognize that the child in the institution can be helped to make a beautiful adjustment to life by being treated as an individual and being exposed to the benefits of a group experience. Child care workers, often called "cottage parents" or "houseparents," hold a key position in our approach to care as they observe the child in his hour-to-hour living experience.

I have found a growing awareness of the houseparent role among institutional administrators. As a youth at Glen Dale there was no question about the importance of Mrs. Roy Johns, housemother for myself and the other 20 boys in the cottage. Without professional training and armed only with a fine spirit and the realities of Christ's leadership in her life she daily lived Christ incarnate before us. Her devotion to our physical, spiritual and emotional needs far surpassed the expectations of any residential program, and this has carried me through parenting my children.

The type of child in care today is substantially different from the child of a few decades ago. As a result the stress and demand placed on the average child care worker is greater, as is the need for training, supervision and support. Our training program and teamwork approach at Glen Dale provides a mutual support system. We have grown to expect much more from our houseparents, and they do achieve a higher amount of success with and acceptance by the children. We have workers bringing about a helping process by their participation on a cottage team, which includes social workers, administration and supportive staff.

Much of the key to successful care rests heavily on the shoulders of child care workers. We want to recognize this great Christian effort from our houseparents who are improving the quality of care through their unique contributions to children under their care.

# Clear Creek Comments

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



## Former faculty members

I want to take this opportunity to do some reporting to you.

We are having a good school year in spite of the serious economic conditions in our country. We are grateful for the good group of students the Lord has blessed us with. Former students are now serving in 42 states and six foreign countries. I continually hear good reports from our alumni on both home and foreign fields.

Periodically I am asked about former faculty members many of our readers know personally. Let me tell you a bit about them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs are living in Florida and keeping busy. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore reside in Port Charlotte, Fla. They visited us recently. Mrs. Bernice Glaze is living in Tuscomb, Ala. Miss Anna Starkey is residing in Kansas with her mother and brother. Mrs. Lewis Lynch resides in Jackson, Tenn. M. V. McKinster is still active in his 'reading, writing and working' program. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ader retired this past spring and are residing in Crossville, Tenn.

The mountains are always beautiful and our students are busy at work. Each of our three departments, theology, religious education and music, report interesting things are taking place. Our new faculty members are settling in and doing a superb job. To God be the glory for the many things he is doing with our faculty, staff, students, alumni and many, many friends.

Please continue to pray for the work here at Clear Creek School. God is blessing us in these difficult economic times as you continue to lift us up in prayer and provide necessary financial support.

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### JANUARY

- 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. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen  
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

### Looking ahead

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Suggestions 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 Dept., KBC
- 9 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Somerset, Ferguson Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 9-10 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. 5 to 8 p.m.  
9—Louisville, Louisville Baptist Church  
9—Benton, First Missionary Baptist Church  
10—Central City, First Baptist Church  
10—Hyden, First Baptist Church
- 10 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Prestonsburg, First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 12-13 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. 5 to 8 p.m.  
12—Auburn, Auburn Baptist Church  
12—Columbia, Columbia Baptist Church  
13—Louisville, Davis Memorial Baptist Church  
13—Williamstown, Williamstown Baptist Church
- 13 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Maysville, Central Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 15 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day. Suggestions from Stewardship/Promotion Dept., KBC
- 16-17 State Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Walnut Street Baptist Church. Begins 10 a.m. on 16th through evening session on 17th
- 17 KBC Evangelism/GA Pastor's Conference, joint meeting. Louisville, Commonwealth Convention Center. 6:45 p.m.
- 20-21 Missions Conference. Louisville, Southern Seminary. For youth and young adults interested in missions. Contact Seminary for details

# Oneida Journal

## Watchnight at Oneida

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



A "watchnight" service was scheduled at our church for 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Approaching the church, in the quiet of the night, I was again impressed by the beauty of our brick house of worship erected in 1948 during the pastorate of Lyn Claybrook, now living in retirement in Memphis. The lovely stained glass windows softly glowed reflecting the candles in each window. Under the apex of the front eave is an illuminated stained glass window showing Christ at prayer, and it seemed especially beautiful.

The church seemed very quiet and I expected to find about 20 gathered. Opening the door I was amazed to find over 200. Within moments, Steve Hughes, a junior from Nicholasville, led the congregation in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." Steve and his older brother, Richard, have been here two years. Their family is active in the Nicholasville Baptist Church and their father is a pharmacist.

Randy Halcomb, a 1975 Oneida graduate, now doing a fine job as a teacher and co-director of our BSU, led in prayer. Randy's parents met at Oneida and graduated in 1954, and theirs has always been a Christian home. They taught here for three years.

Lisa Groves, president of our BSU and a sophomore from Augusta, gave a testimony. We've seen her grow and mature much here. Then a new Christian, freshman Connie Potter, gave a testimony. Connie calls Cincinnati home but her mother was raised in neighboring Lee County and she wants Connie to have better than the big city school system offers.

Carol Frisby and Mike Hauser sang "Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You." Carol first came to us from a Baptist church in Lexington as an eighth grader and is now a sophomore. Mike's home is South Bend, Ind., where his father is a doctor. He was adopted as an infant while his parents were medical missionaries in Puerto Rico. A strapping handsome young man, he is active in soccer and choir.

Jill Nevels, a senior, gave an inspiring testimony, striking for its directness and simplicity. Her father is a Baptist area missionary and the family is originally from McCreary County.

Danny Thomas, a senior from Shelbyville, gave a reading. Dan made a profession of faith one year ago and each day of his life since has been a powerful Christian testimony on our campus. His family owns a 4000 acre dairy farm operation and Danny could go to the most exclusive school in the world if he chose. He and his family chose Oneida.

Our pastor, Joel Rackley, sang beautifully "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" and then quietly spoke a message concerning time as measured by the Christian as we entered 1981.

After the message, the deacons served the Lord's Supper, the congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie." Coach Larry Gritton, in his eighth year with us, gave the benediction.

Mrs. Charles Damerl, one of our local women and a Sunday school teacher for 25 years, and some of our women had prepared refreshments for about 70 in the church basement. It wasn't quite a miracle of the loaves and fishes, but each of the 200 was given something to eat!

## Frank Owen



### The former pastor

Few walks of life are as blessed as that of a pastor who loves his church and is loved by the congregation. The blessings come, though at a pretty high price. Some of the cost is visible and some is felt only by the pastors themselves. Some of the price is paid late in life.

One of the hidden costs is the occasional (or frequent) necessity to move away from one's friends into unfamiliar environment, severing strong ties, often forever. Former pastors often are of doubtful welcome, at least for a considerable time. Many people feel that they shouldn't hang around or return often to former church fields. Stay out of the way, so the present pastor will have a maximum chance to become the pastor image to all the people. If the installed methodology of the former pastor does not fit the skills of the new pastor, then the presence of the former can indeed impair the present pastor's ability to bring about needed change for his own best function.

One makes deep and rich friendships in a happy pastorate. Former pastors often long to go back to scenes of other years and hang around awhile and sit on a log with these old friends, but, "Is it appropriate? Will he appear to be trying to nose back into the church? Will he be thought guilty of 'expastoring' the flock?" Will he unavoidably find himself embarrassed between the expressed desire of some church leaders to invite him to preach and the present pastor's disinclination to the idea? Such can happen, even after long years of absence across great distance.

Where can a former pastor retire? Not infrequently he finds it advisable to go off and live his old age among strangers, (move his church membership) during the very years when it is most difficult to change one's environment and form new relationships.

So pastor, if you should ever feel put upon by the presence of a former pastor, remember that he also needs understanding. We all shall if we live long enough.

The ministry is a peculiar walk of life. One must feel "called," lest he later become unwilling to pay the price, which has many installments toward "the uttermost farthing." (Matt. 5:26)

# A season of celebration

Photos and essay by David Haywood

Christmas is usually a time of celebration and for the more than 1200 youth attending the winter youth celebration at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center the joy of the season took on an added meaning.

Centering around the theme "It's My World" the celebration touched all areas of the young people's lives. Playing, learning, worshipping, making new friends and commitments are just a few parts of the "world" explored during the three days.

Peter Jenkins, author of *A Walk Across America*, shared his experiences of becoming a Christian during his five-year walking tour of the United States.

Climaxing the conference was a candlelight commitment service celebrating the year that was about to end and the new one just beginning.

The winter youth celebrations are held each year at Ridgecrest and Glorieta between Christmas and New Year's. They are sponsored by the youth section of the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

