



Committee on boards nominates 10 Kentuckians

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Ten Kentuckians will be recommended for membership on boards of Southern Baptist agencies by the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards.

The Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards report was released last week in Nashville. To be presented to Southern Baptist Convention messengers in Los Angeles in June, the report includes

Leon Simpson succeeds Clear Creek's Aldridge

Leon Simpson, 43, assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., has been elected president-elect at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He will succeed D. M. Aldridge at the adult theological institute in June 1982, although he will move to the campus in August 1981.

A native Oklahoman, Simpson was reared in Amarillo, Tex. He is a graduate of Texas Technological University, Moody Bible Institute and holds an earned doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Before moving to Dallas in 1979 Simpson was director of ministerial training at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, for 12 years.

He is married to the former Marilyn Ruth Simpson of Cincinnati, Oh., and is the father of three children.

In accepting his new capacity, Simpson acknowledged "Clear Creek shall continue to offer the finest biblical and practical training possible for those who have answered God's call after reaching mature years. It shall continue to relate primarily to the Appalachian region and various areas of Kentucky."

Aldridge has been president of Clear Creek School since 1954.



Simpson



Searcy

Lewis Searcy succumbs after two month illness

Lewis E. Searcy, widely known and greatly loved Kentucky Baptist preacher, died Apr. 16 following two months hospitalization. He was a member of the first graduating class of Clear Creek Baptist School in 1946 and also graduated from Campbellsville College in 1951.

Searcy served pastorates in several areas of Kentucky, the last being Northside, Winchester, from which he retired in October 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Ashby Searcy; four sons, two daughters, two brothers, four sisters and 12 grandchildren. Two of the sons are ministers in Kentucky Baptist churches. Doyle is pastor of Beech Grove in Russell Creek Association and Timothy, a Clear Creek student, is music minister of Silver Creek in Tates Creek Association.

Funeral services were conducted on Apr. 19 at Lawrenceburg Baptist Church with burial in Lawrenceburg Cemetery.

nominations to fill all vacancies on the Southern Baptist Convention boards, institutions, commissions and standing committees. These nominations are subject to approval by convention messengers.

Usually only one member of each Southern Baptist Convention agency board is selected from each state. There are some exceptions such as the Foreign Mission Board on which there are three Kentuckians, the Home Mission Board on which two Kentuckians serve, Southern Seminary where several Kentuckians serve as local members of the trustees and the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee which includes three Kentuckians.

Only 10 vacancies are to be filled by Kentuckians in 1981. The vacancies and nominees are:

SBC Executive Committee—Robert Parker
Foreign Mission Board—Mrs. Carolyn Fitch
Annuity Board—David Nelson
Southern Seminary—William Wilson
Southern Seminary—Damon Surgener
Southern Seminary—Gorman J. Roberts
Southwestern Seminary—Thomas Atwood
New Orleans Seminary—William Rowlett
Midwestern Seminary—Ron W. Stone
Radio and Television Commission—LaVerne Butler

Six of these are new members. The other four have served one term and are being nominated for second terms. Two more now serving first terms were eligible for nomination but new nominations were made in their place. They were Ben Elrod, Georgetown College president, who is now a Southwestern Seminary trustee, and William Ray, assistant pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, who is now a New Orleans Seminary trustee. Thomas Atwood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, is being nominated for the Southwestern board and William Rowlett, a Hopkinsville ophthalmologist, for the New Orleans board.

This report is of special interest this year because of the current controversy among Southern Baptists which centers in part on who will control Southern Baptist agencies. Ordinarily this report is not released until the time of the annual convention.

Two of the six new nominees are laymen and one is a laywoman. William Wilson, nominated for the Southern Seminary board of trustees, is an Owensboro attorney and is well known for his interest in Baptist work. William Rowlett is a Hopkinsville ophthalmologist who has given his services on mission tours to nine different countries. Mrs. Carolyn Fitch, the one woman among the nominees, is organist at East Baptist Church, Paducah, and is recognized for her ability and commitment.

The three Kentucky ministers recommended for first terms are generally regarded as representatives of the more conservative segment of Southern Baptists.

Robert Parker has been pastor of Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Louisville, for nine years. He is a graduate of Samford University, Princeton Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is president of Moral Majority in Kentucky and was quite active in Moral Majority political activities in 1980.

He is also identified with Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler and their goals in the Southern Baptist Convention though he makes it clear he rarely agrees with anyone at every point. Both Pressler and Patterson have spoken in the Kosmosdale church.

Contributions of the Kosmosdale church through the Cooperative Program and other missionary offerings have been limited. The annual income of the church in 1978 is listed as \$67,000 with \$500 contributed through the Cooperative Program; in 1979 from an income of \$70,000 the Cooperative Program received \$1400; and from the 1980 income of \$65,322 the Cooperative Program contributions were \$900.

During these three years the church has reported no gifts to Long Run Association and only \$1500 additional mission gifts to all causes.

When asked about this record, Parker says it's simply a matter of priorities. He points out that the church was near financial disaster when he came and has struggled to make heavy building debt payments.

The church also for its protection felt it necessary to buy adjacent property which added to the financial strain.

As for contribution to the Long Run Association, Parker says it's something which hasn't been done, should be done and will be done.

He says he was surprised by being nominated for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. If elected, he says he will approach the assignment with biblical views and will do what he thinks will be good for Southern Baptists. He gives assurance he has no intention to contribute to a split in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tom Atwood, nominated for the Southwestern Seminary board of trustees, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and has MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He attended Southwestern Seminary one semester but left because his wife was unable to find work. He regards his graduate study at Southern under professor Lewis Drummond as very meaningful and valuable. He says he has always been strongly impressed with the contribution of Southwestern Seminary and he looks forward to seeing how the trustee system works.

He now serves as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton. The Clinton congregation has always been a strong supporter of the Cooperative Program, associational missions and other denominational work. Last year the church reported an income of \$128,374 out of which \$18,497 went to the Cooperative Program, \$3165 was designated to foreign missions, \$1793 to home missions, \$300 to state missions and \$300 to associational missions.

LaVerne Butler, nominated for the Radio and Television Commission, is widely known pastor of Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church. He was one of the original leaders in the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship though he has disassociated himself from that group. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and served in an Illinois pastorate before coming to Louisville.

The Ninth and O Church and Butler have a wide outreach including a daily radio program and a weekly televised worship service. By use of cable TV the telecast reaches several states beyond Kentucky.

In 1980 Ninth and O Church reported offerings amounting to \$932,509. From this \$14,400 went through the Cooperative Program with additional mission gifts of \$3165 to foreign missions, \$1793 to home missions, \$300 to state missions and \$300 to Long Run Association.

Larry Tapp, pastor of East Baptist Church, Paducah, and Alan Sears, a Louisville attorney, were Kentucky members of the Committee on Boards. When asked about how the committee arrived at its choices for nomination, Tapp said he and Sears met twice with each other before meeting with other members of the Committee on Boards. The committee members were told, says Tapp, that trustees and board members eligible for a second term were ordinarily renominated for another term though this was up to the committee.

When asked why Elrod and Ray were not renominated Tapp said he had nothing against either man but there were so many good people to consider and so few places to fill he thought a young man like Atwood and a layman like Rowlett ought to be nominated.

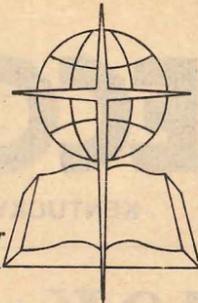
When asked why the committee nominated Bob Parker for the prestigious place on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Tapp said he knows and agrees with the theological positions of Parker and thinks he will make a good Executive Committee member. Tapp is not a member of Moral Majority of which Parker is the statewide president. John Dunaway, Corbin First Baptist pastor, and John McCall, Louisville attorney, are the other Executive Committee members from Kentucky.

Alan Sears said the three-day meeting of the Committee on Boards in Nashville was one of the most inspiring experiences of his life. He said every member of the committee sacrificed any personal desire for the sake of total compatibility and the best interests of the convention.

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Baptists and the "countdown to disaster"

Southern Baptists hear a good bit of preaching on the "countdown to Armageddon" but seldom do they hear a sermon on "countdown to disaster." This latter phrase is how George Kennan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, describes our day.

If the commentary on this generation of Southern Baptists is written amid nuclear ruins it will likely say that we almost completely ignored the most horrendous threat to humanity and civilization. This is the danger of all-out nuclear war which would leave at least the United States and Russia and likely other areas of the world in ruins including deadly radiation lasting centuries.

Like the legendary sword over the head of Damocles, a nuclear holocaust hangs over the world by a single strand of hair and scissors to cut that one strand are poised in the hands of two men in Moscow and Washington.

One of the frightening sidelights of the recent wounding of President Reagan was the question of who was in control during the hours he was incapacitated, especially with the Vice President not being in Washington. Secretary of State Haig's almost instant assumption of authority dramatically demonstrated the necessity of having someone available every minute of every day and night to give the signal, if necessary, to respond to a nuclear attack.

As order emerged out of momentary confusions, Vice President Bush was in control and on his way from Texas back to Washington. One indication of his being in charge was a little briefcase on the seat beside him. This briefcase contains the equipment with which to signal activation of America's arsenal of nuclear weapons.

And what an arsenal! Poseidon submarines are but one part of that arsenal. One of these submarines carries enough payload to destroy every large and medium sized city in Russia and we have 41 Poseidon and Polaris submarines.

We also possess 11,000 nuclear bombs and the proper use of less than half of these could destroy 40 million Russians and two-thirds of Russian industry.

Russia's arsenal of strategic nuclear weapons equals and maybe exceeds America's. Given this fact and considering the possibility of miscalculation due to equipment failures as well as the demonic nature of man, it's no wonder many insightful people believe a nuclear holocaust is not only possible but probable.

Southern Baptists would never know this from the preaching they hear. Our preaching majors on how to be saved spiritually. This is proper but

not to the exclusion of Christian responsibility for peacemaking. There's nothing inconsistent about proclaiming how a person can be saved spiritually and how the physical world might be saved from destruction. Did God not instruct Adam and Eve to take care of his creation including the physical world?

As long as the pulpit is silent, the pew is not likely to be concerned for efforts to avert nuclear war. In fact, with the current mentality in America, it is almost treasonable to talk about peace and arms control. Yet survival is the major concern of all humanity including those we regard as enemies. When this universal longing for peace is expressed loud enough by enough of humanity, leaders of the nation will hear.

President Eisenhower once said as much. "Above all, . . . I'd like to believe that the people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our government."

Upon leaving office President Eisenhower also warned us about the military industrial complex in America. He was referring to the huge profits reaped from manufacturing arms for America and to be sold to other nations.

Consider this! If the Pentagon were handed a \$1000 bill every hour of every day, it would take over 200,000 years to hand over what it is planning to spend in the 1980's.

Consider this also! From 1971 to 1977 America sold \$56 billion worth of arms to other nations. This was three times the total arms sales for the preceding 20 years.

It's pretty clear arms reduction and limitation will not be sponsored by the Pentagon. After all, the Pentagon's business is arms buildup. Nor will it come from the arms industry as long as making arms is so profitable. If it comes, it will come from the groundswell of public opinion throughout the world. That's why Southern Baptist churches should at least make a start by considering the use of one Sunday a year for emphasis on peacemaking. Consider the suggestions in the accompanying guest editorial on this page.

Guest Editorial

Southern Baptists: pride, preaching and peacemaking

by Robert M. Parham

W. C. Buck, a former editor of Western Recorder and a six-time Southern Baptist Convention vice president, boasted in 1870: "I am nearly 80 years old, dull of hearing . . . and the infirmities of age are pressing upon me. Still I find no change in my voice. I could easily make 10,000 people hear me from a stand."

Buck's bravado is indicative of the pride Southern Baptists have had in their preaching abilities. It is from the pulpit Southern Baptists have successfully promoted many emphases including evangelism, home and foreign missions, world hunger and pastoral care.

There is one topic, however, upon which Southern Baptists have given sparse attention. We have given little consideration to peace. C. R. Daley, editor of Western Recorder, says "world peacemaking has been an almost completely silent note in Southern Baptist preaching."

Although Southern Baptist sermons have rarely dealt with peace, some churches in the past two years have held peace worship services on the Sunday

closest to Memorial Day. This year that Sunday is May 24.

Baptist Peacemaker, a magazine ministry of Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church, encourages churches to hold peace worship services on Memorial Day, a date which does not conflict with scheduled convention promotional programs.

A Memorial Day peace worship service offers a church a time to remember former members killed in war and an occasion to pray for present and future peace. It also enables a church to accomplish other things.

It provides the preacher with an opportunity to deliver a peace sermon. "Fear and Peace," "Steps for Peace," "Peace and the Writings of Paul," "The Gospel of Peace" (Eph. 6:15), "Love, Joy and Peace—The Fruits of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22), "Where Is Our True Security?" (Hosea 10:13-14a), "God of Peace" (1 Thess. 5:23), "Our Vision of Peace" (Micah 4:3, Isa. 11:6, Rev. 21:1-4) and "The Ministry of Reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19) are some topics and scriptures for peace sermons.

A Memorial Day peace service furnishes a church a chance to implement resolutions adopted at the last three Southern Baptist conventions. A survey of these resolutions may help people recall recent statements: (1) In 1978, Baptists committed themselves "to become more committed to peacemaking in a variety of ways;" (2) In 1979, messengers agreed "to support the vital Christian ministry of peacemaking;" and (3) In 1980, conventioners decided "to wage peace in the world, teaching and praying in our homes and churches."

A peace service enables a church to respond to the widespread American fear and anxiety about the threats of war. Thus, a church can inform its community about the true source of peace and security.

Through the efforts of Joy Crutchfield and Tracy Upton, members of Crescent Hill Baptist Church World Peacemakers, sample sermon and service resources are available. These may be obtained by writing them at Box 437, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

Perhaps one of the most significant contributions Southern Baptists may make to world peace will come from peace sermons and services. May 24, please join the many churches holding peace worship services.

Baptist Forum

Healthy means being happy

Your editorial on healthy churches sounds a very positive note. It's true, giving has something to do with the health factor of any church.

It has always been my experience that happiness and giving go together. As long as your people are happy and enjoying the Lord you aren't going to have many financial problems. Based on this premise, I can say First Baptist Church, Paris, is not only one of the happiest churches in Kentucky but also one of the healthiest. You say Cooperative Program giving has gone from 10.3 percent (in '58) to 8.8 percent (in '79). I'm happy to say we increased our giving from 20 percent to 30 percent from '74 to '79. I am happy, also, to say we have not let our supporting two mission churches affect our cooperative giving.

Any church that will give \$41,000 to mission causes out of a \$96,000 budget can't be anything but healthy.

The increase of Kentucky Baptists in giving is noteworthy. Surely it reflects good leadership of which we are dearly blessed. If mission giving records are for churches what temperature, pulse rate and blood pressure reading are for the human body, you can see our church is not in need of medication. We are healthy and happy. I'm thankful to be pastor of a healthy and happy church.

Bob Wallace, Paris

Baptist Forum

A WR 'masterpiece'

The article, "Cooperation is not the same as Conformity" (WR, 4/8/81, page 2), is a masterpiece, in my humble opinion.

It expresses the feeling of my own heart for many years. Our strength lies not in conformity. Those who conform the most, adhering to the model for security or advancement of their cause, are possibly the greatest enemies to the cause of Southern Baptists.

I am a Southern Baptist because of a deep conviction in my soul. One of the reasons for this conviction is the freedom of thought permitted. I cooperate because of conviction, not conformity.

It is possible that the nonconformist may prove to be the strongest Southern Baptist.

Wendell Wegford, Covington

Help preserve history!

I write with regard to an appeal which was made a few weeks ago in Western Recorder. That appeal was to help restore the Old Bracken County Church

started by Lewis Craig in 1790.

Presently \$18,000 can purchase one acre and the Old Bracken Church building. Apparently, many others read that appeal and did the same thing I did . . . nothing!

After talking to Franklin Owen about the work and realizing that 252 people living in that area are Baptists by preference and that there are some few living there who are now trying to purchase the building and restore worship I am motivated to try to help in some way.

Several of the members of Salt River Baptist Church have spoken favorably of supporting this work. Also, I am contacting associations and pastors, soliciting their support.

Consider this one more plea for help and publish this request. Besides helping 252 people to have a place for permanent worship, what a fantastic way to preserve our Baptist heritage! Checks should be made to Kentucky Baptist Convention, for Old Bracken Church Fund, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Ed Orberon, Danville



Joseph W. Hinkle [r], secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, talks over plans for a newly-created Southern Baptist Association of Family Ministers with the organization's new officers. With him are [l-r] Herman Green, minister of pastoral care, First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., vice president and membership chairman; Robert Money, minister of counseling, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., secretary; and Bill Harrison, minister of counseling, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., president.

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WMU to mark beginning

A Virginia state historical marker is to be placed on the site of the founding meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in downtown Richmond, Va., May 14.

WMU was founded May 14, 1888, by 32 women from 12 states meeting in the basement of Broad Street Methodist Church. The Southern Baptist Convention was in session at the time at First Baptist Church.

Representatives of the 12 states present in 1888 have been invited to these ceremonies. Miss Kathryn Jasper will represent Kentucky.

Hostage sets campus talk

William Belk, one of 52 Americans held hostage in Iran 444 days, will speak at Georgetown College May 5 at 8 p.m. in John L. Hill Chapel.

Trained as a communications and records officer with the U. S. Department of State, Belk served at American embassies in Austria, West Germany, Thailand and Belgium before his

service in Tehran.

His lecture at Georgetown College will consist of limited remarks followed by a question and answer session.

The program is sponsored by the Georgetown College Student Government Association and is open to the public.

Youth event winners set

A total of 126 young people, representing 31 associations across the state, participated in the 1981 Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament Mar. 27-28 at Cedarmore.

Greg Roederer, who located selected passages most quickly, was chosen to represent Kentucky at the national Bible drill at Ridgecrest. He was selected from a field of 99 competitors. Meribeth Gaines was named runnerup in the Bible drill.

Linda Williams was awarded top honors in the speakers tournament which included 28 participants. She will also travel to Ridgecrest for the national tournament. Rebecca Church received the runnerup position in the state tournament.



Student representatives met with trustees from their state or region during the spring board of trustees meeting recently at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In the group were Ben M. Elrod [r], Kentucky trustee; Ruth Ann Foster, Ashland, and seminary president Russell H. Dilday Jr. Elrod is president of Georgetown College and Miss Foster is a MDiv student.

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The Los Angeles Convention Center, foreground, is site of the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention in downtown Los Angeles June 9-11. The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting will also convene in this facility June 7-8.

Here's a little something for May business meeting

Registration cards for messengers from Kentucky planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles, Cal., June 9-11 are now available in the office of the executive secretary-treasurer, Franklin Owen.

The SBC constitution provides the following guidelines for electing messengers:

1. One messenger for each church which is in friendly cooperation with the SBC and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention.
 2. One additional messenger from each church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
 3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention but no church may appoint more than 10.
 4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.
- Churches should request only the number of cards they need for persons actually going to the convention. These messengers must be elected by the church and each card certified with the signature of the church clerk or moderator.



Mrs. Sears



Smith

Western Recorder interns include Mrs. Sears, Smith

Two Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students have been named journalism interns at Western Recorder, according to James H. Cox, associate editor.

Mrs. Susan Taylor Sears, 22, of Bowling Green, will start May 1. David A. Smith, 25, of Birmingham, Ala., will join the staff in late August.

Mrs. Sears, a native of Henderson, is a magna cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University with double majors in public relations and business administration. She was president of the university's chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America in her senior year and a staff reporter for the university newspaper two years. She has served on the public relations staff at Land Between the Lakes and is presently coeditor of Towers, campus newspaper at Southern Seminary.

She is married to Tim Sears, formerly of Somerset, a teacher at Anchorage Public School.

Smith is currently director of college relations at Southern Seminary, having earlier been news director.

A 1980 journalism graduate of the University of Alabama, he was publications editor of his Baptist student union. He has been a reporter for the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News and served in the Navy two years.

Smith is a member of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges and was recently named an Outstanding Young Man of America. He will be married May 30 to Marsha McNeely, also a Southern Seminary student.

Seminary interns at Western Recorder assist staff members with editing, writing, photography, advertising, design and proofreading. Mrs. Sears and Smith are the 21st and 22nd students respectively to be accepted for this on-the-job training program in developing communications skills for future denominational service.

Baptist favors gun control

In the aftermath of the Mar. 30 assassination attempt on President Reagan by a lone gunman armed with a .22-caliber "Saturday night special," a Baptist constitutional expert says that contrary to arguments by the gun lobby the U.S. Constitution does not forbid Congress from controlling the right to keep and bear arms.

John W. Baker, general counsel to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, makes his case in a legal analysis of the Second Amendment in the May 1981 issue of Report from the Capital, the monthly publication of the Washington-based agency.

According to the veteran attorney and political scientist the Second Amendment "as originally drafted emphasized the relationship of the militia to the bearing of arms."

The Second Amendment reads: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The lavishly financed gun lobby, spearheaded by the National Rifle Association, has persistently contended that the amendment gives every citizen the constitutional right to own and use guns without any government interference.

Baker's analysis expresses the opposite view. "The Second Amendment guarantees a collective rather than an individual right," he says.

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Smith announces his 1981 appointments

Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced appointment of the committee on committees.

The 52-member committee will be presented to the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9-11 in Los Angeles. The committee includes two representatives from each of the 26 state conventions qualified by membership for representation.

Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., will be chairman.

Named:

Alabama—Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, and Bobbie (Mrs. Jimmy) Jackson, Huntsville.

Arizona—Jim Harvey, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Glendale, and Wendell Freeze of Yuma, president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Arkansas—Wayne Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sparkman, and Ernie Perkins, director of missions, Concord Association, Ft. Smith.

California—Bob Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Westminster, and Herman Wooten, director of missions, Orange County Association, Orange.

Colorado—Harold Blackwell of Salida and Mrs. Jean Cooper, Littleton.

District of Columbia—C. Wade Freeman Jr., pastor of Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, and president of the DB Baptist Convention, and Estelle (Mrs. Parks) Hackney of Washington.

Florida—O. S. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, and Bob Vickery of Winter Park.

Georgia—Clark Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, and Ben F. Wardlow of Waynesboro.

Illinois—Charles Chandler, pastor of Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist Church, Urbana, and Craig Riding, president of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Rockford.

Indiana—David Simpson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, New Whiteland, and chairman of the executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and R. V. Haygood, executive director of the SCBI.

Kansas-Nebraska—Phil Lineberger, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita, and Barbara (Mrs. Calvin) Miller, Omaha.

Kentucky—G. David McClure of Louisville, and Wyman Copass, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah.

Louisiana—Ron Herrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kenner, and Barry Landrum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bossier City.

Maryland—David Flumbaum of

Joppa, and David Kim, pastor of First Korean Baptist Church, Silver Springs.

Michigan—Rochelle Davis, pastor of Temple of Faith Baptist Church, Detroit, and Dwain Laramore, area director of missions, Flint.

Mississippi—Larry Black, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Robert Eustice, Biloxi.

Missouri—Bob Warner, pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Louis, and Tom Carney, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Springfield.

New Mexico—Tom Clayton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hobbs, and Stan Coffey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque.

North Carolina—Don Bouldin, pastor of Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, and Henderson Belk of Charlotte, second vice president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Northwest—John Hatch, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lakewood, Tacoma, and Quilla (Mrs. Elmer) Whitten, Portland.

Ohio—Roy Southerland, Reynoldsburg, and Jack Davis, Huron.

Oklahoma—Jeanne (Mrs. Tom) Elliff, Tulsa, and Robert Harris, Del City.

South Carolina—Lonnie Shull, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, and president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and Fred Lowery, pastor of Pisgah Baptist Church, Spartanburg.

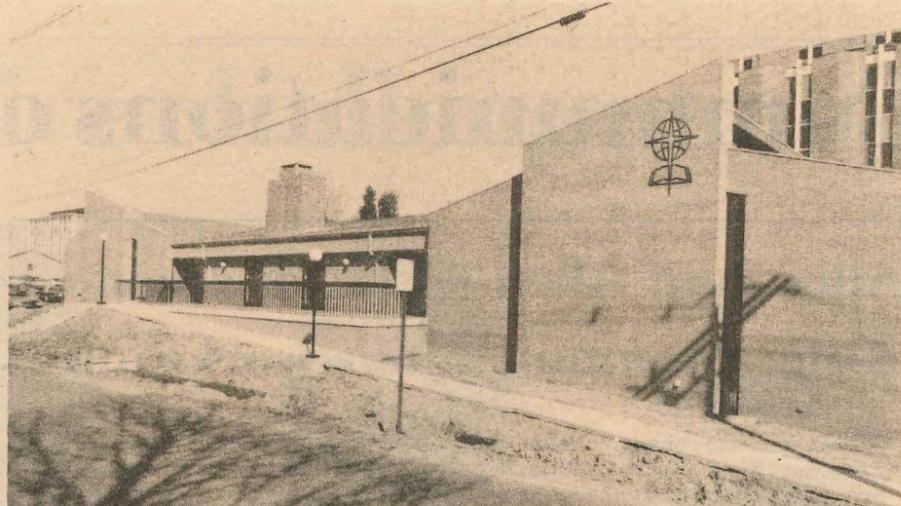
Tennessee—Pat Kough, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bemis, and Ralph Stone, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville.

Texas—Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, and John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston.

Virginia—Bob Yarborough, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Manassas, and Franklin Hall, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Tabb.

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Communications conference provides

Allen and Allen speak at second state communications workshop

by K. Maynard Head

The second state communications conference for Kentucky Baptists was held Apr. 3-4 at Southern Seminary, Louisville, with an estimated 130 persons attending.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Radio and TV Commission, the conference provided information and guidance in use of electronic media, equipment, production and programing for radio, television and cable. In addition, sessions were held for persons wishing to create displays and lead conferences and for those wanting to improve their writing skills.

The conference was planned to give churches practical and helpful ideas in many phases of media.

Representatives from each of the sponsoring agencies conducted 12 workshops from which participants could choose.

Jimmy Allen, president of the Radio and TV Commission, addressed a general session introducing the recently adopted ACTS

(American Christian Television System) projects of the SBC agency. According to Allen, ACTS will assist many local churches in providing Christian programing over the network.

Mrs. Catherine Allen, assistant to the executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., later addressed those attending a banquet. Mrs. Allen encouraged participants to be about the Father's business because "great movements in religion never waited for the majority." She spoke in support of similar conferences stating Christians "need to gain skill in the use of words." Mrs. Allen also commented "doing things the same is a waste of God's time. Why be ordinary when you can be extraordinary?"

The 12 conferences featured sessions in cable TV, conference leading techniques, uniform design for printed materials, creative exhibits, freelance writing, publicity for the church, photography, radio and television techniques and writing church history.



Individuals participate in one of 12 communication workshops.

Printed material should project unified design

by Dalene Vickery

A synergy crisis? Not exactly, but close, according to Pat Pattillo, vice president for development at Southern Seminary.

Pattillo, leading a conference on "creating uniform design for printed materials," stressed the need for a "synergism of unified design" in churches. He stated that all printed materials used by a church should work together and build on each other in order to produce the desired outcome.

"The more we can do to unify the message, the more effective we will be in unifying the congregation," Pattillo explained.

He related that too much money, time and effort is lost in the short-range communication plans of most churches. Southern Baptist programs change far too quickly, focus on too narrow an audience and are not intense enough to achieve the desired results.

"To communicate, you must do it often and you must do it intensively

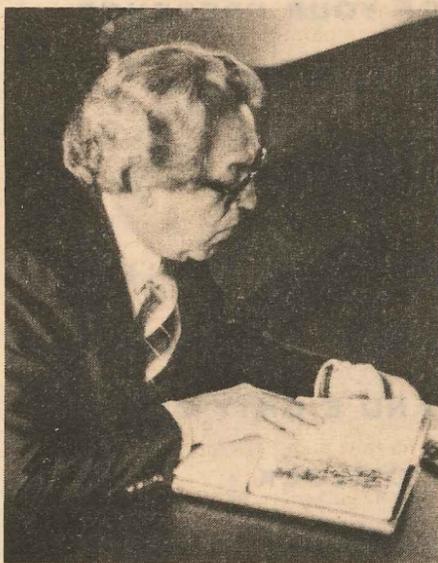
within the scope of the budget," declared Pattillo.

Churches preserve unity in their publications by repeatedly using familiar logos, designs, typeface and even the same color paper and ink for all forms of communication.

"Repetition builds reputation," said Pattillo. "That is why experience with a symbol makes it take on a certain meaning."

Pattillo encouraged simplification of design in order to avoid obscurity in church publications. "Why play hide-and-seek with your reader?" he questioned. "If you're not an expert, simplify."

The church should seek to harness all the professional skills available to promote uniformity of design in its printed materials, Pattillo concluded. After all, a church's self-image as well as its public image is often determined by the quality and effectiveness of its publications.



Jimmy Allen, president of the Radio and TV Commission, makes final preparations for speaking to conference participants [above.]

Ron Tonks, assistant executive director of the Historical Commission, leads a workshop on writing and preserving local church history [right].



churches with creative challenges

Church history should be vital rather than boring, says Tonks

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer
"We tend to be a 'throw-away' society," remarked Ronald Tonks. "When we develop that in our church life, we don't have any support behind us."

Tonks, assistant executive director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, outlined the need for writing and preserving local church history during one of 12 workshops held Apr. 3-4 at the state communications conference.

Tonks acknowledged many people consider history to be "old, boring and dull." He countered that argument by explaining the value of preserving church history and emphasizing the need for people to "get behind" such a project.

"A knowledge of the past helps a church understand itself now," he declared. Before change is made in a church it is helpful to know the reasons for a particular tradition and to learn the struggles and commitments of past church members. This can be accomplished over an extended period of time only if an accurate history of the church has been preserved. Another value of church history, according to Tonks, is it gives a congregation a clear picture of its commitment and dedication. This can be translated into where a church is going as well as where it has been.

Following the same line of thought Tonks remarked that a well written history can help a church deal with its daily life. The failures and successes of the past can serve as a guide for the present and future, helping churches to avoid mistakes of the past and to repeat past achievements.

The need for official church records is another reason for compiling history. To insure the preservation of these records Tonks suggested the use of microfilm.

He related an incident where a church burned to the ground and all of its historical documents were destroyed despite being placed in a fireproof

vault. The vault was located near the center of the fire and the intense heat eventually destroyed the irreplaceable records.

When microfilming is done by the Historical Commission in Nashville one copy is sent to the church and another is kept on file to add further protection against loss or damage.

Churches which do not have a recorded history may begin by gathering oral history from older members, Tonks related. "Oral history can be valuable and accurate. Use it . . . sometimes it's your only resource."

He added state papers, local county papers and association minutes are also helpful resources for reconstructing past history.

Tonks also reminded participants to develop church history within the context of the community. "There is more to a history than just relating numbers and statistics," he assured.



Participants from churches and associations throughout the state attended the two-day conference at Southern Seminary. They took the opportunity to get acquainted between sessions and discuss what they had learned during the workshops.

Rawls focuses on the church's use of photography

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer
"Photography and the Church" was the topic of discussion for a workshop led by Andrew Rawls, director of media services at Southern Seminary.

Rawls emphasized the numerous applications of photography that may be utilized by the local church. New member orientation was a key topic in introducing photography's versatility.

An amateur photographer in a church can produce photographs which highlight the personnel, programs and facilities. These photos can be used in a brochure for new members or on a bulletin board display. Rawls explained this would familiarize new members with key people in the church, reflect what the church is doing and show individuals where things are and where they need to go.

New member recognition is a second area where photography can be helpful. Creating a display with the names and pictures of new families and providing photos for the pastor to keep on file can help a church family get to know its new members more quickly and easily.

Other areas where photography can be useful include project promotions and project reports. Rawls stated mission projects, youth programs, music ministries and similar programs could be presented to the entire congregation through the use of slides and photographs.

He also mentioned church budget proposals could benefit from slide presentations. A program showing how a program would operate or what would be purchased provides the church with a better understanding of how their money will be spent.

Church histories, anniversaries and even church insurance were included in projects for a church photographer. Photographing the inside of the church is an invaluable way to record items which might otherwise be overlooked, Rawls explained.

Radio: a pliable medium for ministry

by Leigh Warren

Ed Malone, executive radio producer for the Radio and TV Commission, told seminar participants that radio is the most pliable of all media.

During the state-wide communications conference, Malone gave concrete suggestions for the local church interested in entering the radio ministry. First, Malone said every church should have a broadcast ministries committee.

He stated religious broadcasting on the local level has left a bad image of incompetency since most local churches in the past have not become actively involved in radio. Malone suggested

using one-minute spots and emphasized the necessity of quality programming.

The second step for a local church interested in radio is to visit the station manager and program director. "Ask them how you can help," said Malone. "They may tell you, for example, that they are in desperate need of some traffic spots to encourage people to drive safely during the holiday seasons. If your church helps them you may be assured that the radio station will call you again to do something else in the future."

Malone warned that a local church must be sure it is willing to commit

itself to the time and effort involved in working with radio.

Finally, Malone urged the use of radio programs produced by the Radio and TV Commission in conjunction with local radio stations. Current programs range from "The Baptist Hour" to "Powerline" and include "Streams in the Desert" and "Country Crossroads." The Radio and TV Commission encourages local churches to produce one-minute spots to be used before and after the Commission programs. More information may be obtained by contacting Claude Cox in the marketing department of the Radio and TV Commission.

Mountains to the Mississippi



RA's and GA's of First Baptist Church, Madisonville, recently buried a time capsule to be opened in the year 2000. Pictured [l-r] are Tim Parker, Shon Libby, Colleen Beale and Penny Branson. Among items placed in the capsule were pictures of the children and their leaders, a church bulletin, an evangelical tract and a copy of Western Recorder.

Congregations

Rockport destroyed in fire
Rockport (Ky.) Baptist Church was destroyed by fire Saturday morning Mar. 28. The facilities were valued at \$100,000.

The building was recently renovated at a cost of \$47,000 and was only partly insured.

Pastor Recie Young says reconstruction will begin soon on the same site. The church will continue to meet in the Rockport Presbyterian Church.

FBC, Richmond, youth lead church
Approximately 75 young people participated in the observance of youth week at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Youth of the church assisted with home prayer meetings relative to a forthcoming revival, handled details of the Wednesday evening service, were in charge of the morning worship service and the youth chorale presented "Celebrate Life."

Scott Althaus was youth pastor. Other staff members included Paul Sowders, minister of education; Bill Ellis, minister of music and youth; and Justin Ogden, youth assistant.

H. Lee Webb, minister of music and youth, was in charge of arranging and promoting the activities. Webb was assisted by Pam Jones, First Baptist youth assistant.

Oneida church baptizes 78
Joel A. Rackley, pastor of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Church, reported an unusual baptism service Apr. 15. That day 78 young people, all Oneida Baptist Institute students, were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Among those baptized were students from Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Danville, Manchester, Harrodsburg, Frankfort, Elizabethtown, Versailles, Paris, Morehead and Kings Mountain.

The group included students from the states of New York, Florida, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio. Foreign students baptized were young men from Vietnam, Mexico and Iran.

Rackley said other baptismal services are scheduled for May 3 and 11. Candidates awaiting baptism include two young Moslems from Iran.

John Walsh speaks in Louisville
John Walsh, Southern Baptist campus minister at Princeton University, will make several appearances in Louisville May 20-24.

Among these is a presentation at Southern Seminary's ethics luncheon Wednesday, May 20 at 12 noon. He will also speak at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Wednesday prayer meeting followed by a meeting with Crescent Hill's World Peacemakers at 7 p.m.

Grace Baptist teacher writes book
Alice J. Kinder, Sunday school teacher at Grace Baptist Church of East Shilbiana for 25 years, has written another book. The new book, "Old-Fashioned Mountain Mothers," is a collection of stories Mrs. Kinder has written for newspaper columns.

The stories are on early mountain women whose Christian faith sustained them in difficult times. It may be obtained for \$3.00 from Alice J. Kinder, Rte. 6, Box 666, Pikeville, KY 41501.

Two churches join for baptism
Friendly Grove Baptist Church, Gatewood, and Karns Grove Baptist Church combined baptismal services Sunday, Mar. 29.

From Friendly Grove Baptist Church Sharon and Joe Halley, Herbert Sheldon and Steve Lawson were baptized. Bill Boswell of Karns Grove was also baptized.

Ronnie Lambert, Friendly Grove, and Al Robinson, Karns Grove, performed the service.

Mrs. "Monty" celebrates 99 years
Mrs. Montana McCormick was indeed surprised when Williamstown (Ky.) Baptist Church gave her a 99th birthday party Sunday, Feb. 1. The occasion, held in the church's fellowship hall, featured a covered dish meal, decorated birthday cakes and presents.

Mrs. Monty, as she is affectionate-

ly called, received over 200 birthday greetings at her home. During the party she was given an engraved Bible from the church. Williamstown mayor Herbert Caldwell proclaimed Feb. 1 "Montana McCormick Day" and she was presented with a key to the city.

Mrs. Monty, born Montana Carter, married John E. McCormick and moved to Williamstown in 1922.

She became an employee of Grant County Deposit Bank for 37 years. During this time, many Grant County residents came to know her.

John W. Keith is pastor of Williamstown Baptist Church.

Personnel

Beard to pastor Valley Creek
Bill Beard, pastor of Austin Village Baptist Church, Warren, Oh., for seven years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Valley Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. Beard is a former pastor in Kentucky. While serving in Ohio he was a member of the Ohio Baptist executive board twice and served one year as first vice president of the Ohio convention.

Pastor and Mrs. Beard have two daughters, one of whom is employed in the admissions office at Campbellsville College. The other is Mrs. Roger Weddle, wife of the pastor of Hustonville Baptist Church.

Miss Miller leaves Walnut Street
Miss Mary Miller, director of children's ministries at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, will retire Apr. 30.

The church plans to recognize her in the morning and evening services Sunday, Apr. 26. A reception in her honor will follow the Sunday evening service.

Miss Miller has been a staff member at the church 26 years.

Thomason new book store manager
Bill Thomason, an employe of Hawley-Cooke Booksellers in Louisville since 1978, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Seminary.

A native of Oklahoma, Thomason earned the BA degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and BD and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

He has been an instructor of philosophy at the University of Louisville and an assistant professor of religion at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

Roberts joins New Panther Creek
New Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Paul Roberts to be its pastor.

Patterson leaves Olaton Baptist
Olaton Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, is without a pastor since Duane Patterson resigned.

Patterson was transferred to Illinois.

Moore resigns Highland Heights post
Ron Moore has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Highland Heights, after 11 years. He has accepted the pastorate of Anathasia Baptist Church, St. Augustine, Fla.

Moore is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary.

He has been on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and

is presently a director of Western Recorder. His last Sunday with the Highland Heights congregation was Apr. 19.

Pierce accepts Buckner call
James Daniel Pierce has accepted Buckner Baptist Church's call to be its pastor. Pierce, a Louisville native, will receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in June.

He has been the pastor of Garfield Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

Pierce and his wife Katherine have two children.

Evans to lead Southside
Southside Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, has called Allan Evans as pastor.

Evans, who resides in Corbin, was previously song leader at Twentieth Street Baptist Church.

Fisher new pastor at Twentieth Street
Roger Fisher is new pastor of Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Fisher previously served in the Green Road Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Watts receives McKinney call
Johnnie Watts has received a call to pastor McKinney Baptist Church, Lincoln Association.

Watts, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, is from Hawkins, Tex. He and his wife, the former Alicia Gail Treat, have two children.

Black accepts Totz pastorate
James Black, native of Carlinville, Ill., accepted the call to pastor Totz (Ky.) First Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Black is married to the former Ann Urbonas of Carlinville. They have two children.

Day accepts DeHaven position
William E. Day has been called to pastor DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sulfur Fork Association.

Day is a graduate of Georgetown College with a BA degree in history and Latin. He received the MA degree in secondary education from Catherine Spalding College and the MA degree in history from Western Kentucky University. Day also holds a BD degree from Southern Seminary.

Married to the former Lonnie Ann Hoffman, the Days have two sons William Eric, 18, and Scott, 15. Day is presently serving in his fifth year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bedford, Ind.

He will deliver his first sermon as DeHaven's pastor Sunday, June 7.

Revivals

Grey conducts Kentucky revivals
J. D. Grey, native Kentuckian and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has scheduled two April revivals in Kentucky.

He was with Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Paul M. Welch, pastor, Apr. 5-10. He will be with Walnut Street Church, Louisville. Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Apr. 19-22.

Buck Grove held April revival
Eight laymen from Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church and two from Louisville's Rockford Lane Baptist Church led a weekend revival at Buck Grove Church, Brandenburg, Apr. 10-12.

Several decisions were forthcoming, and more than 100 witnessing visits in homes were reported.

John Catlett of Westport Road coordinated the effort. John Merit, a doctoral student at Southern Seminary, is pastor at Buck Grove.

Bald Rock revival saves four
Bald Rock Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, held a week long revival Mar. 16-22. Jack Sherman was evangelist.

During the revival services four people were saved and eight rededicated their lives.

Taylor Hampton is pastor.

Ordinations

Houston ordained by London
Dallas Houston was ordained to the ministry Mar. 20 by First Baptist Church, London.

Houston has been called as pastor of Laurel Chapel Baptist Church.

Bald Rock pastor ordains son
On Sunday, Apr. 5 Bald Rock Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, ordained Raymond Lee Hampton to the gospel ministry.

Hampton is the son of Bald Rock's pastor, Taylor Hampton. Young Hampton has been pastor of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church since February. He has been preaching two years.

16-year-old pastor ordained
Douglas Wesley was ordained Sunday, Apr. 12 by Poplar Grove Baptist Church and Casey-Lincoln Association. James Brown, pastor of Poplar Grove, gave the charge.

Wesley has been pastor of Poplar Springs Baptist Church since his licensing last December.

Wesley, 16 years old, is a junior at Casey County High School. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. David M. Wesley, Liberty.

Temple Hill ordains four deacons
Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association, ordained four deacons Mar. 29. The new deacons include Stephen Jones, David Riddle, Wilson Shelton and Charles David Smith.



Justls go to South Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Justl were among 24 persons named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Apr. 7 at the Lakeland (Fla.) Civic Center.

They will work in South Brazil where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Dry Ridge, Ky., and she is a kindergarten teacher at Highview Christian Academy, Louisville.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Johann Justl of Houston, Tex., he was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, and grew up in Harlingen, Tex. He received the BA degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and expects to receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in December. He also attended Texas A & U University, Kingsville, and Laredo (Tex.) Junior College.

Justl was assistant administrator of a nursing home in Brownsville, Tex., and administrator of a nursing home in Laredo. While in college in Missouri he was minister of youth at Liberty Manor (Mo.) Baptist Church.

Mrs. Justl, the former Elizabeth Ruth Qualls, was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries Samuel and Emanetta Qualls. She grew up in Brazil and in Harlingen, Tex., her hometown. She received the BA degree from William Jewell College and is a student at Southern Seminary. She also attended Texas A & I University and Pan American University, Edinburg, Tex. She was a teacher's aide in Laredo and a bank teller in Harlingen and in Liberty.

The Justls will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.



Hamptons to Costa Rica

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Hampton will work in Costa Rica, where he will be an institute teacher and she will be a church and home worker. They, too, were among those missionaries named Apr. 7 by the Foreign Mission Board. He is director of church growth and church extension for the Kansas City (Kan.) Baptist Association for the Home Mission Board and they are members of First Baptist Church of Bethel, Kansas City.

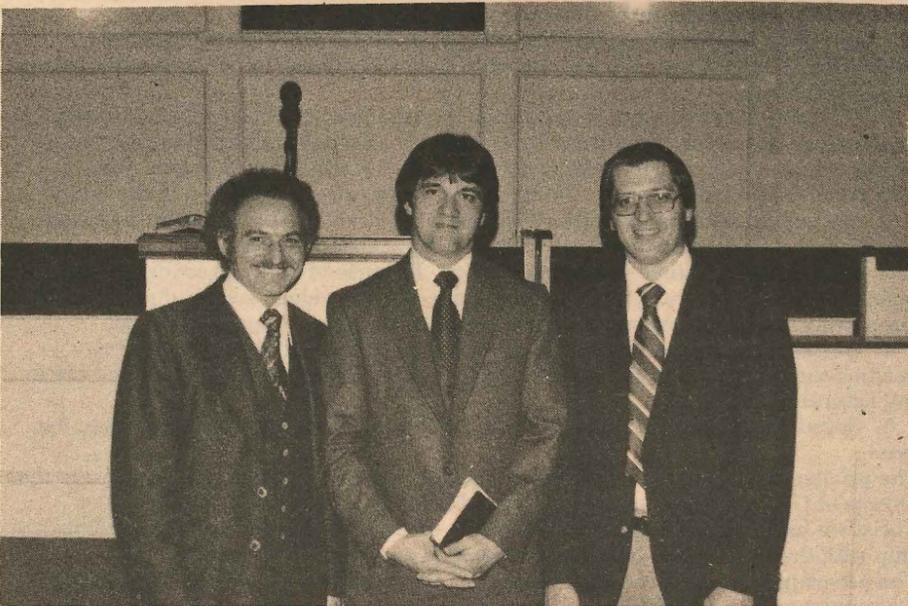
Born and reared in Louisville, Ky., Hampton is the son of Joseph E. Hampton Jr. and the late Mrs. Hampton of Palm Bay, Fla. He considers Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, his home church.

He earned the BA degree from Kentucky Southern College, Louisville. He also attended Southern Seminary and is attending Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, where he expects to receive the MRE degree in July.

Hampton served as minister of music and youth at Eastwood (Ky.) Baptist Church and Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville. He served as pastor of a mission in the Worcester area of Massachusetts and was minister of education for First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Neb., before being appointed by the Home Mission Board to Nebraska as a missionary associate for church extension.

Mrs. Hampton, the former Elaine DiCarmine, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James V. DiCarmine of Louisville, her hometown, where she was a member of Eastern Parkway Baptist Church. She earned the BA from Kentucky Southern College.

The Hamptons have a son, Jeremy Aaron, 8, and a daughter, Christy Michelle, 4.



Union [Ky.] Baptist Church recently ordained three deacons [l-r], Roy F. Widener, Danny Smith and Byron Nelson. Chairman of the deacons George Ratcliff Jr. delivered the deacons' charge while David S. Carter, Union pastor, delivered the charge to the church.

Missions

4 Kentuckians appointed journeymen
The Foreign Mission Board approved 92 young adults for training as missionary journeymen during its April meeting in Tampa, Fla.

Four Kentuckians were among the 92 selected. Miss Tammy Foster, Murray, will serve in Zimbabwe along with Miss Teresa Jones, Bowling Green. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gray, Louisville, will go to South Brazil. Kevin Rutledge, also of Louisville, will work in Austria for his two-year term.

Those approved compose the 17th group of college graduates under 26 years going overseas to work two years with career missionaries.

Thompsons arrive in Malawi
Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Thompson, missionaries to Malawi, have arrived on the field for language study.

Born in Salt Lick, Ky., Thompson grew up in Mt. Sterling and Owingsville. Formerly Mary Hancock of Kentucky, Mrs. Thompson was born in McLean County and grew up in Calhoun.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

Five Kentuckians named by HMB
Ervin and Mary Cope, Mt. Washington, John and Jacqueline Copeland, Louisville, and Susan Griffin, Louisville, were among 36 people appointed to mission service by the Home Mission Board in March.

Cope will be mission pastor of Bangersville Baptist Church, Bangersville, Ind. Prior to appointment he was pastor of churches in Carey and Mt. Washington.

He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, and University of Kentucky, Cumberland.

The Copelands were named church

planter apprentices in Anchorage, Ak. Formerly, he was a church planter with the church extension summer seminar program, North Pole, Ak.

He is a graduate of North Georgia College, Dahlonega, and Southern Seminary.

Miss Griffin is director of weekday ministries, Trinity Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a missionary associate/student intern and program director, Wesley Community House in Louisville, prior to appointment.

She is a graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee, and Southern Seminary.

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by Jesse Hatfield
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Hebrews 1:1-4 God has spoken to men through his work of creation, through human conscience, through various messengers, through the written Word and through Christ. Earlier revelations were fragmentary and incomplete but the revelation of God in and through Christ is complete. When one sees Christ through faith he beholds the very attributes of God. Christ is the complete revelation of God. He is the redeemer of all God's people, and has the power to forgive sin and cleanse its consequences. He supplies peace for the mind, satisfaction for the soul and joy for the heart.

Seated "on the right hand of the Majesty on high" where he intercedes for us, Christ has received higher honors than any angel. He is as far above the angels as the creator is above his creatures. That truth needed to be impressed upon the Hebrews for they were inclined to exalt the angels unduly.

Hebrews 2:1-8 This passage contains an important warning based on the revelation of God in his Son. Careful heed must be given to what has been revealed and to the things which we have heard. We have been urged not to drift away from the truth and must never forget that anyone who does so must give an account to God.

While the message of the angels was steadfast, that of the Lord Jesus was even greater. The validity of his message was confirmed by miracles, signs and wonders. Just as the miracles were to be seen, the message was to be believed. Every Christian is expected to give earnest heed to God's great salvation and to the obligations which grow out of the rightful relationship to the Lord.

This salvation, which God wrought for lost sinners, deserves to be called "great." It is great in its conception, cost and content. It delivers the soul from death to life, sin to righteousness, and defeat to victory. When we come into possession of it, through God's grace, we get new desires and motives. Quoting the Psalmist, who was overwhelmed with the grandeur of the universe, the writer rejoiced in what man might become.

Made in the image of God, man is the crowning piece of God's creation. God endowed man with the ability to think, dream and hope. The fact that we are God-made should elevate our conception of manhood and deliver us from worthless thoughts and ungodly deeds.

WHO IS LOST?

Life and Work Series

Man's redemption from sin cost God the best that he had—his Son, and cost Christ his life's blood.

The plight of sinners—Ephesians 2:1-3 In describing our condition before Christ saved us Paul mentions three things in these verses:

1. We were dead in trespasses and sins (2:1). Physically we were alive but spiritually we were dead. We had deviated from the right path and failed to conform to the will of God.

2. We were disobedient to God (2:2-3a). We thought and lived as the world did, in alienation from God. Influenced by entangling affections, sinful associates and unholy companions, we yielded our allegiance to Satan and pleased him. We followed our own evil natures, "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind."

3. We were deserving of wrath (2:3b). Before Christ saved us the wrath of God rested upon us. Without Christ we were in a hopeless condition.

The provision of salvation—Ephesians 2:4-5 Because of our past condition and inability to save ourselves, in matchless grace and marvelous love God provided for our salvation. In contrast with what we were, in our present position we are:

1. Quickened from the dead (2:5). Between our past condition and present position there is as much difference as that which obtains between death and life in the natural realm.

2. Saved from sin (2:5b). How grateful we are that Christ has saved us from our sins!

The privilege of the saved—Ephesians 2:12-13 Before Christ saved us we were the objects of God's displeasure and separated from him, but through the blood of Christ we have been brought into the family of God. We greatly enjoy our fellowship with the people who have been redeemed and reconciled to God.

The preaching which honors the Saviour—1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-24 Unwilling that beautiful words or human eloquence should obscure the gospel of Christ, Paul was careful to preach "the word of the cross" instead of words of wisdom from men. Many reject the message of the cross because it precludes any possibility of salvation through self-effort. Here are three types of religious life. "The Jews require a sign," that is, an outward display of the spectacular and miraculous. "The Greeks seek after wisdom," that is, considering themselves the embodiment of culture in art, literature, science and philosophy they unhesitatingly claimed intellectual supremacy. Speaking for Christians, Paul said we will stand by the Christ of the cross, who is the power and wisdom of God.

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Clear Creek Comments

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Spring at the springs

Clear Creek Baptist School and the area where it is located has an interesting history. The region around the school is known as Clear Creek Springs because of the springs of water which are abundant here. People have long been aware that the water contains properties beneficial to humans. The residents of the area often visit the springs to carry back containers of the water.

The first sessions of our school were conducted near the springs with students living and studying in tents. These sessions were naturally held during the warm months. The school was later named Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, but in 1958 it was changed to the more descriptive Clear Creek Baptist School.

One of the first permanent structures on the campus was the Alice Rains Auditorium, which was perhaps the largest auditorium in the area. Many famous personalities from all over the United States preached there, including Robert G. Lee, who pastored Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and was a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

When Kelly Hall was constructed during the late 1930's and early 1940's most of the school's activities were moved there. It was built of native stone taken from the two creeks which flow through the campus. It is told that Dr. L. C. Kelly sometimes jokingly asked students to pray for a rain to wash more stones down the creek.

You may help Clear Creek by faithfully supporting our ministry. Your regular contributions enable us to continue our policy of the lowest tuition and fees possible. Costs at the school are extremely reasonable and it is only through your continued support that we can continue to provide low-cost, quality theological education.

You may also assist by telling your friends about us. If you support our work, your friends may also wish to do so. If there are persons in your church who would benefit by our program refer them to us or send me their names.

Another excellent way you can help is including Clear Creek in your estate planning. An ad which has appeared frequently in Western Recorder urges persons making a will to include us in it. If you would like additional information, send your request to the Office of Development, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

An additional way of assistance is praying for us. This is an important factor in our work. As you pray, remember our faculty and staff as well as the students.

Clear Creek Baptist School is important in the work of the kingdom of God. We often state, "Clear Creek School will be needed as long as the Bible is needed." God placed us here way back in 1926 and our school will be here preparing men and women for ministry until the Lord returns.

Should you desire to see our program first-hand, why not plan a trip to the campus soon. If you will let me know before you come, I'll give you a personal tour of our facilities. You may write to me or call me at 606-337-2380 for additional information. I hope to hear from you soon.

KBC Activities

Here and now

APRIL

- 23-25 Annual WMU Meeting. Ashland, Unity Baptist Church. 7 p.m. 23rd through noon 25th. Supper, Baptist Young Women, 24th. Reservations made with WMU, KBC
- 24 Adult/Youth Music Festival. Louisville, Parkland Baptist Church
- 24 All Ages Music Festivals. Hopkinsville, First Baptist Church and Mayfield, First Baptist Church
- 24-25 All State Youth Choir Festival East. Cedarmore. 7 p.m. 24th through 4 p.m. 25th. Register with Church Music Department, KBC
- 25 Children's Bible Drills. Register 11 a.m. local time; drills begin 12:30. Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church, and Lexington, Immanuel Baptist Church
- 26 Life Commitment Sunday. Materials in Baptist Program

Looking ahead

MAY

- 2 State Royal Ambassador Track Meet. Cedarmore
- 3 Senior Adult Day. Suggestions in Mature Living or from Church Services Division, KBC
- 3-10 Christian Home Week. Suggestions available from Family Ministry Services, KBC. New books available from Baptist Book Store
- 8-9 State Youth Choir Festival West. Jonathan Creek. 7 p.m. 8th through 4 p.m. 9th. Register with Church Music Department, KBC
- 8-9 WMU Associational Clinic. Cedarmore. Evening meal 8th through noon meal 9th. Reservations made with Cedarmore
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11-13 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedarmore. Evening meal Monday through lunch Wednesday. For all Senior Adults and their leaders. Register with Cedarmore. Retreat repeats May 18-20

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

Oneida Journal

The art of fencing

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I was on the farm fencing crew when I was a freshman at Oneida. That was my work assignment every afternoon until I was assigned to the library in winter.

Last spring a crew of our boys made a number of trips up Bullskin Creek to Buffalo to cut locust trees. The boys then built some stout wooden fences with the locust posts. They also strung nearly a mile of barbed wire fence on and around our farm.

Oneida boys have been working on fences for nearly 80 years, but for the past four years we've had another sort of fencing, the sport of fencing or sword-fighting. Only the largest high schools and several of the universities in Kentucky have fencing teams.

In 1980, our boys varsity fencing team broke every state tournament record of the past 13 years to win the state championship. To do so, they had to defeat schools like Manual and Male and Seneca, all schools with enrolments nearly 10 times that of Oneida. Our girls team was runner-up in their state tournament. In 1979, our girls were state champs and our boys were runners-up in the boys' tourney.

In March we hosted our first Oneida invitational fencing tournament. Three universities and three high schools took part. Vanderbilt University, Miami University and Morehead University participated. Louisville's Sacred Heart Academy, Ft. Knox and Oneida were the high schools.

Dale Sweeney of Vanderbilt, former fencing coach, volunteered his services as referee. There were 28 hours of actual competition in the two day tournament.

The art of fencing requires grace, coordination and quickness of movement. Tips on the swords, protective vests and wire mesh face guards protect against serious injury. The weapons include the foil, epee and sabre.

The men and women's teams of Vanderbilt won the championship trophy and Miami University's teams were runners-up.

Oneida's teams placed third ahead of Morehead University and the other two high schools. Sweeney was most complimentary of the way the tournament had been organized and said that two of our boys showed special promise. He added he would be interested in their coming to Vanderbilt. Last year one of our girls received a fencing scholarship to Fairleigh Dickerson University in New Jersey where she has made the dean's list.

Oneida's coach is Bob Turner, a Kentuckian raised in New York, who graduated from UK where he was a fencing team member. While at UK, he had a conversion experience that dramatically changed his life.

He has been one of our social studies teachers for the past six years and was assistant dean of boys for two years. He married Bonnie Hawkins, one of our elementary teachers, in the first wedding to be held in our new chapel. They have a son, Micah Glen-Alan, named for the captain of our fencing team for three years, Glenn Miller. Glenn, who is now a student at Cumberland College, was back to participate as an individual in the tourney.

This year our fencers have competed in Michigan as well as at The University of The South in Tennessee besides various Kentucky competitions. Oneida students have been in nine different state tournaments the past two years. Other Oneida sports are: basketball, baseball, track, cross-country, tennis, wrestling, swimming, diving, table tennis and soccer.

Frank Owen



Rejects

Driving by Toledo, Ohio caused me to remember a story told me by the late C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, and whose good friend I was privileged to be.

Dr. Johnson said he was on some kind of a guided tour of a huge plant in which precision machinery was manufactured. (I don't recall for sure, but I believe it was Toledo Scales.)

They came into a large area with machinery stacked here and there and the guide said, "these are rejects. They have, through some inaccuracy or accidental damage, been declared unfit for the strictest demands of the service for which they were originally intended."

"Are they to be destroyed?" asked Dr. Johnson.

"No, replied the guide, they're still very fine machines, capable of all sorts of useful service in operations where the demands are not quite so exacting."

It is a parable on many of our lives. I suppose all of us mortals are to some degree or other, "rejects." We have failed in our responsibilities in God's high calling as His people. Our talents are insufficient or our sins have scarred us and many of us are not capable of the more exacting demands of yet higher service for which we may have been intended.

Are we to be destroyed? Of course not. "God is love." (I John 4:8) "It is not the will of the Father that any should perish." (Matt. 18:14) "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save the." (Luke 9:56)

Perhaps even more precious than the knowledge of the fact that we are not to be destroyed for our sins and failures, is the fact that we "rejects" are yet useable for God's Glory in other circumstances and services in which the demands are not quite so exacting. "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter, so he made it again." (Jer. 18:4)

Women pastors:

Are they preaching up a controversial storm?



Dr. Anne P. Rosser speaks with departing worshippers at the Bainbridge Street location of Bainbridge-Southampton Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Rosser is copastor with her husband, Dr. Aubrey J.

Rosser, of the "one church in two locations." The two pastors alternate their morning preaching between the inner city and suburban ministry points in Virginia's capital city.

by Tom Miller, Associate Editor, The Religious Herald

Two Richmond, Va. women—Anne P. Rosser and Janet Garrison are finding happiness and fulfillment in the pastorate.

While ordination of women is not approved by the majority of Southern Baptists, the storm of protest which at first accompanied ordination has quickly given way to respect for local church autonomy.

Two Richmond congregations have exercised that autonomy. Mrs. Rosser, along with her husband, Aubrey J. "Buddy" Rosser, is copastor of Bainbridge-Southampton Baptist Church and Miss Garrison is associate pastor-interim pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rosser's call to full time Christian service was acknowledged when she was a child. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Westhampton College she married Buddy and interpreted her call as being the wife of a pastor.

She helped put her husband through seminary and for 22 years was a wife and mother. Then, in 1973, with the support of her husband, then pastor of Monument Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, she applied for admission to Union Seminary, Richmond.

Four years later she completed the prescribed course and received the doctor of ministry degree.

She was ordained—not with opposition—at Monument Heights Baptist Church June 4, 1978. For more than a year the Rossers prayed and worked and waited before accepting a call to Bainbridge-Southampton church, a marriage of Bainbridge Street in a deteriorating neighborhood and Southampton, a suburban church staggered by white flight.

By calling copastors the church in two locations is able to schedule both morning worship services at the traditional 11 a.m. hour. The Rossers usually preach on the same theme and scripture but have learned each had to do his and her own preparation. Neither is "senior" pastor and Mrs. Rosser praises her husband. "He is very, very special. He is his person and I am mine. It took a big person to do what he did. We don't always agree, but we always work through disagreements until we are both satisfied.

"So much of what we've been taught about the

church and about women is unscriptural. We've adopted cultural mores and baptized them with scripture. Many who call themselves inerrantists, aren't. In sermons they interpret scripture through culture rather than letting scripture evaluate their culture."



Miss Janet Garrison, interim pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., is assisted in worship services by a male minister of education and a female minister of music. A graduate of Southern Seminary,

Miss Garrison, a 27-year-old graduate of Meredith College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was already on the staff of Chamberlayne Baptist Church as a pastoral intern when William R. Smith resigned last June. The church, which had ordained her Mar. 30, 1980, asked her to assume full pastoral responsibilities.

Although she felt called of God, as a seminarian she did not have the pastoral ministry as her goal. "Frankly," she says, "I had . . . a problem with women being pastors."

A turning point was a seminary course on women in Christian history. "It opened my mind to greater possibilities," she said.

Her job seeking failed so Miss Garrison "went home" for counsel. Home is Chamberlayne church where she grew up and experienced God's call.

"I didn't come to Chamberlayne looking for a job," she said. "But as I talked with Bill Smith it was he who suggested a possible staff position."

She was quickly integrated into pastoral roles through the initiative of the senior minister. Smith's move to Florida in midsummer thrust her suddenly into all the preaching, administrative and ministry responsibilities.

"Fulfillment in a pastoral role became a growing thing," she said. "Women have not been given the opportunity. It simply was not an available option."

"The people have seen me and related to me as pastor. They placed me in that role and it helped me to grow," she says.

Church attendance is up, and since assuming her duties, Miss Garrison has preached twice each Sunday, conducted Wednesday prayer services, performed marriages, conducted funerals and baptized 20 persons, nine of them in one service.

"The congregation has taken the attitude of 'Let's not wait on a new pastor to do what needs to be done,'" she says. "And as long as I am here, I'm going to assume the role as pastor and move forward."

She pointedly says, "I don't try to be anyone else. I can't imitate Bill Smith. The power of God's spirit allows us to be total people. We are called to celebrate what we are, not try to be what we aren't. I am a woman and it doesn't get in my way. I am not called to lose my femininity."

she was ordained by her home church when she became pastoral intern, then elevated to associate pastor and asked to take full pastoral responsibilities when the senior minister resigned.