



## L.A. Plans underway for inerrancy rally

Plans are underway for a rally for biblical inerrancy in Los Angeles just prior to the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We are trying to get Judge (Paul) Pressler and Paige Patterson out here before the convention," said R. L. Hymers, who headed an ad hoc committee which conducted the Second Annual Rally For the Bible in Los Angeles Feb. 21.

Hymers' group, called the Committee to Promote Faith in the Bible, said the purpose of the February meeting and the reason another is planned for June is "to make people aware of the liberalism in the seminaries and what is being taught in them."

Hymers was one of the speakers in the February meeting, which also featured an address by Harold Lindsell, editor emeritus of Christianity Today magazine and former president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, a conservative group dedicated to exposing "liberalism" in Southern Baptist schools and institutions.

Other Southern Baptists participating in the meeting, which drew about 1600 participants, were

Gwin Turner, pastor of Baptist Temple in Los Angeles, the master of ceremonies; William A. Powell Sr. of Buchanan, Ga., executive vice president of the BFMF and editor of its publication, Southern Baptist Journal; S. G. Posey, executive secretary emeritus of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California; B. P. Maddox, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Hollywood, Calif.; and Murphy Lum and Greg Owyang, ministers at First Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

Videotaped interviews also were played for participants. Featured were Bailey Smith, president of the SBC; W. A. Criswell of Dallas, former president of the denomination; Swiss theologian Francis Schaeffer; and the late John R. Rice of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"The entire program was focused on the question of inerrancy in the Southern Baptist Convention," Hymers said.

Hymers did not give an exact time for the June meeting but Powell said the rally is planned for Saturday night and Sunday morning before the SBC, which is scheduled June 9-11.

## Former SBC presidents undecided about proposed changes in president's duties

Reaction from six of the last seven Southern Baptist Convention presidents is mixed over a proposal to clarify the role of the president in nominating the convention's committee on committees.

The SBC Executive Committee on Feb. 17 approved a revision of Bylaw 21 which will be considered at the annual meeting in Los Angeles in June.

The bylaw currently states that the president, "in conference with the vice presidents," shall appoint the committee on committees. The committee on committees, made up of a pastor and layman from each state and the District of Columbia, nominates the committee on boards which nominates persons to serve on boards of trustees for SBC agencies and institutions.

The importance of the president's nominating powers has been heightened in recent years because of reported attempts by a group allegedly attempting to control appointments to the board of trustees through presidential appointments to the committee on committees.

The revision of the bylaw obviously intended to clear up any confusion over whether "in conference with the vice presidents" as stated in the current bylaw means the president and vice presidents should appoint the committee on committees jointly.

The revision, which will require a two-thirds majority for passage in Los Angeles, states that the "committee on committees . . . shall be appointed by a committee composed of the president, as chairman, and the two vice presidents."

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., who stepped down from the SBC presidency after only a one-year term, said he feels the proposed revision is "reactionary" and he will vote against it for that very reason, but he added that if it passed he "wouldn't lose any sleep over it."

"I think if the bylaw had been written (as proposed) to begin with, that would be fine," he said. "I just don't like to see it done as a reaction."

He also acknowledged "the inference, I think, and I don't want to be paranoid about this, that perhaps I did not consult with my vice presidents—which I did. I named people that Abner McCall (first vice president) and Don Touchton (second vice president) suggested and people I suggested and were suggested to me, after consultation. The person who says that is not true does not know the facts."

Rogers said he felt the revision "is an attempt by

the more established powers that be to try to head off at the pass what they think might come to pass and I just think what has served us through the years ought to continue to serve us."

Jimmy R. Allen, now president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission and whom Rogers succeeded as president, said making the president a member of a committee "seems to undercut" his role and would be a step in the wrong direction.

He said, however, he feels there is strong sentiment across the convention for allowing the vice presidents an active role in the process. "I think the people want that," he said.

Three other former presidents, Jaroy Weber of Dallas, 1975-76; Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, Miss., 1973-74; and Carl E. Bates, of Charlotte, N. C., 1971-72, all said they favor the change. James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn., 1977, was not available for comment.

Weber said he thought it was a "good motion." He added, "Most presidents I know would cherish the opportunity to share in that responsibility, for it to be a joint decision because it is so significant. I see nothing wrong with the proposal."

Bates said the joint selection process was the way he worked it in his presidential years.

"I didn't know it was supposed to be any other way," he said. "I sat down with the vice presidents and also invited state executive secretaries and others. The vice presidents I served with will tell you we sat down and talked and wrote the state convention presidents and executive secretaries—we didn't know any other way."

Cooper, who is a member of the Executive Committee, said his reaction to the revision was "positive."

"When I functioned as president, I used the vice presidents as if they were members of a committee," the Mississippi layman said. "I think the present wording is a little fuzzy and ought to be more specific. What does 'in conference with' mean?"

"I feel this is more specific and gives a little broader-based denomination process. No one person can know everybody in the convention."

Current SBC president Bailey E. Smith, of Del City, Okla., 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."

## W. Va. association passes resolution opposing changes

The executive board of the Pioneer Baptist Association of West Virginia has adopted a resolution opposing proposed changes in the messenger qualification section of the Southern Baptist Convention constitution.

The resolution, adopted without dissent, responds to an action by the SBC Executive Committee which would modify the current method of qualifying messengers to the annual meeting.

Currently, each church "in friendly cooperation" sympathetic to the work of the convention and a "bonafide contributor" is entitled to one messenger. Additional messengers up to a total of 10 are allowed at a rate of one per 250 members or \$250 contributed to the work of the convention.

The proposed change adopted by the SBC Executive Committee in February allows one messenger from each church on the same basis but recommends a change in the method by which churches qualify for additional messengers. It specifies one additional messenger up to a total of 10 is granted for each two percent of undesignated tithes and offerings or for each \$10,000 given through the Cooperative Program.

The proposed change would have to be adopted by two successive conventions to become part of the constitution.

Robert Steckert, pastor of North Charleston Baptist Church, wrote and presented the resolution. It specifies the reasons for the opposition:

"First, members of our local churches have the privilege to vote upon matters within said churches regardless of their amount of giving. To be sure, every Christian ought to tithe but people who do not are not exempt from casting a ballot.

"Second, that which has unified Southern Baptists throughout history has been respect for scriptural authority and doctrinal integrity. May it continue to be so.

"Third, that Southern Baptist churches be allowed the liberty to give to the Cooperative Program or whatever agencies of our convention they choose. We reserve the privilege to give the amount we desire, where we desire it spent, not to buy voting power, but because we love the Lord and his kingdom's work.

"Fourth, our recommendation is to leave the privilege of giving as so stated in our constitution. The proposed amendment would demand 18 percent given through the Cooperative Program or \$90,000 per year per church in order to have 10 messengers. It is easier for smaller churches to meet the present requirements; \$2500 is more reasonable than \$90,000. Eighteen percent should be a goal for giving but not a mandate.

"Fifth, Bold Missions is promoted not by legislation in general but by motivation in living for Christ and personally confronting a lost world with the claims of our saviour."

Steckert said: "We just feel it is an exclusive and excluding measure rather than one which broadens our representation."

The pastor also said the specification contributions must be through the Cooperative Program plays a part—"although I don't know if it is a major factor"—in the opposition.

He added the North Charleston church designates its offerings, giving to all SBC causes "except the seminaries. We have been doing that since December of 1977. We felt it was the only way to cast our vote relative to the seminaries and their taking a firm stand on scriptural authority."

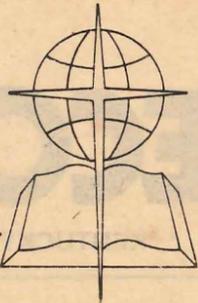
The church which averages 100 in attendance and has an annual budget of \$55,000 to \$60,000 will send its full complement of 10 messengers to the Los Angeles meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and subsidize its messengers.

The decision to send the full complement of messengers came after Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge who is a leader in the inerrancy effort, spoke at the church.

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

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## Daley Observations

### A look at the SBC budget making process

The Southern Baptist Convention is big business spiritually and financially. Planning a budget of nearly 100 million dollars wisely and fairly requires wisdom and expertise. Western Recorder readers are invited to look at the careful planning that goes into annual Cooperative Program budget recommendations.

Preparation of the 1981-82 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget to be recommended to convention messengers this June was begun over a year ago. Last September Executive Committee members who are entrusted with preparing the recommended budget heard Southern Baptist Convention agency heads preview their needs and requests. Following these presentations detailed written reports on this year's accomplishments and next year's needs were presented to the Executive Committee.

In January this year the Program and Budget subcommittee of the Executive Committee used two days to confer with agency heads and carefully consider their requests. In February the full Executive Committee finally decided what would be recommended for each agency. In June in Los Angeles convention messengers will make the final determination.

For those participating in or carefully observing this budget making process, several conclusions are certain. One is that the process is characterized by openness and utmost fairness. There is no hidden agenda nor behind-the-scene dealing. Every committee meeting is open to any Southern Baptist who wants to observe.

Another conclusion is that while the total figures are impressive, the rate of increased financial support for Southern Baptist ministries is not keeping up with inflation. The average increase recommended for 1981-82 is 11.95 percent while the 1980 inflation rate was 12.6 percent.

Another obvious conclusion is that there is far more need than there are financial resources. The agencies with good reason asked for a 22.25 percent increase on the average while the anticipated resources allow for only a 11.95 percent increase. The pie is being sliced fairly but it is simply not big enough.

Through the courtesy of Tennessee Baptist editor Al Shackelford we are listing the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, their actual 1980-81 allocations, their 1981-82 requests, the Executive Committee recommended 1981-82 allocations, the percentage increases of the recommended allocations and the percentage of the total budget each agency is to receive.

Study of these figures should prepare messen-

### Ky. Racing Commission members deserve thanks

Saving Sunday for its divinely intended purposes was served again by the recent decision of Kentucky Racing Commission members not to approve Sunday racing at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The reasons for the decision may not be the same by all the commission members as they would be for some of us but the result is the same.

The objections to Sunday horse racing expressed by so many Louisvillians and Kentuckians surely was a factor in the decision. The members of the commission deserve thanks for this consideration.

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gers for responsible action on Cooperative Program budget recommendations in Los Angeles. It is also necessary information for those who question or criticize the way Southern Baptist

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### Recommended constitution and bylaw changes needed

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has acted properly in recommending four changes in the convention's constitution and bylaws (Western Recorder, Feb. 25, page 1). The recommended changes are not radical but are needed revisions.

The changes in convention messenger qualifications are overdue. As John McCall, an Executive Committee member from Kentucky, says, the present requirements for contributions were set many years ago and thus are outmoded. The proposed changes would not penalize small churches but would reward churches sharing most liberally with the convention through the Cooperative Program. Making it on a percentage basis would not favor richer congregations.

The proposed change which would have convention vice presidents share equally with the president in naming the committee on committees is a safeguard. Most convention presidents would want to share this responsibility and releasing the names of these committee members 60 days prior to the convention would relieve a lot of tension.

These recommended changes should be approved without hesitation by convention messengers.

One unfair condition remains, however. Churches near the site of the convention meeting have an unfair advantage in registering messengers. This can be taken advantage of by crusaders like Paul Pressler and it will have to be remedied somehow if we have many more experiences like Houston in 1979 and St. Louis in 1980.

Convention Cooperative Program funds are used. Informed Baptists have the right to question and criticize, uninformed ones do not unless they seek and fail to get right information.

Agency	1980-81 Allocation	1981-82 Requested	1981-82 Rec.	% increase Rec.	% of total 1981-82
SBC Operating	815,000	992,500	992,500	21.80	1.19
SBC Building	138,928	180,500	180,500	29.92	0.22
Foreign Mission Board	36,059,008	45,074,000	40,866,000	13.33	49.00
Home Mission Board	14,500,000	17,000,000	16,263,000	12.16	19.50
Annuity Board	350,000	450,000	378,000	8.00	0.45
Golden Gate Seminary	1,397,357	1,754,094	1,568,920	12.28	1.88
Midwestern Seminary	1,475,729	1,804,380	1,603,658	8.52	1.92
New Orleans Seminary	2,682,598	3,375,078	3,001,066	11.87	3.60
Southeastern Seminary	2,547,134	3,159,144	2,808,956	10.28	3.37
Southern Seminary	3,836,515	4,627,276	4,115,177	7.26	4.93
Southwestern Seminary	4,604,231	5,645,639	5,021,123	9.05	6.02
Southern Baptist Foundation	180,425	239,725	197,800	9.63	0.24
American Baptist Seminary	164,325	182,000	177,700	8.14	0.21
Brotherhood Commission	650,000	782,000	702,000	8.00	0.84
Christian Life Commission	452,000	600,000	494,200	9.34	0.59
Education Commission	314,050	352,160	342,500	9.06	0.41
Historical Commission	260,000	308,000	280,900	8.04	0.34
Radio-Television Commission	3,400,000	3,808,000	3,677,400	8.16	4.41
Stewardship Commission	286,200	345,000	315,800	10.34	0.38
Public Affairs Committee	286,000	324,600	337,800	18.11	0.41
Golden Gate Endowment	100,000	75,000	75,000	-25.00	0.09
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74,500,000</b>	<b>91,079,096</b>	<b>83,400,000</b>	<b>11.95</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Consultants have subtle impact on convention

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer

Virtually unnoticed by others on campus, a group of 16 men met briefly at Southern Seminary and quickly divided into smaller groups of four. Each team stepped into a waiting conference room and diligently went to work huddled over stacks of books and papers.

Meeting eight hours each day, the groups slowly emerged one by one after three days of labor. Their task was completed but its effects will continue to be felt in the Southern Baptist Convention for months and years to come.

The group was not plotting the political destiny of the convention or even haggling over some ultra-sensitive doctrinal or theological statement.

They were, in fact, preparing their Sunday school lessons . . . well sort of.

## The whole process is . . . complex and complicated.

The old myth that Sunday school lessons are dreamed up by someone in Nashville and turned over to a writer to do as he sees fit is not exactly the way it happens.

Actually, the whole process is much more complex and calculated than many people realize.

To begin with, the Sunday school quarterly you are presently using has been in some stage of planning for at least six or seven years and possibly longer.

The Bible Book Series, for example, is set up on a nine-year cycle and is currently in the midst of a cycle which began in 1978 and will conclude in 1987.

During the nine-year period, which is further broken down into three-year cycles, the entire Bible will be covered in varying degrees of intensity.

Comparatively, the Convention Uniform Series is based on a six-year plan and the Life and Work Series is on a seven-year rotation.

Back to the Bible Book Series. The men who met recently at Southern Seminary were participants in the Bible Book Series curriculum development consultation.

This consultation was held Feb. 16-18 and focused on the Bible Book curriculum for the 1983-84 church year. The four groups, which were divided ac-

ording to quarterly topics, each included a design team member, a background specialist, an adult specialist and a youth specialist.

Each team's purpose was to evaluate various aspects of preliminary Sunday school lesson outlines for the quarter. These evaluations included discussion of session titles, scripture selections, central truths and teaching aims.

The design team members, who are indeed from Nashville, are editors at the Sunday School Board. They are also the original developers of the lesson outlines.

As the editors discuss aspects of the lesson plans with their team specialists they take extensive notes and incorporate suggestions and evaluations into revised outlines.

"The goal is to see that we are following correct theology," remarked Ken Park, a youth design editor who led the team which focused on the October-December 1983 lessons from Ephesians, Colossians and Philippians.

He explained that the other team members were chosen for their expertise in particular fields. The four background specialists, for instance, were seminary professors who have had extensive training in specialized areas of biblical study. The adult and youth specialists were similarly selected for their knowledge in their respective fields.

Bob Bailey, the adult specialist in Parker's group, is minister of education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

After being invited to participate in the conference more than a year ago Bailey began to study numerous commentaries and texts related to Ephesians, Colossians and Philippians. Continuing his personal preparation he received the proposed outline in the mail about three weeks before the conference began.

Surveying the consultation from a layman's perspective, Bailey emphasized there is much more work involved

in preparing the lessons than he had expected.

## I'm coming to appreciate the processes which do take place.

"I'm not even sure of all the processes," he confessed, "but I'm coming to appreciate the processes which do take place."

Bailey added he had gained a much greater appreciation of the biblical text used in the Bible Book Series. "I prefer Bible Book because you have to make applications directly out of the Bible," he related.

Parker stated the applications grow out of the Bible because the approach is to begin with the Bible book, outline it and then go down to content emphases. "Once you do that you will also acquire

application to life," he assured.

Now that the team consultation is over the four editors are back in Nashville revising their original outlines. Following revision by the full design team and approval by editorial supervisors the outlines will be sent to selected writers who will use them as guidelines for writing assigned lessons.

Another evaluation will take place after the lessons are written as the editors compare the completed lessons to their established guidelines.

By then it will be about time to initiate the process all over again and a new group of people will huddle over stacks of books and papers to help you and me decide what we are going to learn in Sunday school in 1985.

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# Christian Education



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## Kennedy named ACP newspaper judge

L. D. Kennedy, associate professor of English and journalism at Campbellsville College, has been appointed by the Associated Collegiate Press as a judge of college newspapers.

The ACP, with headquarters at the University of Minnesota, is a critical service that for more than 50 years has evaluated and rated the quality of student newspapers. Judges record scores and comments in a comprehensive guidebook. Attention is given to coverage, news content, writing, editing, opinion content, design, photography, art, and graphics.

Kennedy is completing 16 years as faculty adviser to "The Campus Types." During his tenure, the student newspaper has moved from a "Second Class" to an "All American" honor rating. Moreover, the publication last fall received a "Mark of Distinction" in all of five possible categories.

When Kennedy joined the faculty, Campbellsville College had only one journalism course. He continued to develop new courses and in 1975 led the college to add a journalism minor.

## Students offer 'Acts' at Georgetown College

"Acts," a Christian musical set during the time of the early church, was performed Mar. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel at Georgetown College.

The program, produced by and featuring Georgetown College students, takes place at a secret gathering of early believers. Several familiar accounts from the New Testament are part of the play.

The production crew includes Warren Nash, Lisa Hines, John Weekly, George Wood, David Bishop, Gary Fiedler, Jeff Smith, Marie Hines, Julia Hamblin, Chris Sanders, Steve Crosby, Vickey Hensley, Edna Jones and Cindy Reynolds.

Cast members include Terri Gast, Chris McCoy, Karen Coombs, Robin Lodge, Elizabeth Burke, Ruthie Burke, Beth Gush, Jane Greenfield, Karen

Baugh, Julia Hamblin, Cleon McIntyre, Bill Lamkin, K. K. Kingkade, Mike Beasecker, David Wheeler, Joe Montgomery, Paul Taulman, Randy Fields, Paul Drake and Sam Stack.

The performances were open and free to the public.

## Shoemakes establish Southwestern chair

A chair established anonymously in 1974 has been made public by Southwestern Seminary.

The announcement of the Earl L. and Vivian Gray Shoemake Chair of Personal Growth and Ministry was made Feb. 3. The Paducah, Ky. couple established the chair as a charitable remainder unitrust fund at the Southern Baptist Foundation, Southwestern, the Foreign and Home Missions, American Bible Society and the Medical Assistance Program Inc. will be beneficiaries.

The seminary will receive one-half of the trust, now valued at \$515,000. The two mission boards will each receive 20 percent. The remainder of the fund will go to the two religious organizations.

At the Shoemakes' request the three SBC agencies will use their gifts to provide funds for studies concerning the mental health of ministers and their families. The money will also be used to establish training, counseling and guidance programs for missionaries and their families.

The Southwestern chair will be in the School of Religious Education and will provide for study in the role assessment of family relationships in the ministry. The fund will benefit students in each of the seminary's three schools.

"We want to help ministers and their families understand themselves, their calling and their relationships before they are on the field of service," Shoemake said.

Both the Shoemakes are graduates of Southwestern Seminary. He has led local churches in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina and has been in associational missions work in Kentucky. Mrs. Shoemake is currently the Kentucky state alumni president for the Southwestern National Alumni Association.

## Cooper returns to C'ville as advancement v.p.

According to W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, Kent J. Cooper, a former student, has been named vice president for advancement.

Cooper replaces H. E. Coker who was interim vice president since January 1980. Coker has resumed teaching at the college.

Davenport said in speaking of the changes, "I am delighted to have Cooper back with us in this significant support role. His responsibilities will include personal involvement in motivating financial support for the college and in management of the total program of institutional outreach and advancement.

"With experience in college admissions, alumni affairs, corporate finance and public relations, he brings a unique combination of qualities. I commend him to our entire constituency," Davenport added.

Cooper is a 1972 graduate of the college. He returns after a career in insurance and corporate finance.

Before returning to Campbellsville, he was a senior analyst in the Research Department of Celina Insurance Group, a subsidiary of Celina Financial Corporation.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Cooper is a Marine Corps veteran with service in Vietnam.

He and his wife Tommie, a 1971 graduate of Campbellsville, have one son, Bradley, 6.

## Basketball camp July 6-10 at Georgetown College

The second annual Kyle Macy Basketball Camp for boys 10-14 will be held at Georgetown College July 6-10.

The camp, under the direction of Nolan Barger, coach at Tates Creek High School in Lexington, will emphasize fundamentals, especially shooting and ball handling. Besides Macy and Barger, the camp will feature other teachers and coaches.

Participants in the Georgetown College camp will be housed in air-conditioned college dormitories and eat in the college cafeteria. (A Kyle Macy Day Camp for boys and girls 7-12 will be held July 12-17 at Lexington Catholic High School.)

Tuition for the Georgetown camp is \$165. A deposit of \$100 is required.

Campers are also required to have a physician's certificate stating they are in good health and are able to participate in the basketball camp.

Additional information about the camp may be obtained by contacting Nolan Barger, 3514 Birkenhead Court, Lexington, KY 40503; (606) 278-1371.

## SBTS J-terms shortened

Southern Seminary's three "J-terms" have been shortened from four weeks to a three-week program in order for pastors and other church workers to miss only two Sundays while receiving education for credit.

The seminary's J-term courses meet during January, June and July. Stu-

dents are limited to one three-hour course per J-term. Classes meet for two periods of one hour and 15 minutes each, with a 30-minute break between sessions.

Revised dates for the summer 1981 J-terms are June 15-July 3 and July 13-31. The revised dates will also allow members of the seminary community to attend meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention during the second week of June without missing class.

Persons interested in registering for a summer J-term should contact the Admissions Office, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

## SBTS hosts Christian Care conference Apr. 6-7

A National Conference on Christian Care, with seminars led by 17 leaders in pastoral care and related fields, will be held at Southern Seminary, Apr. 6-7.

Seminar sessions during the two-day conference will focus on personal approaches in Christian care for the 1980s. Topics will include divorce, aging, two-career marriage, physical disability, mental illness and suicide.

General sessions will feature addresses by Wayne E. Oates, of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, who is a nationally recognized authority in the field of pastoral care.

Cosponsors for the conference are The Westminster Press, The National Forum of Pastoral Care and Southern Seminary. Each of the seminar leaders wrote one of 14 volumes in a series of Christian care books published by Westminster and edited by Oates.

Roy L. Honeycutt, Southern Seminary provost, said the national conference "affirms the seminary's commitment to pastoral care. Seldom has such a unique conference involving so wide a range of persons and authors been available for persons interested in the ministry of pastoral care."

Cost for the conference is \$75 for individual registration, \$60 each for groups of five or more and \$40 for students in seminary or Clinical Pastoral Education. Registration and program information is available from The National Forum of Pastoral Care, Rural Route 2, Cynthiana, KY 41031. Registration is limited.

## Cumberland reports record spring enrolment

For the second time this year Cumberland College has seen a record enrolment. The Kentucky Baptist college's spring semester enrolment of 1990 is the largest enrolment for a spring semester in the school's history. This follows last semester's record enrolment of 2161.

This enrolment does not include the 131 students enrolled in Cumberland's new mining technology classes in Williamsburg and at McCreary County. It includes 1626 on-campus day students, 53 on-campus evening students, 54 students at the Bell County Continuing Education Center, 123 at the Corbin Education Center, 58 at the McCreary County Center and 76 at the Oneida Center.



Several former Oneida Baptist Institute students now attend Cumberland College. They are pictured [l-r]: First row: Gloria Moore, Glen Miller, Debbie Fraker, Patti Sandlin, Patti Curry, Pari Savadkouhi, Jacob Belcele, Becky Greer, Mano Soad. Second row: Fridoun Ghoujehi, Keith Poole, Aholi Yolmik and Darrell Hensley.

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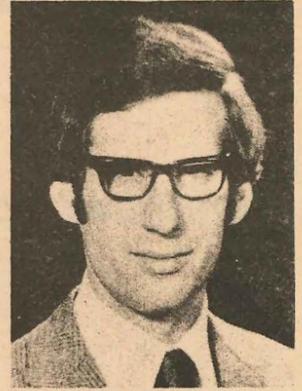
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# Journal: Nigerian mission tour

Continued from Feb. 11 issue

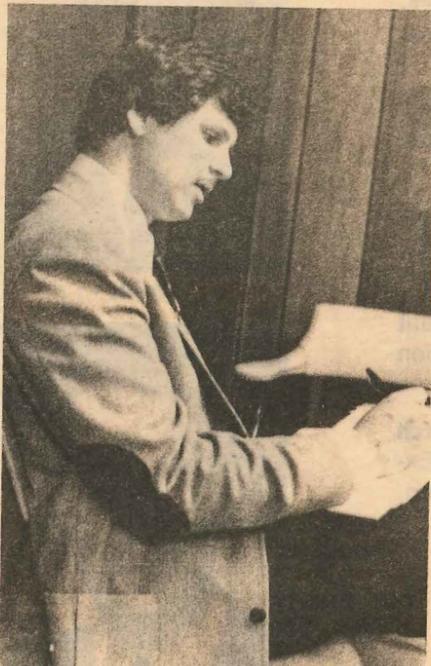
by Gregory L. Hancock

1/21-22/81

Two days at the Yankari Game Reserve. Meaningful days for more than one reason. This is the only real tourist attraction we've seen in Nigeria and we all load our cameras in anticipation of seeing wild African game.

Of more concern to us right now, however, is the promise of a bath in the hot springs near our overnight lodgings. The springs run crystal clear at 92 degrees year round. Wiley Sr. conducted a baptismal service here, once. Tropical ferns overhang the clean white sand of the bottom and press close against the brown rock face from beneath which the water flows.

As we relax in the therapeutic waters we can hear baboons playing on the cliffs above. Occasionally, one or two of them will make their way to the water's edge to curiously observe the antics of



Hancock

the human creatures who have invaded their natural habitat.

Two large baboons and a child—obviously a family—scamper down a path from the woods. At the water's edge the bull baboon doesn't even hesitate. He plunges through the water and up the bank on the other side. The mother and child pause for a moment to dialog. The content of the conversation seems to center around crossing the spring. The mother chatters away at the child, gesturing with her hand. The child begins to whine, covering his eyes. He refuses to cross.

The mother grows impatient very quickly. She snatches her belligerent offspring up, turns him across her knee and delivers a series of inspired wallops. The spanking changes the whines to wails but definitely motivates the youngster to action. He limps to the apron of the spring; then, doubling his legs under him, he leaps toward the opposite shore—coming down about a foot short.

Soaked to the skin he drags himself out of the water and about a yard up the bank. There he shakes himself vigorously, turns around and shakes his fist at his mother, then hightails it after his dad.

We are still laughing over the incident when someone begins to shout in Hausa and everyone in the spring scrambles out of the water and up the bank toward the compound.

None of us can understand what is being said. We think it best to leave the spring, however. While we are standing on the bank drying off a Danish contractor who speaks English comes down to warn us: one of the bathers has spotted a lion just up the bank from where the baboons disappeared.

This is quite unusual. The big female must be hungry or she would never have come so close to the compound. Probably, she'll stay on her side of the spring but in this country one does not base relationships with lions on probabilities.

Most of us call it a night and make our way home to bed. Stanley and Jim, however, want to have a personal look at the intruder. They stay behind and wait for another appearance.

Before long their patience is rewarded. The big cat is evidently hunting baboons and she feels her odds are best near the watering hole. Stan and Jim keep a safe distance as she prowls the shadows of the woods. When they return to the room some time later they are ecstatic about the experience.

The next morning we climb aboard specially equipped observation vehicles for a tour of the Yankari Reserve. We ride within a few feet of elephants, hippos, crocodiles, bush deer and, yes, a few more lions. Creatures we've only seen in cages before now watch us in our cage while we trespass through their territory.

We'll bed down tonight in Jos—capital of the British government several years ago. We're told the city is totally different from anything we've seen previously. It is John and Louise Hill's home and work station as it is Larry and Trish Davis'. Both couples have promised us a home cooked American meal at a proper table and we wouldn't miss that for the world.

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I truly miss my friends. I had grown to depend upon Charles' quiet competency; David's patience and insight; Jimmy's exuberant interests in the world around him.

Stanley and I depend upon each other for ethnic kinship, not that Wiley Jr. is no longer with us, but Nigeria is his native home. He is with his parents: not one bit isolated.

Here, in the city of Gombe, we work within the context of the urban churches. Rather than "one night stands" we are responsible for a consecutive week of services.

Response to our services is every bit as great here as in the bush. The problems are different but the churches and their staffs have learned to adapt to the on-slaught of contemporary culture. They remain in relevant ministry because they refuse to enslave themselves to nonproductive tradition. I believe the only dogma in their approach is the gospel message. Who cares if it is presented on Sunday or Tuesday? Who cares if the services last one hour or five? Who cares if the room is hot; or if the hymns are in the right order; or if the kids are making noise; or if the sound system is functioning properly? The object of the ministry is to get the message across and those churches are doing it.

About mid-week something occurs to me that makes the skin crawl on the back of my neck. I've grown up thinking we, in America's churches, are the backbone of the worldwide mission effort, that we are the ones responsible for teaching the nations about Jesus. It is not so. If it once was, we've botched the job.

We don't always know enough about evangelism to reach a number equivalent to 10% of our church memberships annually. If we know it, we don't practice it. But these Nigerian Christians do. They know the gospel; they believe the gospel; they preach the gospel; and they live the gospel to the extent they feel compelled to win others.

When a person accepts Jesus Christ in a Nigerian church he also accepts an obligation to be a personal soul winner. And he does not rest until he has won someone—usually many someones—to the Master.

That's the example we should be setting. That's what missions is about. Yet I am seeing foreign Christians doing what we only talk about.

As Stanley and I bid farewell to these people and hear their promises to pray for us, we know they will; and we know their prayers will make a difference.

What's more, we have confidence their missionary work will continue and bear fruit—with or without our meager Western contributions.

Granted, our missionaries have started the work. But they have become part of the work to the extent they example what is going on here; not what is going on in America.

I look forward to the day when Nigeria sends America missionaries. We have much to learn from them.

## 1/24-28/81

Not much conversation today. David Johnson, Jimmy McKinney and Charles Buschur pack their bags to leave.

Rather than return to Gombe with us Wiley Jr. and Rod Boatwright will drive them to Kano directly from Jos; then meet us at the Faw's house on Sunday. By that time Stanley and I will be preaching our last series of revival services, alternating nightly between First Church, Gombe—a Yuroba congregation—and Bishara church—a Hausa-speaking assembly.

I will send this journal home with David Johnson along with the film I've shot here in the country. I must transcribe the journal onto cassette tape in order to consolidate space and weight for their luggage. We were allowed to bring 70 pounds into the country. We'll only be allowed 44 pounds leaving.

I am somewhat concerned that my film may never get out of the country. This concern is compounded by the fact that the film will be in David Johnson's hands and if the authorities suspect and detain the film David will be suspected and detained.

David suggests, "We won't know 'til we try!" I won't know at all until I arrive back in the States. Wiley Jr. and Rod will only be able to go as far as the door of customs before leaving the embarking trio. If they encounter difficulties with the authorities the American embassy will hear about it before we

do.

Again, we place a situation in God's hands and trust him to handle it properly. At home I would worry about this. In this country, however, I have learned something about divine trust. We control very little of the circumstance that affects us here. We know no one who holds great power or influence and we aren't rich enough to buy our security. Therefore, we are forced to acknowledge our finiteness. We have no help but God's help. We place ourselves in his hands and forget about it.

Such awareness makes me mad at myself. God is always our only real help, yet in more comfortable environs, we placate our sizeable human egos by making him our backup system rather than our primary source.

Our prayers will go with our friends but we will not worry about them. We will rest secure that the Father takes care of them even as he takes care of us.

## 1/24/81

Stanley Stevenson and I pack our bags to leave. Wiley Jr. has elected to remain in the country with his parents for awhile. We'll travel to Kano this afternoon and check into the Sudan Interior Mission guest house; eat supper; take a shower; then go to the airport. Our flight leaves at 12:50 AM tomorrow morning and by Sunday night we'll be back in the states.

The drive from Gombe to Kano seems to take twice as long as did our journey from Kano to Gombe a few weeks ago. The sights along the way are no longer novel; the environment no longer strange.

This is, however, not our home. Although we have come to love the people we yearn to see our Lincoln County friends once again. Wiley and Geneva Faw have been like family to us but we do miss our natural families—especially now that they are only a

return journey away.

The temperature is over 100 degrees here today. It will be half that in London tomorrow; and heaven knows what when we touch down in Lexington. That's okay. I won't complain a bit over a good old Kentucky snow storm.

I have a new appreciation for our Southern Baptist mission work. Having lived out something of the missions routine these past weeks I have a better understanding of why we need missionaries on the foreign field; why our churches ought to give to the Cooperative Program; why the Lottie Moon Christmas offering needs special emphasis each and every year.

I have learned something about vision and teamwork, too. It is obviously not impossible for a small church in a rural area to engage in volunteer missions work. Working as isolated individuals we might have failed to achieve this undertaking but by putting our heads and hearts together as sister churches we made the dream a reality for each other.

In this final journal entry I entreat all those who read to nurture one phrase in their hearts. It is the phrase which commissioned Lincoln County Baptist Association to this mission endeavor almost two years ago; the phrase which led six churches to encourage their pastors to participate in a monumental task; the phrase behind the raising of nearly \$10,000 in special mission funding in a little less than three months; the phrase which has opened a thousand doors and shown us the answers to a thousand prayers.

Wiley Faw Sr., a Southern Baptist missionary on furlough, speaking to the executive board of a rural Baptist association, first voiced the words. I pass them on to you: "I would like to ask that you prayerfully consider sending a mission team to help with the work. . . ." That's all. Just "prayerfully consider." If you will, in all earnestness, do that I believe God will take care of the rest.

## EPILOGUE

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1981 the entire Lincoln County mission team, with the exception of Wiley Faw Jr., who stayed behind to spend time with his family, was safely back in the United States. Their month-long pilgrimage took them to 81 churches and preaching stations and through 176 individual services. They worked in conjunction with 41 full time Southern Baptist missionaries, journeymen, Nigerian pastors and ministerial students in three weeks of concentrated revival effort in which over 9400 decisions were made.

Stanley Stevenson has resumed his full time ministerial duties at New Salem Baptist Church near McKinney, Ky.; David Johnson is teaching his fifth grade class at Waynesburg Elementary School and pastoring Polly Ann Baptist Church, Eubank. Charles Buschur has returned to the demands of his farm near Waynesburg and the pastoral duties of Olivet Baptist Church. Jimmy McKinney is back at work at National Casket Company in Lancaster, Ky. and at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Brodhead; and Gregory Hancock is pastor of Stanford Baptist Church.

Every member of the team has expressed a willingness to share the experiences of the Nigerian mission tour with churches or organizations that are interested. Slides and movies of the trip are now available. Contact Jesse B. Sebastian, director of missions, Lincoln County Baptist Association, 204 Church St., Stanford, KY 40484.

## Conclusion

# Baptist News in Brief

## Senate gets tuition tax bill

A comprehensive tuition tax credit proposal which has tacit Reagan administration support has been introduced in the U. S. Senate.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N. Y., and Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del. Packwood is a Unitarian, Moynihan a Catholic and Roth an Episcopalian.

Packwood's proposal calls for a credit against federal taxes owed for 50 percent of tuition payments up to a maximum of \$500. It covers tuition for private elementary and secondary schools, private and public colleges and vocational schools.

Specifically, the proposal would allow a credit of up to \$250 for full time undergraduate, vocational, elementary and secondary students by August 1982; a credit of up to \$500 for the same students by August 1983; and an extension of the full credit to graduate students and half-time students at colleges and vocational students by August 1984.

The credit would be refundable, meaning that a taxpayer whose tax liability is less than the tax credit due would have the difference refunded by the U. S. Treasury.

## Exec's son suicide victim

David Alan Sims, 27, the son of Cecil Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention, was found shot to death in his apartment Feb. 26 in Dallas, Tex.

The death has been ruled a suicide. Young Sims reportedly left a suicide note.

The elder Sims said his son suffered a severe emotional breakdown five years ago while attending the University of Washington but the family thought he was making a satisfactory recovery.

The family has requested contributions be made in David Sims' name to the Northwest Center of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Portland, Ore.

## Texans want free press

A resolution urging safeguards guaranteeing press freedom for state Baptist newspapers has been passed at the annual meeting of Texas Baptist Public Relations Association at Baylor University.

The resolution said, "Events have accentuated the problems that can occur where the editor serves under administrative authority rather than a separate board of convention directors."

It commended state conventions such as Texas and others "which have recognized the value of their newspapers operating under a convention board of directors."

The resolution encouraged state conventions "in keeping with historic Baptist autonomy and the rights of a free church and a free people" to establish safeguards that will guarantee freedom for the editors to adequately inform the people.

Although the resolution was not specific, concerns about press freedom have been heightened in the recent censure and subsequent resignation of Gene Medaris, editor of the Indiana Baptist.

Medaris was censured after printing a letter to the editor concerning use of convention funds.

## Curt reply angers Baptists

More than 20 Southern Baptists, including the current and a former president of the denomination, joined a large contingent of American religious leaders in requesting a meeting with President Reagan to express their concern for the nation's human rights policy.

SBC president Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and former president W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., added their signatures to a letter to President Reagan from approximately 270 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders.

Originally, 71 American religious leaders sent a letter to Reagan in December expressing their concern for human rights.

The second letter, which requested a meeting with the President and contained an additional 200 signatures, followed after the leaders received what the letter called a "curt acknowledgment" from Richard Allen, assistant to the president-elect for national security affairs. Human rights advocates have expressed alarm over Reagan's statement two days after his election that he doesn't "think you can turn away from some country because here and there they do not totally agree with our concept of human rights" and his appointment of two critics of the Carter administration's emphasis on human rights in foreign policy, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick as United Nations representative and Ernest Lefevre as assistant secretary of state for human rights.

The letter's signers included two SBC

agency heads, Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission and James M. Dunn of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and four Southern Seminary professors, Timothy George, E. Glenn Hinson, Paul D. Simmons and Glen H. Stassen.

Among 14 SBC pastors signing the letter was C. Carman Sharp, Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville.

## Motorists' prayer not ok

The U. S. Supreme Court has unanimously rejected an appeal to a lower court decision which struck down North Carolina's motorists' prayer.

By refusing to hear the North Carolina case, the high court let stand a decision by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals which ruled that a printed prayer which had appeared on official state-produced maps for more than 10 years violated the First Amendment's prohibition against an establishment of religion.

The prayer, challenged by a North Carolina citizens' group, invoked God's blessings and protection against the "perils of travel."

## Indonesia reopens doors

After a year and a half of restrictions and delays in visa renewals, the government of Indonesia has approved two new visas for missionaries.

One visa application was approved after having been in process for six months but the second was approved in less than a month. It has been two years since the Indonesian government granted a new visa to Southern Baptist missionaries.

"It now seems evident that Indonesia is open for new missionaries to come and give assistance," said William Wakefield, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for South and Southeast Asia. "I believe the two visas coming this close to each other and the last one so fast reflect a favorable attitude of the government toward granting new visas for Baptists."

## Margaret Dunaway dies

Margaret Lanier Dunaway, 57, Southern Baptist missionary to Zimbabwe and widow of slain missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr., died Mar. 2.

Mrs. Dunaway was a nurse and director of the school of midwives at Sanyati (Zimbabwe) Baptist Hospital when her husband was murdered there by guerrillas in June 1978. She had been living in Nashville since then and was on medical furlough for a malignant brain tumor when she died.

Funeral services and burial were in Nashville.

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## Personnel

**Elk Spring Valley calls Cobb**  
Noble A. Cobb is new pastor of Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

Cobb is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School and Luther Rice Seminary. He has previously served churches in Colorado and western Kentucky.

Cobb and his wife Carolyn have two children.

**Jones to become Brodhead pastor**  
Don Jones, pastor of Pulaski Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, for four years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Brodhead Baptist Church.

**Hampton follows father's footsteps**  
Raymond Hampton has been called to pastor Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Hampton is the son of Taylor Hampton, pastor of Bald Rock Baptist Church in the same association.

**Winter is called to Ferguson**  
Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, has called Mickie Winter as pastor.

Winter, formerly of Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Tenn., will begin his ministry at Ferguson Mar. 15.

**Miller moves to Buck Creek church**  
Billy Miller, former pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, has been called as pastor of Buck Creek Baptist Church in the same association.

**Hopkinsville calls Rick Mitchell**  
Rick Mitchell has been called as minister of church recreation, activities and recreation by First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Mitchell began his work at Hopkinsville Mar. 1.

**Watkins accepts Florence call**  
Gary Watkins, pastor of Hillvue Heights Baptist Church, Bowling Green, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Florence Baptist Church.

Watkins will assume his new position Mar. 15.

**Huff is called to Bethany**  
Bethany Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, has extended a call to Esau Huff as pastor.

In other action the church also licensed two members recently. Jay Lee Adams and Charles Mounce were licensed to the gospel ministry Jan. 18.

**Price to pastor Va. church**  
Wayne Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winchester, has resigned to accept the same position with Williamsburg (Va.) Baptist Church.

Price has pastored in Winchester for 10 years and has been president of the community ministerial association,

chairman of the board of Children's House Montessori School and treasurer of the Human Rights Commission.

Price expects to complete his work in Winchester by the end of March and begin work in Williamsburg Apr. 5.

**George is Sligo youth director**  
Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Greg George as youth director.

George is a student at Southern Seminary from Alabama.

**Ryan accepts position in Fla.**  
Clifford Ryan, former minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, resigned to become minister of education at Stetson Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla. Ryan began his new ministry Feb. 28.

**Whitehead to begin BSU work**  
Don Whitehead has resigned as pastor of Woodstock Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association. He has resigned to accept a position with the Baptist Student Union at Somerset Community College.

**Hail to pastor Piney Grove #2**  
Raymond Hail has accepted the call to pastor Piney Grove #2 Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association.

**HMB appoints two Ky. couples**  
Kendale Moore, along with his wife Elizabeth, has been appointed as Kentucky language program director at Middletown.

Moore is a graduate of University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary.

Also appointed for service by the Home Mission Board was Tom Cairns and his wife June of Louisville.

Cairns is the new director of Christian social ministries in Rochester, N. Y. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and Southern Seminary.

## Ordinations

**Beaver Dam ordains two, licenses one**  
Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist Church recently ordained two deacons and licensed one member to preach.

Ordained were Wayne Brown and Jim Howze. Jim Lindsey was licensed to preach the gospel.

Glenn Armstrong is pastor.

**Steward ordained by Corinth**  
Michael Stewart was ordained to the

gospel ministry Feb. 8 by Corinth Baptist Church, Providence.

Stewart is pastor of Zion Brick Missionary Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

**Falmouth ordains four deacons**  
Falmouth (Ky.) Baptist Church held a deacon ordination service Feb. 22 for four members.

Orman Conard, Danny Klaber, Larry Vanlandingham and Dick Vaughn are the church's new deacons.

Dan Lane is pastor.

## Congregations

**Kay Richardson honored for service**  
Feb. 22 was designated "Kay Day" at First Baptist Church, Mayfield. Kay Frances Richardson was honored for 25 years of service as church secretary.

Mrs. Richardson, recognized for her "dedication, patience and faithfulness," was presented a plaque, a love offering, a staff dinner and a church-wide reception.

**Three Forks holds training**  
Three Forks Association held its annual Sunday school leadership training school last month. One hundred and nineteen people enrolled in the school

with 15 churches represented.

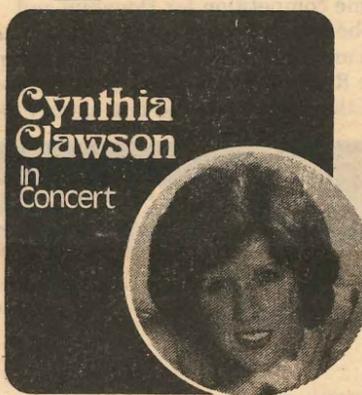
The week-long meeting was held at Lothair Baptist Church. J. S. Bell is director of missions.

**Friendly Grove reopens doors**  
Friendly Grove Baptist Church, Blackford Association, has reopened its doors after being closed for two years.

The first service, led by pastor Ronnie Lambert, former pastor of Narrows Baptist Church, was held Mar. 4.

**Oak Ridge gives record offering**  
Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Covington, set a goal of \$2000 for the Lottie Moon foreign mission offering and then more than doubled the goal in receipts. The church, pastored by Frank Farley, set a church record offering by collecting \$4013.

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# Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President  
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## Our evangelistic purpose

Recently a week-long evangelism conference was held at Clear Creek Baptist School. We were reminded that the priority of a Christian is to tell others about Christ and his love. The Bible contains God's message to the world and the Lord, in one of his final addresses, commanded us to "go into all the world" with the gospel.

That command was taken seriously by the founders of our school and is the reason for its existence today. L. C. Kelly envisioned the school in 1923 as a place for the training of God's ministers.

At Clear Creek School evangelism remains the primary emphasis of our program. It is the base upon which everything is built. It influences every decision we make, from the selection of faculty and staff members to the buildings.

The theology department offers courses which give our students a thorough understanding of God's imperative. Both Old Testament and New Testament classes reveal God's desire to reach all of mankind with salvation. Courses in doctrine emphasize man's need for salvation and God's program to reach him with that message.

The religious education department is also highly evangelistic. Sometime ago I walked into a room where one of the religious education classes is held. I was amazed at the number of periodicals available from the Sunday School Board. Our students have the opportunity to inform their churches of these resources because they have had the time to study them personally.

Also evangelistic in its purpose is our church music department. Hymns contain the message of salvation, the love of God, Christ's coming to this earth to die for the sins of mankind and thrilling testimonies to the love of God from hundreds of writers. Students are taught to use music properly to inspire and challenge congregations to witness, give and worship.

A few weeks ago one of our students shared a deeply emotional testimony. At the conclusion of that testimony he knelt in prayer and wept. One of our professors prayed that revival would begin. That, too, is my prayer. Will you and your church join me in praying that revival will break out as it did on the day of Pentecost?

Write me, D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977 if you want more information about our school.

# KBC Activities

## Here and now

### MARCH

- 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
- 27 Adult/Youth Music Festivals. 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
- 27-28 Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Cedarmore. Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. To select Kentucky's representatives at Ridgecrest in SBC Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament
- 28 Children's Music Festivals. Ft. Mitchell, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church and Louisville, Midlane Park Baptist Church
- 30-31 Area Vacation Bible School Clinics. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For Associational VBS Teams
  - 30—Stanford, First Baptist Church; Paintsville, First Baptist Church
  - 31—Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church and Corbin, First Baptist Church

## Looking ahead

### APRIL

- 2-3 All Ages Music Festivals:
  - 2—Ashland, Fairview Baptist Church
  - 3—Henderson, First Baptist Church and Pikeville, First Baptist Church
- 3-4 Communications Conference. Louisville, Southern Seminary. Details from Stewardship and WMU Depts., KBC
- 3-4 State Youth Evangelism Conference. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. on 3rd through 4:30 p.m. on 4th
- 3-5 Singles' Retreat. Cedarmore. Evening meal 3rd through noon meal 5th. Register with Cedarmore. Contact Family Ministry Section, KBC for information.

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

# Oneida Journal



Barkley Moore, President  
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## A heavy responsibility

Recently one of our boys was at work in our shop. He was nailing something when suddenly the nail deflected and struck him in the white of his right eye. In pain, he pulled the nail out and a small piece of the eye came with the nail.

Dean Erma Smith rushed John to our clinic where arrangements were made to take him to an eye specialist at Harlan two hours from us. In the meantime the mother was called.

While all this was occurring, I was going about my normal duties, unaware of what had happened. I was much distressed when told. I think one would have to bear a responsibility such as I have to know the weight of it.

One is "responsible" even when asleep. It is rare that I get through a night without being startled awake by a long-distance call, perhaps some emergency involving a kid's family, or by a call from one of my staff. One is "responsible" even when hundreds or thousands of miles away from the campus attending to school business.

Relax? My one planned time to do so daily is during the evening news. Normally I have to take care of several calls even at that time. If not, chances are I've fallen asleep in my chair and have missed the news anyway! That ritual over, I begin the second half of my work day. There is not a boarding school director in the country who can get his work done in an eight-hour day.

One never knows what is going to happen next, or when, but one has the nagging fear that something will happen. With 350 active teenage boys and girls, most of them with us 24 hours each day, there is always the possibility of injury or even death. Twice it has been my personal responsibility to break the news of fatal accidents to shocked parents. At least six young people in our school's history have died of natural causes or accident.

Both of the families I shared sorrow with were, and are today, a great source of strength to me. They actively support our work with prayer, financial gifts, visits, long-distance phone calls and letters. One family is in Maryland, the other in Virginia. One family sent a younger daughter to attend our school for two years, the other is condering sending their only daughter. One of the boys is buried here on campus because of his love for the school.

Often we have as many as four bus or van loads on the road at a time in various activities: athletic, music or drama. I never rest easy until they get back. Often I stay up until the last one safely arrives.

But, back to John and his eye. After being in pain for three hours, he was frightened and shaking as the specialist tried to work. The doctor stopped, suggested they pray together, and prayed a beautiful prayer asking for strength. John became calmed and the doctor and the Lord did their work. The eye is now whole with no permanent impairment. We rejoice.

# Frank Owen



## Climbing higher

Our churches are receiving gifts now for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. This offering named for our first home missionary is promoted by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union and is one of the high points in the church year. Let me encourage both the individual and each church to participate in this added effort to undergird our great Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with its approximately 3000 home missionaries and the desire of the denomination to double our mission strength in the current phase of BOLD MISSION THRUST.

Home Missions is also one of the participating agencies in our regular ongoing Cooperative Program which is simply the name of our World Mission budget whose funds are divided among all of the supported causes in our state and Southern Convention program of missions.

Our State Convention's fiscal year, which began September 1, 1980, is now half gone. In four of these first six months we have broken the previous records and the other two months were close to the previous all-time records for the same months.

As of the close of February we were \$659,000 over the budget goal to date and 16½% above the receipts of the last year at this same point in time. We are grateful to the churches and their leaders for their continued improved giving.

I regret to observe, though, that despite this noble rate of climb, we are still 7% short of the necessary rate of increase to have doubled our Cooperative Program receipts in the five-year period from 1977 to 1982.

Not long ago a look at our records showed that we had slightly more than doubled our receipts in the previous seven years. How I wish we could accelerate enough more during the next year to double in a five year period by 1982. We continue to ask our churches to search their records beginning with 1977 and ask themselves the question, "Could we, Would we, double the 1977 record of Cooperative Program gifts in our projection for 1982?" Southern Baptists have dared aim that high. Has your church? Have you?

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