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## CP budget ok'd, constitution, bylaws changes, too

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a \$93 million Cooperative Program budget for 1981-82 and proposed two changes to the SBC constitution and two to the bylaws.

All of the recommendations will be referred to the 1981 annual meeting of the SBC in Los Angeles, Calif. for action.

Without dissent the committee approved a 1981-82 national Cooperative Program budget goal of \$93 million, which includes a basic operating budget of \$83.4 million, to be divided between the 20 agencies and institutions operated by the convention.

The basic operating budget represents an increase of 11.95 percent over the 1980-81 budget of \$74.5 million. Also included is a \$3 million capital needs budget, unchanged from 1980-81, and a Bold Mission Thrust challenge budget of \$6,599,400, compared to \$13 million in the 1980-81 budget.

### RTVC requests outlets in three Kentucky cities

Three Kentucky cities—Lexington, Louisville and Paducah—are included in 119 applications being filed by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission with the Federal Communications Commission for low-power TV stations.

The commission announced plans in January for a network of stations, most of which would have a 10-mile radius, in a bid to establish a delivery system for Southern Baptist television ministries.

Under the plan, a subsidiary corporation—the American Christian Television System (ACTS)—was created by the Radio-Television Commission, which has applied for and would operate the network if the licenses are granted.

Officials at the RTVC report no official word has come from the FCC as to when—or even if—licenses for the 100 and 1000-watt stations would be issued.

The 119 applications sought by the RTVC are in 35 states. Of this number, the largest concentration is in Texas with 17 applications. The second highest number is in Florida with eight. California is next with seven followed by Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee with six each. There are five each in Ohio and Pennsylvania and four each in Alabama, Missouri and North Carolina.

In addition to Kentucky, states having three are Illinois, Michigan, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington.

Those with two are Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Wisconsin. A single application has been filed for cities in Alaska, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon and West Virginia.

Cities bordering Kentucky whose signal might be picked up in the state include Cincinnati and Evansville.

### Smith announces plan for Baptist-Jewish cooperation

A work group to "explore and establish a working relationship" between Southern Baptists and Jews has been formed, according to Bailey E. Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Smith, who has established a "close relationship" with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith following two controversial statements last year, announced formation of the group during the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

The Oklahoma pastor said the work group grew out of two meetings—one Dec. 18 in New York City, and the other Feb. 9 in Ft. Worth, Tex.—between Smith and representatives of ADL.

Smith will chair the Baptist portion of the work group and Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel of New York City, chairman of the national program committee of the ADL, will head the Jewish contingent.

To serve with Smith are Jimmy R. Allen, president

The constitutional changes—which require action at two successive annual meetings—involve qualifications of messengers and quorums required for boards of trustees of the agencies and institutions.

The first change, which was recommended unanimously, modifies the basis on which churches qualify for messengers to the annual meetings, revising Article III of the constitution.

Currently, every church "in friendly cooperation," "sympathetic" to the work and purposes of the convention, and a "bonafide contributor" to the work of the convention during the previous year is entitled to one messenger.

According to John McCall, an Executive Committee member and attorney from Louisville, the article is outdated. "The portion dealing with monetary requirements was adopted in the last century and the portion on membership was adopted in 1946."

Further messengers, up to a total of 10, currently are allowed at a rate of one for every 250 members or \$250 in contributions through the Cooperative Program.

The change would eliminate church membership size as a criterion and substitute contributions through the Cooperative Program as the only basis for qualification.

Nelson Duke, pastor from Jefferson City, Mo., explained the "convention exists for missionary purposes and not to give recognition to size and membership. The Cooperative Program is our lifeline."

The change would qualify one member per church as before and additional members at the rate of one for each two percent of undesignated offerings given through the Cooperative Program, or for each \$10,000 contribution, up to a total of 10.

Because of the percentage as well as the dollar amount McCall said the change would "maximize those who are most generous in Cooperative Program giving," and would not penalize smaller churches.

The second proposed constitutional change sets forth a ruling that 50 percent of a governing group will constitute a quorum. It modifies previous requirements that nine persons are sufficient to transact business.

McCall said the nine-member quorum was adopted when many of the boards had 18 members and "many now have substantially more than that."

The two bylaws changes, which require adoption only at one convention, relate to the selection of the committee on committees and the work of the committee on resolutions.

The recommendation requires the committee on committees to be appointed by a committee composed of the SBC president and the two vice presidents. Currently, the president, "in conference with" the vice presidents, makes the appointments.

SBC president Smith, who voted in favor of the bylaw revision, said the "change was not directed toward me, and I do not feel threatened by it. I think it is an effort to more evenly distribute the power of appointment."

The new bylaw also requires the publishing of the

names of the committee on committees through Baptist Press at least 60 days before an annual meeting.

The second bylaw was offered in an effort to deal with a growing number of resolutions offered at the annual meetings. In St. Louis 49 resolutions were reported out by the resolutions committee.

The proposal would expand the resolutions committee from 10 to 12 members, of which four must be members of the SBC Executive Committee. Currently, three members must be on the Executive Committee.

It requests that resolutions be submitted at least 30 days before a convention and says all resolutions must be introduced by the end of the first day of the three-day meeting.

The Executive Committee also rejected two recommendations which were made in resolutions at the 1981 St. Louis convention.

The first requested participation in the election of SBC officers be limited to a maximum of three votes per church and the second recommended a study of the feasibility of expanding participation in annual meetings by electronic means, including registration and voting.

### Tuition tax credit not dead; Baptists will fight it again when the issue resurfaces

Renewing his promise to work for passage of tuition tax credits for education at all levels, President Reagan nevertheless asked supporters of the measure to push first for his economic recovery passage outlined in an address to the nation Feb. 18.

Reagan, who advocated tuition tax credits during his campaign for the presidency, cited the controversial scheme to allow taxpayers who send their children to private schools a credit against taxes owed to the federal government as one of "many other desirable tax changes" he will seek later.

Baptist denominations, including the Southern Baptist Convention, have repeatedly opposed tuition tax credits and other measures to benefit private schools from public funds. Through the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, they are gearing up for a major battle on the subject in the new Congress.

Annie H. Armstrong



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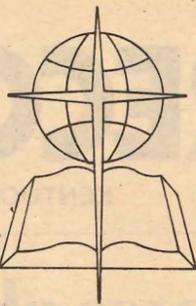
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C. R. Daley

## Daley Observations

### A conference with a crowning experience

Kentucky Baptist evangelism secretary Jay Brown is to be complimented for choosing a very timely theme for the state Evangelism Conference last week. All the speakers did not prepare their assignments well but a rich variety of speakers including two seminary teachers, one pastor, one state executive secretary, one state evangelism secretary, one Home Mission Board staff member, one black pastor and one pastor of a super church made distinctive contributions.

While the overall impact was surely positive, one looking for negatives might come up with one. This was the length of speeches and sessions. A prepared speaker ought to get his message across in 30 minutes instead of 40 minutes or longer and a three hour session with three heavyweights and extended musical renditions in between is too long.

The joint session with black Baptists was the most inspiring by far. The long and careful planning by many leaders from both groups resulted in a very meaningful experience.

Circumstances make it unavoidable but it's a pity we have to explain to each other why whites and blacks meet together. It ought to be the most natural thing to do in light of our common experience in the Lord and our common beliefs.

As moderator B. F. Green said, our fathers took a wrong turn a long time ago or we would never have been separate. Those in this inspiring session had to wonder why we remain separate and miss so much.

There are some things beside racial prejudice which keep white and black Baptists in separate organizations in Kentucky. In fact, racial prejudice may be one of the least factors in our separation in Kentucky.

It may be time we faced these other factors and start eliminating them if we really believe we are one in the Lord. Sure the Lord won't treat us separately when he returns and wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get a head start by getting together before he comes.

### The songs of Zion in a strange land

In their annual meeting recently in New York City state Baptist executive secretaries and editors were confronted with an overwhelming challenge of the New York metropolitan area to Southern Baptists. One has to see it to believe it. Reading or hearing about it is a poor substitute for experiencing it.

The impression was poignantly etched in our

souls with the help of the eyes and hearts of New York executive secretary Jack Lowndes and metropolitan New York associational director Quinn Pugh. The challenge these men, their few associates and the limited number of Southern Baptists in New York face is indescribable.

The numbers alone sound more concocted than real. There are more Jews in New York City than in the nation of Israel and more Roman Catholics than in Rome. In the greater New York metropolitan area there are 20 million people with seven million not claiming any religion. Evangelical Christians are a small minority in New York and Protestant denominations have lost 300,000 members in the past 20 years.

New York City in a real sense is the center of the world. In addition to its teeming millions speaking 50 or more languages, representatives from 150 nations of the world, comprising the United Nations live in New York City. As Paul could not conceive of world evangelization in the first century apart from Rome, so 20th century world evangelization is hopeless apart from the gospel in New York City.

The question is, can Southern Baptists minister effectively in New York City. Historically a rural and a southern United States religious movement which has been strongly influenced by regional culture, Southern Baptists will surely have to think differently and break out of their traditional molds to make much impact on areas like New York City.

A Southern Baptist from the Bible belt put down in New York City doesn't find many like himself. Accustomed to one language and one basic culture, in New York City much of the conversation he overhears is strange sounding and he looks in vain for the culture he once considered was universal in America.

If he is sensitive to reality at all, a Southern Baptist in New York City quickly concludes if Southern Baptists minister effectively in that city it will be to people of strange languages and cultures. To indeed, he will realize that white Anglo-Saxons are but another ethnic group in New York City.

Southern Baptists in New York have taken these and other realities into consideration and therefore are making an impact which is still comparatively small but very promising. Fifteen languages are represented in the 98 organized Southern Baptist churches and missions in New York metropolitan area. A special ministry to the United Nations is proving very effective. New York Southern Baptists were bold long before Bold Mission Thrust came along.

Some strange and interesting things happen when Southern Baptist ways and ethnic cultures merge. For example, a men's chorus of blacks in a French speaking Southern Baptist church in New York was singing. After several formal and classical numbers, the chorus broke out with "Just a Little Talk With Jesus Makes It Right." Can you imagine a black chorus singing such a song in French and concluding it with an "Amen"?

If you couldn't you had better not try to minister in New York City.

### Baptists have right to know and to dissent

The censure and subsequent resignation of Indiana Baptist editor Gene Medaris (Western Recorder Feb. 11, page 1) is a classic example of the inherent conflict between freedom of information and expression and control of news and opinion in Baptist life. Medaris by printing letters in the paper allowed readers to ask questions and register complaints and the power structure would not stand for it. Unfortunately the conflict took on personal dimensions as conflicts generally do. The concern of this treatment of the episode is not to deal with personal charges on either side but to examine the principles involved.

The right to know has always been basic in the democratic process and especially in Baptist life. Questions on denominational policies and administrative decisions are always in order and clear answers ought to be given.

The right to dissent is also basic in Baptist life. The actions of denominational officials or committees are never to be regarded as beyond questioning. Those who provide denominational funds have every right to say how they think they should be used and to know how all funds are used.

The state paper is the proper place for questions to be asked and divergent opinions to be expressed. The editor should answer questions in letters used in the paper or direct the questions to someone who can answer. Editor Medaris might have failed to answer questions raised in letters he printed soon enough and completely enough but the most serious penalty should have been a reprimand instead of having to resign or be dismissed.

Public statements notwithstanding, the real point of contention in this case is not incompetency or poor judgment on the part of the editor but the use of letters in the state paper from readers that question or criticize administrative decisions. They ought to be but not all Baptist leaders are big enough to allow questions or criticisms of their actions. They may smile outwardly but they boil inwardly.

For this reason some Baptist executives tend to move toward more and more centralization of authority. In the case of Indiana Baptists this centralization of authority has gone too far. Convention staff members have no direct access to the executive board or committees of the board. They can communicate with board committees or board committees can communicate with them only through the executive director.

Furthermore, it is reported that the executive director and his executive committee have been authorized to hire and fire staff members without approval of the executive board or the convention. And the executive director says any questions concerning convention finances will never be aired in the state paper but will be handled personally by him. He also has to give his approval for anything of a controversial nature to appear in the paper.

The whole set-up sounds more papal than Baptist.

The mistake Medaris made was to act like a responsible editor and make his own decisions. The powers that be and the organizational structure in Indiana would not allow this. Medaris has paid a high price for his mistake. It's now up to Indiana Baptists whether they want rule by an administrator and his cabinet or a more democratic system.

# Denominational servants: mobilized for commitment

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Where am I going?" I called to my wife as I picked up my suitcase and strode across the house to the back door.

"Elizabethtown?" she replied, her eyes searching mine.

Seeing no obvious change of expression, she ventured, "Bowling Green?"

I apparently registered some acknowledgement with my eyes.

I wasn't playing a game with her. In my role as a denominational servant, I had been on the road so many times in the weeks just before this incident occurred, both of us were suffering from a temporary lapse of memory. Right at the point of departure I was drawing a blank on where I was headed. Not until I recalled the nature of my next assignment was I able to remember my destination.

Something about all this strangely reminds me of the man who took a tour of his state's insane asylum. A guide pointed out one inmate with a faraway look in his eyes, who merely shook his head and stumbled shiftlessly.

"That's a very sad situation," said the guide.

"Tell me about him," the visitor encouraged.

"It's a story of broken love," replied the guide. "The girl he worshiped jilted him for someone else."

They moved on to another area where a second inmate was observed screaming in agony. He beat the floor with his fists and banded his head with his hands, forcing his body into all manner of unusual contortions.

The visitor pleaded, "What happened to him?"

"That's the one she married!" his guide explained.

Sometimes the pace in which denominational employes move quickens to such frenetic proportions that confinement might appear to be the easiest way out!

Who are these hardy souls who criss-cross our state and national conventions continually, some of them seldom touching home base? What is the sense of urgency, mission and purpose which drives them to exert almost indefatigable dedication to their causes?

At the outset, let me disclaim any close identity with that elite group which travels on behalf of our denomination for a living. While I spend perhaps 50 nights a year on the road attending to denominational business, by no means do I rank myself among colleagues who seriously hold traveling jobs.

Some employes of SBC agencies, and many of the field service personnel of our state Baptist conventions, are on the road about three weeks out of every four. These are generally "consult-

ants"—hired to interpret basic denominational programs and services to local churches and associations.

For a conventionwide agency, such as the Sunday School Board, their territory may extend from New England to Hawaii, Alaska to Florida, Texas to Michigan, and every state in between. Many of these employes spend about as much time on airplanes and waiting in airports as they do at their desks in Nashville.

In the cooperating state conventions, however, staff people assigned travel responsibilities normally drive to their engagements. (There are some exceptions, where the territory is so large that it is more economical to fly from the state headquarters to local churches.) In most states the convention reimburses employes for the use of their automobiles in performing denominational business. The idea of leasing or purchasing a fleet of cars for traveling employes has been catching on in some states in recent years, however, and may be the trend of the future.

The consultants, of course, are not the only people who travel for the denomination. Editors of all types maintain heavy travel commitments as do personnel designated by numerous other job titles. Very likely, there is not a professional employe to be found on the staff of any state convention or SBC agency who does not travel in behalf of his work at least once every year.

Southern Baptists, by the very nature of their work, have decreed that their employes must be a very mobile group. Anyone considering a career in denominational servitude needs to recognize and accept that fact before he enters it.

Personal encounters with hundreds of these travelers have helped me understand why they do it. In my opinion, most sense their mission as a calling of God. In an effort to fulfill his will in their lives they put the work to which he has set them ahead of selves, family and anything else that would dilute their response.

In so doing, they are the employes who are seldom able to take off for a day of golf or fishing, or a day of being with the family. They don't have much time to putter around the shop, or fix the leaky roof on the house or work in the garden.

They forfeit such opportunities as visiting with the neighbors, holding membership in social and civic organizations, attending PTA and participating in lots of other community activities.

They rush from one engagement to the next one, and often drive home late at night, arriving in the wee hours after midnight. With rare exceptions, most of them will be in their offices at starting

time that same morning, frequently beginning the same procedure all over again.

They are away from home so much that a tired, overworked joke about them has it that their children ask on their arrival home, "Mother, who is that strange man?"

To which the mother replies, "Why, dears, that's your father! Don't you remember him?"

There are lots of happy growing-up experiences which they are unable to witness among their children because they are basically earning a living away from their families. In a sense they are missing much of what life has to offer them by normal standards.

There simply has to be an explanation for their perseverance and zealousness, however. And after observing hundreds of denominational travelers for the last two decades, I believe I've discovered what it is. It's commitment to God's purpose for their lives. They are attempting to carry out the mission

to which he has called them to the best of their abilities.

These are not basically unhappy people, men and women who had rather be on the road instead of at home. They are people in and through whom the Lord is working. He gives them physical stamina and mental ability to endure the countless thousands of miles they travel each year. He makes them able to withstand the fatigue from long and strenuous hours, the pressure of being before the public almost continuously, and comforts them during times of loneliness and depression away from family and friends. Without such dedication on their part, and the provision of God's strength, much of our denominational advances would suffer.

"It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2), the scriptures admonish. As a Southern Baptist, I'm grateful to have a mobile leadership that faithfully discharges that verse every working day.

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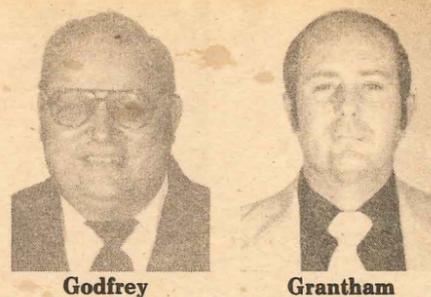
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## Ordinations

**Moore and Harrod are ordained**  
Carl Moore and Mike Ray Harrod received ordination as deacons of St. John Baptist Church, Franklin Association. The ordination service was held Feb. 15. Doug Simpson is pastor.

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

## Congregations

**Pikeville expands radio ministry**  
First Baptist Church, Pikeville, has begun to broadcast its evening worship service over WDHR. The service is also broadcast over WPKE.  
Curtis Warf is pastor.

**Calvary has note burning service**  
After more than 20 years Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, held a note burning ceremony Feb. 1 as it retired the indebtedness on its building.  
Delmos Griffis, the church's oldest member, burned the note during the special service.  
There were 181 in Sunday school and 82 in Church Training. There was also a pot-luck dinner held following the

morning service.  
The church recently voted to remodel the basement with new lighting, new ceilings and paint.  
Richard Donovan is pastor.

**Blue Ball burns note early**  
Blue Ball Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held a note burning ceremony Jan. 21.  
The church was able to pay the note much sooner than expected through faithful stewardship and special offerings.

## Personnel

**Lovell accepts Valley Station**  
Dan Lovell has resigned as pastor of Highland Park First Baptist Church,

Long Run Association. He has accepted the pastorate of Valley Station Baptist Church.

**Nutt to be featured at Ridgecrest**  
Christian entertainer Grady Nutt of Louisville will be featured as a worship leader during Church Recreation Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center June 6-12.  
A variety of conferences for leaders and youth will be held during the week.

**Sanders honored by Florida church**  
Harold G. Sanders, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was honored by First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla. Feb. 6-8.

Sanders was named pastor emeritus of the church which he served from 1946-61. He is currently pastor of

Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville.

**Sansom begins ministry at Middletown**  
Steve Sansom began his position as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Middletown, Feb. 15.  
Sansom was formerly minister of music at Adairville Baptist Church.  
He and wife Marsha are natives of Kentucky.

**Barb DeCoursey called by Hodgenville**  
Barb DeCoursey has been called as minister of music and youth by Hodgenville First Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.  
She was interim minister of music and youth before being called to her present position.

**Jones accepts Campbellsville call**  
James E. Jones, pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., since 1973, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church.  
A former pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Louisville, Jones is a graduate of Samford University and Southern Seminary.  
Jones will begin his ministry at Campbellsville Mar. 15.

**Grantham becomes mission pastor**  
Matt Grantham has been called as pastor of the Henderson Hall Mission, Chenoa.  
A native of North Carolina, he is married to the former Sharon Wright of Tennessee. The couple has two children who are living in Florida.  
Grantham is currently a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

**Godfrey to pastor Irvine FBC**  
James Royce Godfrey has accepted the call to pastor First Baptist Church, Irvine.  
A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Godfrey is a native of Georgia. He is married to the former Norma Niedermaider of Oklahoma.  
The Godfreys have four children.



Carman Sharp [c] was honored for 20 years of ministry at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Feb. 6. Sharp was presented a canoe, a biography of Thomas Merton and a monetary gift. Making the presentation is deacon chairman Larry Dauenhauer as Sharp's wife Caroline looks on.

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# Questions answered about bus tour

Western Recorder's charter express to the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles is rapidly taking shape.

Several reservations have already been confirmed and numerous deposits continue to flow into the office.

Along with the deposits have come a vast number of inquiries about the specifics of the trip. Western Recorder advertising representative Ray Hayes who is handling the details of the trip has outlined the "10 most asked questions" and has provided helpful answers for interested individuals.

**Q: What does the price cover?**

**A:** The cost of the trip is \$450 per person for a double occupancy room, \$410 for triple occupancy and \$390.50 with four persons to a room. This price includes all transportation and room accommodations each night.

"Yes," Hayes emphasized, "even while in Los Angeles." He added that the total price does not include meals.

**Q: Will the bus pick me up along the way?**

**A:** "Sorry, we can't stop along the way and impose on other passengers." Hayes said all passengers must board at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, at 8 a.m. EST June 4.

**Q: How full is the bus?**

**A:** There are presently 22 confirmed reservations. "If we see that we will have enough people to fill a second bus we will do so," Hayes stated.

If the first bus is filled, however, later reservations will not be confirmed until enough responses have been received to fill the second bus.

**Q: What route will the bus travel?**

**A:** The bus will leave from Middletown and will arrive in St. Louis for

lunch. It will then travel west through Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, stopping for meals, lodging and sight-seeing.

Scheduled stops include the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest in New Mexico and Arizona's Grand Canyon.

**Q: When do I need to make my reservation?**

**A:** "As soon as possible," Hayes emphasized. A \$100 deposit must accompany each person's reservation.

**Q: When do I need to pay the balance of the cost?**

**A:** All trip costs must be paid before Apr. 10, 1981.

**Q: If I get sick or can't go for any reason can I get my money back?**

**A:** Anyone who cancels a reservation by May 4, 30 days before departure, will receive a 100 percent refund. A 50 percent refund will be given to anyone who cancels a reservation before May 20.

"Sorry, no refund can be given after May 21 so take your vitamins and stay healthy," Hayes encouraged.

**Q: May I take my family?**

**A:** Yes. In fact, a family of four can

share one room at a cost of \$390.50 per person.

"We have a couple of families whose reservations have already been confirmed," said Hayes. "Remember there is a \$100 deposit required for each person to reserve a space."

**Q: What are the buses like?**

**A:** The trip will be made on a Greyhound tour bus. It is equipped with restroom, air conditioning, reclining seats and individual night lights.

**Q: Where will we be eating?**

**A:** "Remember, the cost of your food is not provided in the cost of the tour," Hayes reminded. "We will eat in moderately-priced restaurants."

"There will be no \$25 dinners . . . unless you would like to pay for my dinner also," Hayes concluded.

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## Baptist Forum

### The truth shall set you free

Realizing my ignorance of the total workings of the State Convention of Indiana, I am writing regarding the recent action of the executive committee censoring the editorial work of Gene Medaris, former editor of the Indiana Baptist. I personally deeply regret the resignation of Medaris. I feel that we, as Southern Baptists of Indiana, will suffer greatly if we allow the convention, of which we are a part, to stop the reporting of the news to its people. A well informed people should know all sides of an issue.

In the Roman Catholic Revival or Renewal just after the Protestant Reformation two forms of censorship were instituted.

1. The Index which stated what books could or could not be read by the Roman Catholics.

2. The Inquisition soon followed: this was forceful censorship. You either did as you were told or else.

Have we turned to these tactics right here in Indiana? Can we now look forward to an open minded paper which tells us what is happening? Or are we only going to receive what our leaders want us to hear? You say that the ultimate aim is Christian unity, togetherness. I totally agree. But what kind of

unity are we talking about? The kind of unity that comes from total submission to other humans who decide what we can or cannot hear? Or the kind of unity which comes from striving together as the Body of Christ? Can we not stand the truth? John 8:32 says, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

Is it wrong for the Christians of the Southern Baptist Convention of Indiana to want to know how their hard earned dollars are being spent? I hardly think so. I feel Medaris was serving the people of the State of Indiana by reporting the news. I feel the executive committee did the Southern Baptists of Indiana an injustice by censoring our editor.

I hope this letter will be accepted as written and not as a stab at disunity. It is from the heart and with love. We must strive together for Christ or the struggle will only be a struggle and not a victory.

Bill Miller, Pastor  
First Southern Baptist Church  
Versailles, Ind.

## Winchester Scholarship Fund Providing Aid For Cumberland College Students From McCreary County

The Dr. and Mrs. Merrill Allen Winchester Endowed Scholarship Fund is providing much needed financial aid for McCreary County students at Cumberland College according to an announcement by Cumberland President, Dr. James Taylor.

Established approximately three years ago under the auspices of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and restricted in its use for McCreary County students only, the interest from this \$50,000.00 contribution from the Winchesters will be used annually for scholarships and loans for McCreary County students attending Cumberland.

"We are pleased to receive this magnanimous gift from the Winchesters who have long been faithful supporters of Cumberland College and the area. This gift will allow us to increase our assistance to qualified students from McCreary County who choose to attend Cumberland College," says Dr. Taylor.

In reference to their grant, the Winchesters commented on their love for McCreary County and its people and their desire to do something constructive for them. Stressing their belief in Christian stewardship, Dr. Winchester stated that "because McCreary County people have been good to us through the years, we wanted to express our sincere appreciation to them through a living, witnessing Christian college such as Cumberland—a school that has already done much for the youth of McCreary County. "This way," he continued, "the scholarship fund will serve two purposes. It will help local students to finish their college educations and, at the same time, strengthen a fine Christian institution—one that has steadily proven its concern for the people of McCreary County through many years of loyal service."

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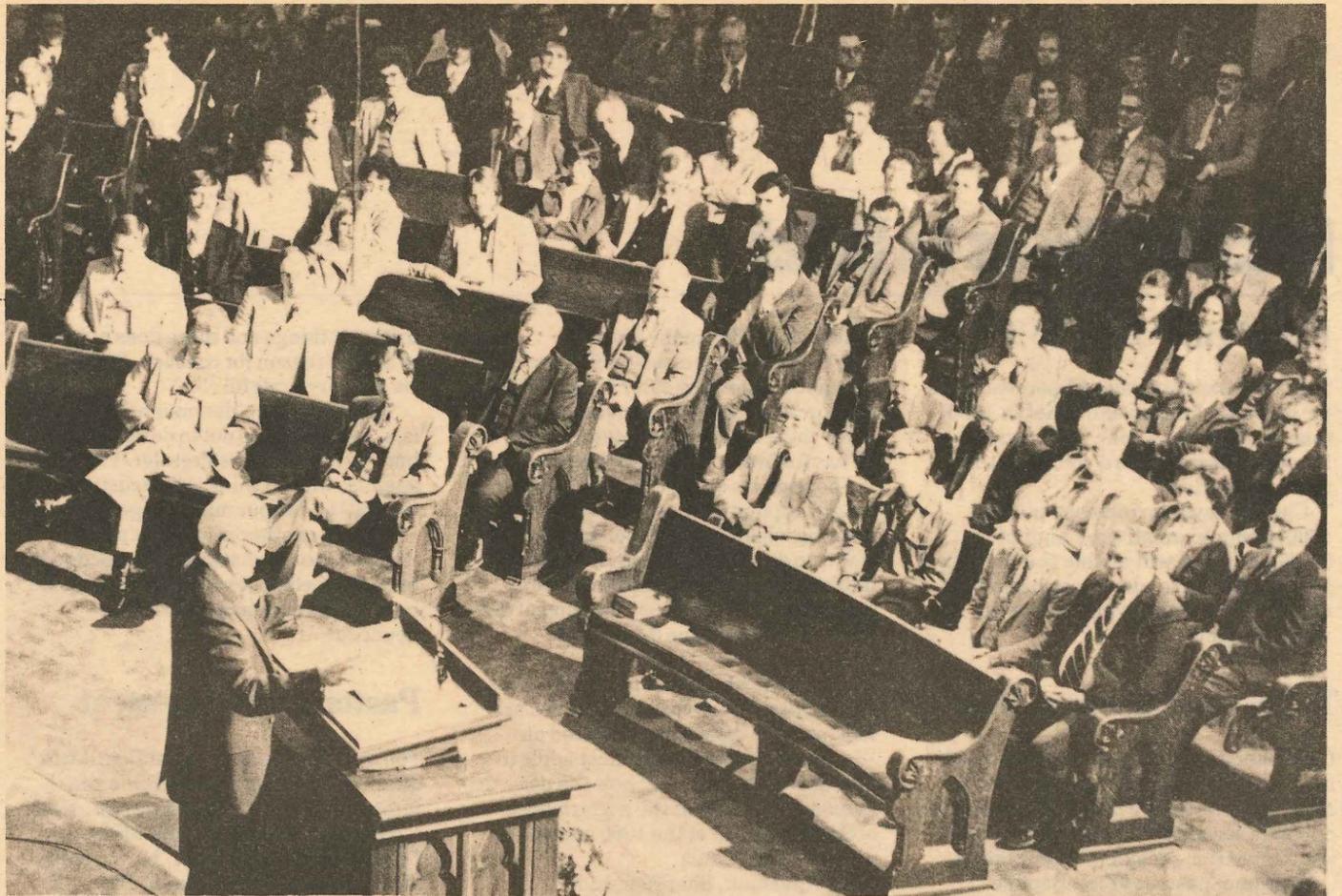
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## *Red, yellow, black, white — all are precious in his sight*

by Kathy Berry, Staff Writer

A spirit of harmony and excitement prevailed as an estimated 4500 Baptists gathered in Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center Tuesday, Feb. 17. The occasion was the first joint meeting of black and white representatives from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

The General Association is composed of about 160,000 blacks and the Kentucky Baptist Convention of about 740,000 whites.

This meeting marked the conclusion of the KBC evangelism conference and the commencement of the General Association Pastor's Conference. Jointly planned, promoted and funded by the two Baptist groups, the meeting materialized after two years of preparation, said Lincoln Bingham, General Association superintendent of missions.

Past General Association moderator G. M. Smith suggested the joint meeting during his term two years ago. The Baptist Joint Committee, composed of representatives from both groups, began working on the plans. The Joint Committee fosters programs to proffer fellowship between the two conventions.

"I envision a future when all Baptists

see the need to claim common identity in Jesus Christ while maintaining their separate identities and styles," Bingham added.

Those participating on the special meeting planning committee included General Association representatives K. L. Moore, A. J. Elmore and Bingham, and KBC representatives Jay Brown, A. B. Colvin and William Rogers.

B. F. Green, current moderator of the General Association, graduated from Simmons Bible College, Louisville, and has led seven churches. For the past 20 years he has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

"We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord. If we are brothers and sisters then sometime, somewhere we ought to act like it," Green challenged.

His comment that "this meeting should have been held many years ago" was affirmed by each succeeding speaker. "I hope we can continue to have this type of meeting," Green added.

One featured speaker, Jess Moody, agreed with Green in saying the joint meeting should have occurred long ago. But, he commented, "I'm glad it happened now!"

Moody, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Van Nuys, Calif., spoke on "The Family Quarrel." He explained that many times petty arguments can divert us from the pressing message.

Using passages from Matt. 24, Moody spoke on the sudden, separate and sensational second coming of Christ. He urged that it's not important when or how the savior will return, but that he will return.

Franklin Owen, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, spoke next commenting that "God has raised us up from our sin and made us sit together in a heavenly place." A graduate of Southern Seminary, Owen, too, acknowledged the importance and timeliness of the unique joint meeting event.

Mack Carter, second featured speaker, is current pastor of Green Castle Baptist Church, Prospect. Carter, using several scripture references, spoke on "The Dread of the New Testament Faith."

"New Testament faith centers in Christ," he said. "The dread of the New Testament faith deals with Christ as a dangerous guy."

Carter explained that Christ's teachings are hard and radical; therefore, they are sometimes dangerous to put into action, which all Christians must

do. Carter concluded on a dynamic note by exclaiming, "Jesus has black power, white power, green power—all power!"

Interspersed throughout the program were choir and congregational singing selections. J. C. Pyles, General Association, directed the choir composed of Baptists from around the state. They rendered several medleys including "Jesus Saves" and "He Lives." On a final, triumphant note the entire group sang "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" and departed.

Bill Rogers, interviewed following the joint session, said there were no plans for similar sessions in the future on a state level. There are plans for regional meetings of this nature, however, said Rogers, director of the KBC Cooperative Ministries Department.

The significance of the Louisville meeting was "a demonstration of our combined strength," according to Rogers.

"I was pleased with the response of both the General Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The choir responded well, and also I was appreciative of the support of the KBC staff," Rogers concluded.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Relief gifts climb 83%

Southern Baptists gave 83 percent more for overseas hunger and relief in 1980 than in 1979, says John R. Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board consultant for relief ministries.

Cheyne says the increase pushed 1980 giving to an all time high of \$5,669,864 and will enable the Foreign Mission Board to plan more projects to deal with the underlying causes of world hunger.

## Takeover concern ending?

Cecil Sherman's "denominational loyalists" are watching and waiting on key appointments before deciding whether to appoint a second term for Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith.

Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., said Smith has promised to appoint "all kinds of Southern Baptists" to the key committee on committees.

"He did not tell me who those people were," Sherman told Baptist Press. "Naturally, I am very curious; I would like to have a chance to look at them."

Sherman added: "It would be very helpful to all parts of the convention if the appointments to the committee on resolutions and committee on committees were released early. By so doing, Bailey

Smith could allay many fears."

It has been suggested Smith announce his appointments by early April in order to allow all parts of the denomination to study them and make a determination if he has followed through on his promise.

Sherman made his comments on the crucial appointments in the wake of a meeting which drew 13 men from 10 states to discuss conditions in the 13.6 million-member denomination and to map strategy for the 1981 meeting of the SBC, scheduled June 9-11 in Los Angeles.

Sherman, who also is president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, said the discussion centered on "how we are doing in getting people to go to Los Angeles," and how the participants feel "about the performance" of Smith, elected at the 1980 annual meeting in St. Louis.

The question, Sherman said, is whether Smith "is doing the agenda" of Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge, and Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas.

The "agenda," Sherman said, is the stated aim of Pressler to "go for the jugular" of the SBC by electing agency trustees committed to biblical inerrancy. Pressler made the statement during a meeting in Lynchburg, Va., in September 1980.

"The group rather agreed there is not any real evidence the Pressler/Patterson agenda is being performed," Sherman said, adding that real proof will be found in the appointment of key committees.

"If Bailey Smith does not appear to be the agent of the Pressler/Patterson agenda and is president of all Southern Baptists in his appointments, chances are we will not present anybody to oppose him," Sherman said.

He alluded to remarks Smith made following his election as SBC president which indicated inerrancy would be a factor in appointments.

"We had every reason for concern," Sherman said, commenting Smith had recently talked of unity and promised to be the president of all Southern Baptists. "Now," he said, "Mr. Smith is saying

different things and there does not seem to be that reason for concern. For that, we are very grateful."

The aim of the "denominational loyalists," he added, is not to defeat Smith, but "to frustrate the Pressler/Patterson agenda, which I think is destructive to the SBC and to our missions goal."

He said another meeting is planned "before the convention," but declined to be more specific, except to note it would be after the appointments are announced.

## Pastors, wives to meet

The Baptist Sunday School Board will offer a pastors and wives Bible conference Apr. 13-17 at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Program leaders include Mary Frances Bailey, Concord, N. C.; John Bunn, pastor, First Church, Sylva, N. C.; William A. Cox Jr., supervisor, Conference Center Division, Sunday School Board, Nashville; James P. Craine, pastor, First Church, Anderson, S. C.; Bruce Grubbs, consultant, Church Administration Department, BSSB; Fred McGehee, career guidance consultant, Church Administration Department, BSSB; and Ralph L. Murray, consultant, Sunday School Department, BSSB.

Total cost is \$135 for one or \$190 for pastor and wife. To register, write Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

## Baptists to be watchdogs

Representatives of 13 Southern Baptist agencies have issued a statement calling for expanded efforts to "safeguard" religious liberty and its corollary, separation of church and state.

The statement came from a caucus of Southern Baptists attending a conference on government intervention which brought together representatives of more than 90 percent of America's adherents of organized religion.

## Leave religion alone: Dunn

Declaring one of the reasons for widespread confusion among Baptists on current church-state controversies is "massive, unmitigated, pervasive, unyielding ignorance," the new chief of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, James Dunn, challenged Southern Baptist state executive directors and editors to help lead the way in educating their people in the Baptist doctrine of religious liberty.

Among the results of widespread Baptist ignorance of their church-state heritage, Dunn said, is Baptists have been left "vulnerable to the ego-driven electronic churchmen who manipulate for money the basically uninformed and drifting members of our churches."

Saying the real issue in the raging battle over school prayer "is not to put prayer back in the schools" but "state-sanctioned prayer," Dunn said "for the state to allow prayer implies it has the power to disallow prayer." That assumption, he went on, is "offensive to my theology" and "offensive to common sense."

"The best thing government can do

for religion," he concluded, "is leave it alone."

## Seminaries envy of others

The 13.6 million members of the Southern Baptist Convention and the denomination's six seminaries enjoy a "bond of confidence" which has endured troubled times and promises a healthy future.

Albert McClellan shared that assessment with faculty, staff and students in a Founder's Day message at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. McClellan, recently retired associate executive secretary and director of program planning of the SBC Executive Committee, is a visiting professor at the seminary.

He traced the development of Southern Baptists' support for their seminaries, particularly through the denomination's cooperative program. "The special partnership between our people and our seminaries is deeply rooted in Southern Baptist history and in the denominational structure," McClellan said. "This system is the envy of other denominations who are campaigning for the kind of constituency support enjoyed by Southern Baptists."

## Church music

There are two musical situations on which I think we can be confident that a blessing rests. One is where a priest or an organist, himself a man of trained and delicate taste, humbly and charitably sacrifices his own (esthetically right) desires and gives the people humbler and coarser fare than he would wish, in a belief (even, as it may be, the erroneous belief) that he can thus bring them to God. The other is where the stupid and unmusical layman humbly and patiently, and above all silently, listens to music which he cannot, or cannot fully, appreciate, in the belief that it somehow glorifies God, and that if it does not edify him this must be his own defect. Neither such a High Brow nor such a Low Brow can be far out of the way. To both, Church Music will have been a means of grace; not the music they have liked, but the music they have disliked. They have both offered, sacrificed, their taste in the fullest sense.

But where the opposite situation arises, where the musician is filled with pride of skill or the virus of emulation and looks with contempt on the unappreciative congregation, or where the unmusical, complacently entrenched in their own ignorance and conservatism, look with the restless and resentful hostility of an inferiority complex on all who would try to improve their taste—there, we may be sure, all that both offer is unblessed and the spirit that moves them is not the Holy Ghost.

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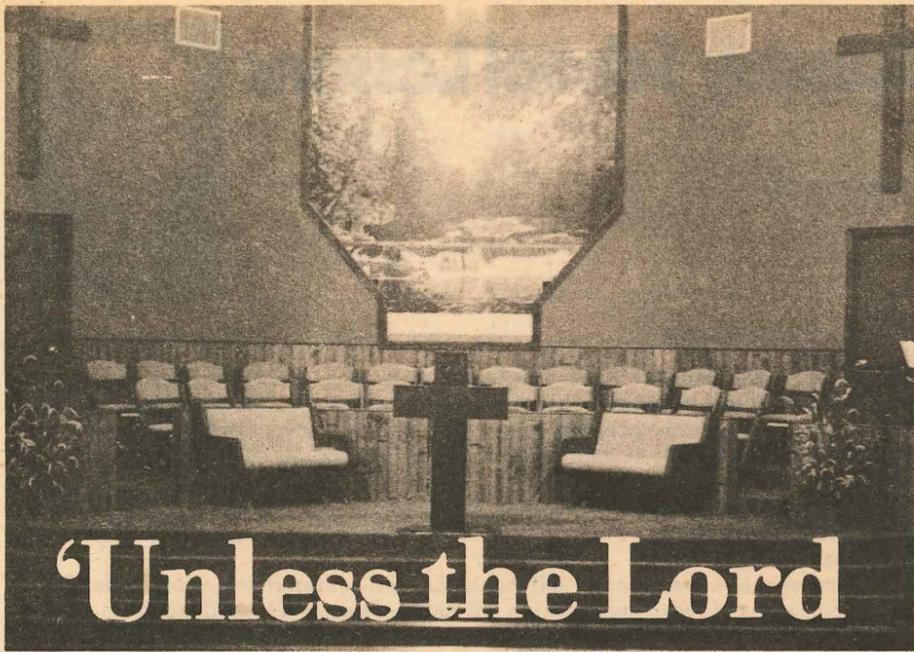
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# 'Unless the Lord builds the house...'

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it," states Psalms 127:1. The framed verse, done in needlepoint, hangs unobtrusively in the pastor's study. It quietly tells quite a story.

It started before Lendell Miller became Brotherhood director of Hanson Baptist Church and even before Dale Rouse was called as its pastor.

The small, rural church began to feel a need to expand during the mid-'70s and when Rouse was visited by a pulpit committee in 1975 he was told the church "needed to build."

Rouse came as Hanson's pastor with the mandate to provide both spiritual growth and physical expansion. Although the church owned a four-acre lot across the road from its present sanctuary it became apparent they weren't quite ready to begin a major building project.

"We had to cool the building program and build the church's fellowship and membership first," commented Rouse.

This was partially accomplished through ACTION, a Sunday school enlargement campaign which the congregation began using in 1977. Attendance

shot over 100 during the program's peak and Sunday school attendance increased from an average of 66 in 1976 to 88 in 1978.

"We did grow," emphasized Rouse. He explained the Sunday school classes spilled over into the church office, the kitchen and eventually the parsonage before a mobile unit was purchased in 1978.

At this point the Brotherhood stepped actively into the scene. Several men volunteered to remodel the mobile unit and donated their evenings and weekends to complete the project.

*You can start building and go until the money runs out.*

Soon, however, it became time to renew the effort for a building campaign. A building fund committee was elected and about \$20,000 was raised during its initial campaign.

A building committee was chosen a few months later to chart the best course for building. "They had to decide what to build, where to build and how to fund it," remarked Miller.

After considering several options the church settled on a building which would cost \$230,000. A bond program for \$200,000 was kicked off and the contractor was told, "We've got \$30,000 in hand. You can start building and go until the money runs out."

Construction began in November 1979 and the contractor had the building under roof by February. Despite rising interest rates, the Christmas season and several other obstacles the bonds kept selling during the first few months. But as February ended the bond sales hit an all time low and the contractor had to be discontinued.

"The building just sat there through March and everyone was getting discouraged," Rouse related. Finally the building committee and Brotherhood got together for prayer.

"Lord, if you'll give us money to buy the material we'll finish this thing," they prayed.

"God supplied certain people with the attitude that He could do it," the pastor shared.

*We stepped out on faith a little.*

"We realized we had people who were capable," Miller added. With their renewed faith, members of the Brotherhood began to give up their vacations, weekends, days off and

other spare moments to finish building their church. John Buchanan and Larry Hallum headed up the building crews. They had each built their own homes and Buchanan also had professional carpentry experience.

Both Rouse and Miller praised the spirit and determination of their congregation.

"These men first wanted to serve God," stated Miller. "We stepped out on faith a little," he added in a humble understatement.

The Lord used miners, railroad workers, factory workers and men from several other professions as well as a few women to continue the work.

"An old time community spirit prevailed here," Miller continued. "We came to know one another a little bit better."

As the members grew closer together, the membership also experienced growth. The church had 13 additions during the time the building was under construction.

*We're just a friendly, country bunch of Christians being allowed to take bigger steps.*

The sanctuary was completed last August at a cost of nearly \$60,000 less than originally planned. Services were first held in the new building in September and the formal dedication was held Oct. 5.

"There's a sense of accomplishment

in what man has done but it's because of the way God has blessed," Miller explained. "We're just a friendly, country bunch of Christians being allowed to take bigger steps."

The next big step being planned by the Hanson Brotherhood is a week-long mission trip this summer. Relying on their newly-discovered carpentry skills, 12 men have made a commitment to help build a new sanctuary for First Baptist Church, Felicity, Ohio.

"Our building project has been the incentive to go and help another church because of what we've seen it do for our church," the pastor stated.

In addition to putting up the walls and roofing the building, the men also plan to have a time of sharing and fellowship with members of the community each evening.

The pastor and Brotherhood director also mentioned the possibility of taking a group of men back to Felicity for a second week later in the summer. The second trip would focus on completing the construction work and holding a more formal series of services in the new building.

As the individuals who make up the Hanson Brotherhood continue to sacrifice hunting trips, golf matches and other cherished activities, they seem to agree that "it's an honor to be used by God."

Reflecting on the shared experiences, relationships and goals within his organization, Miller thoughtfully concluded, "We really have 'brotherhood'."

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Pastor Dale Rouse extends congratulations to volunteer foreman John Buchanan during dedication ceremonies of Hanson Baptist Church's new sanctuary.

## As BMT grows, missionary supply shrinks

The number of Southern Baptists flooding overseas as volunteers jumped 27 percent in 1980 and the total missionary force increased by two percent. But the number of career missionaries rose by only two persons.

That is causing concern for Foreign Mission Board administrators who say the career missionary is the core of the Southern Baptist mission enterprise overseas.

"If it (career missions) begins to decay it's only a matter of time before the decay affects the total system," said Bill W. Marshall, vice president for human resources for the board.

"Almost all short-term ministries are dependent upon those people who stay

long enough to learn the language and make themselves available and vulnerable to those to whom they go," said Marshall. "There is a difference between a visitor and a neighbor. God's mission methodology in Jesus was to become a neighbor."

Applied to 1980 forces, that means most of the 4818 volunteers who went overseas in 1980, plus the 246 missionary journeymen, 15 special project workers and 244 missionary associates who were on the field at the end of 1980 could not have been used if they hadn't been working with some of the 2554 career missionaries who still comprised the bulk of the overseas missionary staff.

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The vineyard owner represents God, the vineyard represents the kingdom and the laborers represent Christians. Our Lord needs laborers in his vineyard today. Our work for him will not be measured solely by the amount done, nor by the skill with which we do it, but by the motive and spirit which prompts us to work.

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by Bill Heaton,  
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To be able to stand in an associational meeting or local church and speak with pride and love about the Kentucky Baptist Child Care Program, this is spreading the "Good News."

The best "Good News" of all is to be able to say how much Kentucky Baptists love and support their Child Care Program. I am amazed that even in these times of inflation and high cost your support does not fail. As the Western Region Coordinator I can honestly say that your support is not in vain. As I work with all facets of Kentucky Baptist Child Care, I find that all programs are constantly upgraded and new and better ways sought to serve our clients.

Yes, the "Good News" of Christ's love for us is expressed in many ways. The Kentucky Baptist Child Care Program is one of those ways.

# Clear Creek Comments

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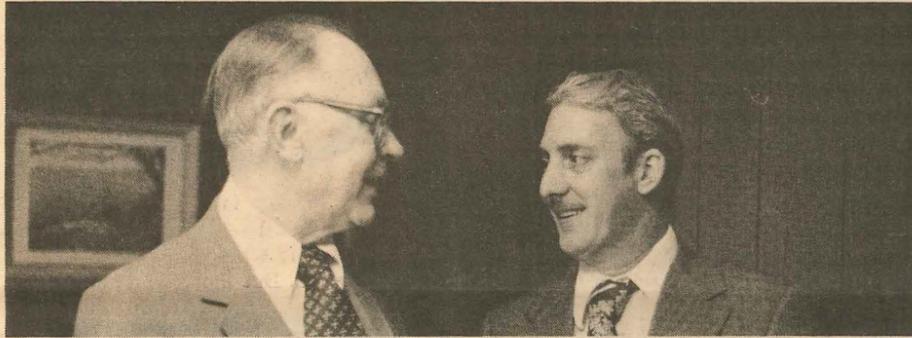
We have many students enrolled at Clear Creek Baptist School and each is different in his own way. Recently we had a student to enrol I must tell you about.

I think everyone is aware of the Bold Mission Thrust of our Southern Baptist Convention. A good example of sending the light out is the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ind. A new student came in my office and presented a check that introduced me to the church.

Bill Whitney, pastor of the church, felt he needed further training for the ministry. He came to Kentucky to visit our school. A few days later the family decided the Kentucky mountains would be their home for at least four years while he studies at the school. One unique thing about our school is that wives of the men can attend classes with their husbands.

Many people cannot understand how a family of nine could pack their possessions and leave home, church and family security to move to Pineville and go to school. But where the Lord leads he provides and the Whitneys have already seen evidence of this. When they left for school the Gospel Light Baptist Church presented them with a check for \$4,663.17 for their expenses. This will pay tuition, books, rent and other expenses while they are in school. The family moved into a three bedroom mobile home on the campus, got the children enrolled in school and the smaller ones in the Clear Creek Children's Center. Roxanne, the older daughter who finished high school, is also enrolled in Clear Creek classes. Gwendolyn is a student at Bell County High School and Donald, Joseph, Darrell and Dean are students at Harmony Elementary.

Come for a visit to Clear Creek and meet some of our unique students. You will be happy you did.



## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### FEBRUARY

- 27 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Florence, Florence Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen

#### MARCH

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Material sent from WMU State Office

### Looking ahead

#### MARCH

- 6-7 State Library Retreat. Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY 42156. Friday, 6 p.m. to Saturday noon. Make reservations with the park. For information contact Church Library Department, KBC
- 7 State Handbell Festival. Lexington, Immanuel. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register with Music Department, KBC
- 8-15 Youth Week in churches. Ideas and suggestions in Youth Week Pack '81 (Church undated literature order form). Additional help in March Church Training Magazine.
- 13 Adult/Youth Music Festival, Lexington. Porter Memorial Baptist Church
- 14 Children's Music Festival, Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church
- 19-20 Minister of Education Retreat. Cedarmore. 1:30 on 19th through 3 p.m. on 20th. Sponsored by Church Administration. Contact Vernon Cole, KBC. - Reservations made with Cedarmore
- 23-24 Area Vacation Bible School Clinics. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Associational VBS Teams
- 23—Mayfield, First Baptist Church and Earlington, First Baptist Church
- 24—Bowling Green, First Baptist Church

### Planning ahead

#### MARCH

- 27 Adult/Youth Music Festival. Ft. Mitchell, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church and Louisville, Victory Memorial Baptist Church
- 27 All Ages Music Festivals. Pineville, First Baptist Church; Franklin, First Baptist Church; Somerset, First Baptist Church

The Child Care, Clear Creek and Oneida columns are paid space.

# Oneida Journal

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



## Very important people

"I am applying to your school because my mother and father are apparently headed for a divorce. I feel that the Lord is leading me to prepare other alternatives for my life and education. I am a Christian young man, age 16, and currently live in Florida. I have heard so many good comments about OBI that I have decided to write." Many such letters come to us. Ours is a ministry responding to the differing needs of boys and girls.

Occasionally a prospective student comes to visit us but decides not to enrol. It is no easy thing to leave home especially when you are going away for the first time. I personally spend at least two hours with each prospective student. Well-meaning people often urge me to "delegate" this "chore" and use my time for more "worthwhile" things. However, in my own scale of values, there is hardly any more "worthwhile" way to use my time. Our students are what our work is all about. As president I feel I should personally deal with these very important people.

There are many rewards including letters like the following from the parents of a boy who visited some years ago, but did not attend our school: "This gift is to partially pay you for your time several years ago when we brought our son to Oneida and you took the time to talk to him. We want you to know we really appreciate the time you put in. That talk you gave him seemed to do more than anything else. He is now married, has a little girl, and is settled down and doing fine."

Then a letter from Texas from the father of two Methodist young people who did volunteer service here for a week with their church group about four years ago. The girl is now married and the boy is in the university. The father writes: "Sallie and Greg love your organization and their small efforts added great meaning to their lives. I hope you will add their new addresses to your mailing list." We did.

Often a student will be with us only a year or part of a year because of some special situation. Last year a couple brought their nephew to us and he finished the year here. This year he is back in his home school. They write from Tennessee: "We wanted to do something to say 'thank you' for helping our nephew at a very critical time in his life. He is adjusted again to his school and is feature editor of the school paper. He is active in his church and seems to realize the seriousness of the situation he became involved in with friends. Enclosed is our check for \$300. Our prayers will continue to be for you as you work with young people to help them work out their problems so they can face the future with hope and success. We will never forget your kindness, yet firmness and discipline for our nephew's life. You took him and helped him when there were no others who would."

This last letter comes from a Catholic mother whose children we took on full scholarship nearly two years ago. "I praise Oneida for caring and bringing out the goodness and positive qualities in two children that were lost and now are found. I believe there is goodness in all children but it often takes some special maneuvering to bring it out. I am thankful for the devotion of your staff to that principle."

## Frank Owen



### Budget proportions

We are thinking about the shape of the convention budget these days. We are guessing that Kentucky Baptists will be apt to give through our office between eleven and fourteen million dollars during the budget year that we must now tentatively project. The fact that we must think so far ahead (fiscal year September 1, 1981 through August 31, 1982) does not make this task any easier.

We distinguish between what might be called the firm budget and the challenge budget. The latter, of course, is the projected distribution of funds hoped for but whose probability is not great enough for us to dare make final commitments.

We seek always to measure the relative proportions of our distributable funds among all of the institutions and agencies, departments and programs among whom we share our funds around the world. We try to take into account the previous commitments and obligations, the relative needs and, of course, weighed into that has to be, also, the varying measures of emotional appeal different causes enjoy among our people for designated giving. This has an influence on our Cooperative Program distribution. We compare our own state's distributions with that of other states, especially the old line SBC states with which we are comparable. We consider the immediate emphases of our denomination overall. These and other factors are weighed in as best we know how to the end that we might have a well-proportioned budget that adds up to good stewardship of the funds we must administer.

It is all like a big beautiful tree growing in a meadow. A good quality tree of most any shape is desirable but so much better if it is well-rounded, symmetrical, in good balance as to trunk, branches, top and the roots that sustain its life and health.

Every church and every Baptist agency ought to look thoughtfully at its proportionate distributions and expenditures of its funds at least once a year. Is it a scraggly misshapen tree or is the shape of the budget proportionate and well-balanced?

# Christian Education

## Campbellsville shows silk sculptures in March

Louisville artist Jacque Parsley's silk sculptures will be on display at the Campbellsville College Fine Art Center's Gallery Mar. 2-31.

The exhibit titled "Soft Landscapes" consists of resist-dyed silk which has been manipulated and embellished with embroidery, glass beads, shells, fossils and other objects.

Reference to art history and personal experiences provide subject matter for Miss Parsley's work with the emphasis on color and form.

Miss Parsley has exhibited in some 20 other exhibitions in the Louisville area and around the country. She is a graduate of the Louisville School of Art with a BA degree. She was a textile design major and ceramics minor.

She is now director of Liberty Gallery and WHAS Gallery, both in Louisville. She is gallery assistant at Byck Gallery.

Campbellsville College's Fine Arts Center Gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## SWBTS honors three

A retired denominational executive, an educator and a pastor are the 1981 Southwestern Seminary Distinguished Alumni.

Eula Mae Henderson, recently retired executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Woman's Missionary Union; W. Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament at Southwestern; and Jaroy Weber, retired pastor and former Southern Baptist Convention president, were selected.

They will be honored at the seminary's national luncheon in Los Angeles June 10.

Miss Henderson received the diploma in religious education from the seminary in 1942. She was with the Texas convention for 34 years, including 32 as executive director of the WMU division. She retired in December 1980.

Vaughan has been on the faculty since 1950. He received the BD degree in 1949 and the ThD degree in 1958 from Southwestern. A native of Tennessee, he is a graduate of Union Uni-

versity and has been a pastor in Tennessee and Texas.

Weber retired in 1979 as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex. He previously was pastor of churches in Orange and Beaumont, Tex.; Pascagoula, Miss.; Mobile, Ala.; and West Monroe, La. A graduate of Louisiana College, Weber received the BD degree from southwestern in 1954.

## Georgetown goes for \$1 million launch at lunch

A group of business and civic leaders in the greater Louisville area has begun a major fund raising campaign for Georgetown College.

The announcement of the Greater Louisville Decade of Progress Campaign for Georgetown College was made at a Feb. 12 kickoff luncheon at the Pendennis Club. College officials and approximately 65 community leaders from the Louisville area attended the luncheon.

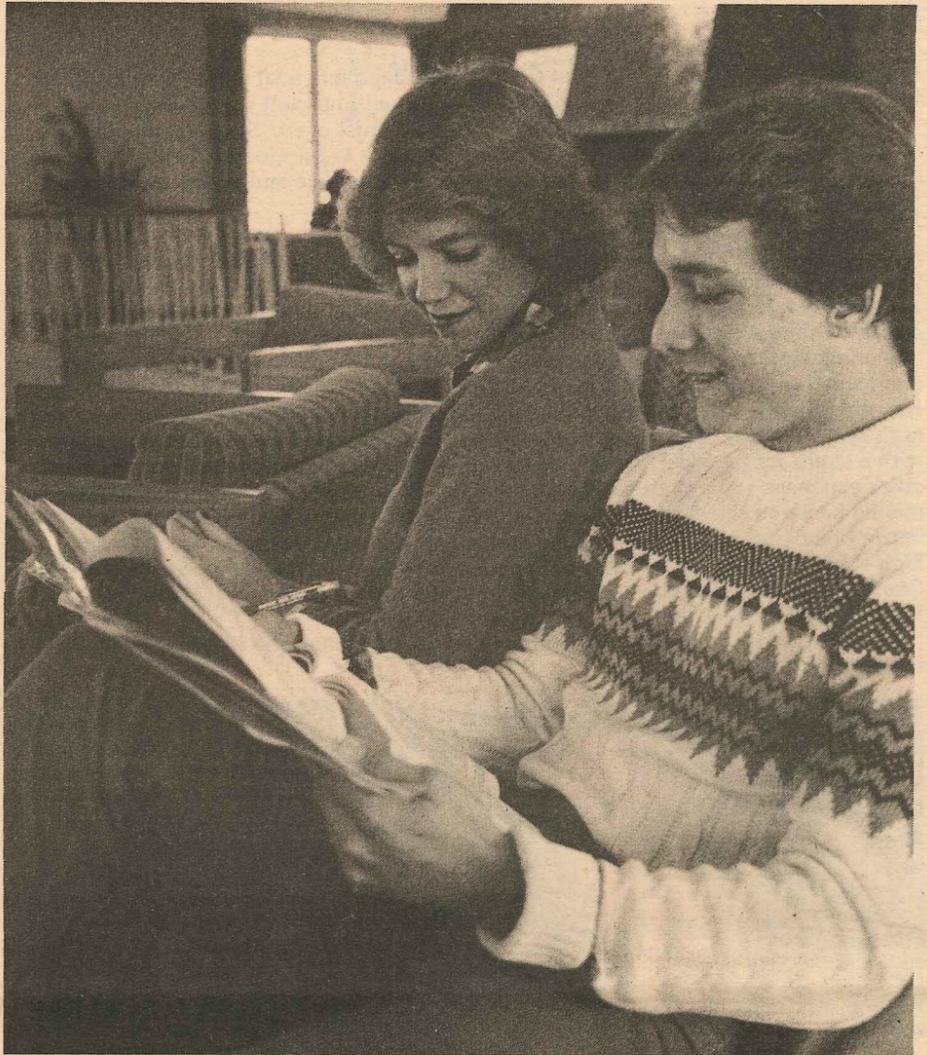
Author and humorist Grady Nutt, a Georgetown College trustee, was master of ceremonies at the organizational meeting. The group established a campaign committee and announced a \$1 million goal for the greater Louisville area. Procedural plans were outlined and several campaign leaders were named.

Judge Ralph Logan, a Louisville attorney and recently retired chairman of the board of Southern Federal Savings and Loan, agreed to serve as chairman of the campaign.

Named as division chairmen were Kyle Hubbard, an attorney; John Farmer and Dwight Lindsay, physicians; and Jim Hawkins, associate director of academic affairs at Jefferson Community College. Each is a Georgetown alumnus.

To date the Georgetown College Decade of Progress Campaign has raised more than \$3.4 million toward a goal of \$6.5 million, according to J. Richard Carlton, director of development.

Responding to the fund raising initiative by graduates and other friends of Georgetown, Ben M. Elrod, college president said, "Historically, Georgetown College has been closely associated with Louisville and Louisvillians.



Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to set aside Mar. 8-15 to celebrate 1981 Youth Week, "My Church: A Family of Faith." This is a time for churches to express confidence in youth like Lori Dabbs and Greg Morris, Southside Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., as future leaders. Youth week is planned to deepen youth's appreciation for their own church and help them become more aware that by being Christians they are members of a larger family of faith.

The college takes great pride in the fact that 10 percent of its alumni live in the Louisville area while 11 percent of the college's current student body is from Jefferson County."

The Greater Louisville Decade of Progress Campaign for Georgetown College will continue through July. A campaign office has been opened at 501 South Third St.

## Campbellsville holds Mar. 2-8 mission emphasis

Campbellsville College will host guest missionary speakers and a national consultant of Baptist Young Women (BYW) during Mission Emphasis Week Mar. 2-8.

"Bold Mission Thrust: World Consciousness for Me and My World" is the theme of Mission Emphasis Week which will feature Lonnie Turner, missionary to Africa; Karl Babb, a student missionary worker, Philippines, and Sheryl Churchill, BYW consultant for Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

## Issues will be discussed at SBTS; public invited

A series of meetings dealing with current theological and social issues will be held on the campus of Southern Seminary this spring. The meetings, spon-

sored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews Inc., are open to the public.

Topics and dates for the meetings are as follows: Feb. 16, "Faith, Science and Technology"; Mar. 16, "The Moral Majority"; Apr. 27, "Death and Dying"; and May 18, "Theological Issues in Peacemaking."

E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Seminary, will moderate the sessions which will begin at noon in the seminary's Mullins Lounge.

## Georgetown women offer 1981-82 scholarships

The Woman's Association of Georgetown College will make four scholarships available for women interested in attending Georgetown College during 1981-82, according to Mrs. Joyce Davis, chairman of the association's scholarship committee.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic standing and recommendations from the applicant's minister and an official from her high school or college. Recipients may be awarded scholarships in succeeding years. They may be freshmen or upperclassmen. The deadline for applications is Apr. 1, 1981.

Contact Mrs. Joyce Davis (Admissions Office, Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY 40324) for detailed information about the scholarships.

# Small Change

If each one of the 13 million Southern Baptists would give just \$1.33, we could surpass the 1981 offering goal for home missions.

That's small change, but not everyone will give. Your offering will make the difference!

Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering National Goal  
\$17,250,000  
Week of Prayer  
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# Big Difference