

## Draper responds to committee criticism

Commenting that "some voice needs to be raised," James T. Draper Jr. has defended the personnel and selection of the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention committee on committees.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., and chairman of the committee on committees, made his comments in the wake of criticism of the committee by a group led by Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., and Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Selection of the 52-member committee was announced in April by Bailey E. Smith, president of the SBC. The committee, which does not require convention approval, names the key committee on boards and other special committees authorized by the convention.

"A group who call themselves 'denominational loyalists' have cast many accusations and much criticism at this group of men and women," Draper told Baptist Press. "As chairman of this committee I must respond to these senseless and vicious charges."

Draper, a former associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., of which Bailey Smith currently is pastor, said he is a "third generation Southern Baptist preacher, graduate of two Southern Baptist schools and holds an honorary doctorate from a third."

He pointed out that Euless First Baptist will give some \$150,000 in undesignated Cooperative Program gifts in 1981 and nearly \$300,000 to the Tarrant Baptist Association.

"We have increased all our Cooperative Program and missions gifts by over 300 percent in the last five years," he said.

Draper said in the wake of the criticism information was developed on those who are to serve on the committee.

"There is one state executive secretary, three directors of missions, two presidents of state executive boards, at least three state convention presidents, at least one former vice president of a state convention and another was elected president of his state's pastors' conference. One member is Korean and one a black, who was vice president of his state convention and now moderator of his association," Draper said.

He added Cooperative Program giving is good among the members, saying a random check of 15 of the members showed one pastor led his church to give 22 percent through the Cooperative Program, two gave 20 percent, one gave 16.5 percent, two gave 15 percent, two gave 11 percent, six gave 10 percent and the other contributes 9.3 percent.

"Others at random include one trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, one member of the trustees of the Annuity Board, and many who serve state boards and committees.

"The broad base of this committee does not deserve the accusations received. Surely in these critical times we need prayer and not pre-judgment and condemnation," Draper said.

He added, "We have not even met yet. We will do our job well, fairly and with devotion. If we fail to do that, then criticize us."

"There is no place in Southern Baptist life for the irresponsible, misleading, deliberately distorted, inflammatory and unchristian accusations that have been hurled at this fine group of people on this committee."



After six years as the leading elected lady in Southern Baptist life, Mrs. A. Harrison [Christine] Gregory completes her tenure as 12th president of Woman's Missionary Union at the annual meeting, June 8, in Los Angeles. WMU is a 1.1 million-member auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. "Mission action is my first and last love," Mrs. Gregory explained. "Ministering and witnessing are the greatest honors in the world."

## Fire guts Oneida building

Oneida Baptist Institute suffered the loss of a building May 16, according to president Barkley Moore. The building destroyed was Bige and Rachel Hensley Hall, a combination dormitory and maintenance building.

One of the latest structures to be completed on campus, the building also housed a barber and beauty shop and a dean's apartment. Moore estimated the loss at approximately \$375,000. Only the first floor walls remained standing after the fire.

Moore speculates that the cause was an electrical shortage. He said the building was insured by not enough to cover the loss of the building and all the fixtures.

## Longtime Ky. minister O. W. Yates dies

O. W. Yates, a well known Kentucky Baptist minister, died May 18 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Yates, who would have been 93 years old May 23, had been in declining health for several years. He was very active in retirement years and was often seen in Baptist meetings after he passed the age of 90.

Yates, a native of North Carolina, graduated from Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary. He was pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, when he was elected to the faculty and administration of Bethel College, Russellville. He also taught at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, before going to Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., to head the religion department.

From Ouachita he came to Georgetown College and was instrumental in raising funds to construct the John L. Hill Chapel. Yates also raised most of the funds for the construction of Central Baptist Hospital.

## SBC not purchasing Harlan, Ky. coal mine

by C. R. Daley, Editor

It's the Los Angeles Church Loan Corporation and not the Southern Baptist Convention that is negotiating to buy coal property in eastern Kentucky. Persistent rumors have plagued the Harlan, Ky., area since May. The first rumor was that one of the areas largest mines was about to be purchased by the Southern Baptist Convention. The report upset members and pastors of Baptist churches in the area.

Office workers and the coal company lawyer were convinced that the person who offered to buy Kentucky Harlan Coal Company was a Californian representing the Southern Baptist Convention.

But W. C. Bryant, executive director of the Los Angeles Church Loan Corporation, has no idea how they got that impression.

"I have always tried to keep this relationship clear in everybody's mind," said Bryant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norwalk, Cal.

"The Los Angeles Church Loan Corporation is a privately held corporation," explained Robert Hughes, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. "It has nothing whatsoever to do with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. We disclaim any knowledge of its current operation or relationship."

The Los Angeles Church Loan Corporation, founded in 1963, was at first directly related to the Los Angeles Baptist Association. That relationship ended in 1975 and the corporation now has no ties with any Southern Baptist agency or institution.

Neither Bryant nor Kentucky Harlan mine lawyer Bill Forrester would confirm the asking price of the company. Area Baptists say it's between \$26 and \$36 million. Bryant says he is negotiating for several mines.

## No registration card; no registration at SBC

A registration card or a written confirmation will be required for messengers to register at the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles.

Registration secretary Lee Porter said persons who try to register without the card or written confirmation will not be registered.

The ruling is the second phase of increased checking of the registration process for messengers elected by the churches. It is part of a three-year plan to correct violations discovered at the 1979 annual meeting in Houston.

The registration cards, Porter said, are available to churches through state convention offices and most associations.

Registration for the SBC will open at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at Los Angeles Convention Center.

### Correction

Russell Bennett Jr. will begin his service as executive director of Long Run Baptist Association July 1 instead of July 31 as published in the May 13 issue of Western Recorder.

*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

### Americans United deserves strong support

Kentucky is a historical battleground in the separation of church and state struggle. As champions of religious liberty Kentucky Baptists through the years have been in the thick of this struggle and still are.

Not always having all the resources needed to do effective battle, Kentucky Baptists have often looked for help from those beyond our borders who share our convictions and possess the needed expertise. Among our most willing and helpful allies have been the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

In the minds of some these organizations perform the same services but this is far from so. Both are needed because each has its distinctive objectives and methods. This conclusion is based upon this writer's experience as a member of the Joint Committee for two terms several years ago and as a present member of the National Advisory Board and the board of trustees of Americans United.

The Joint Committee is composed of Baptist bodies or conventions in the United States, about eight of whom now are cooperating. In Americans United, Baptists joined with other religious liberty lovers and defenders in America including Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other evangelicals as well as Catholics and non-Christians. Strange as it may seem, strong common concern for religious liberty has molded these different groups into an effective witness.

This alliance of religious liberty lovers sometimes makes for strange bedfellows. For example, Americans United and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) are on the same side in some law suits but their orientation and constituencies are far apart. These two organizations should never be confused.

Litigation is one service Americans United majors upon which is not in the assignment of the Baptist Joint Committee. It is in this realm that Americans United has scored many significant victories all the way from local courts to the Supreme Court. At this moment Americans United is involved in two lawsuits in Kentucky involving use of state tax funds for free textbooks in parochial schools and federal funds for teachers of special education in parochial schools. Funds to employ lawyers and to see these suits through the courts are being provided by Americans United.

Kentucky Baptists owe much to Americans United and the organization richly deserves moral support and financial contributions from

both churches and individuals. The need is made even more urgent because of expanded litigation activities planned by Americans United for the future.

Kentucky has made one unusually significant contribution to Americans United in the form of leadership. R. G. Puckett became executive director of this organization two years ago and is exceeding the highest expectations of those who selected him. In a recent meeting the executive committee of the Americans United trustees strongly affirmed his performance.

Gene came by his strong religious liberty convictions as a Kentucky Baptist. His skills in analysis, insight, communication and administration have been sharpened as a Baptist editor and denominational leader on the state and national level. He stands to make a major contribution to the preservation of religious liberty in America in the last part of the 20th century.

This is reassuring to many followers of Americans United who understandably wondered if a leader could be found anywhere to carry on the work of Glenn Archer. He built this organization from the ground up and is rightly regarded by many as the greatest living contributor to the preservation of the American constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

Requests for more information on this organization, as well as contributions, should be directed to Americans United, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

### Ft. Washington Baptists set inspiring example

Almost directly across the Potomac from Mt. Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington, is a historic site which is overlooked by most Washington visitors because of the great number of other major attractions. The landmark is Ft. Washington which I had missed until a recent memorable visit. The occasion was a revival with Bob Willets, a friend from college and seminary days, and with members of the Ft. Washington Baptist Church. The church is located a few miles south of Washington on the Maryland side of the Potomac.

Ft. Washington was first constructed in 1808 to protect the new national capitol. George Washington selected the site on a rise overlooking the Potomac on the Maryland side. Standing on its restored walls one can clearly see Mt. Vernon across the river and the majestic Washington monument a few miles up the river.

On the cloudy morn we chose to visit Ft. Washington no one was in sight save one national park ranger, but ghosts of numberless and nameless patriots were sweating and swear-

ing no enemy could sail past their cannons.

The first opportunity for Ft. Washington to defend the new capitol city was foiled by the British in 1814. They outfoxed the Americans by coming into Washington by land instead of by the river and setting fire to the White House, the Capitol and other public buildings. The cannons of Ft. Washington were spiked and the fort was destroyed rather than let it fall into British hands.

The fort was rebuilt but actually never figured in any battle though it was readied during the Civil War and was reactivated from time to time on a temporary basis until 1946 when it was transferred to the Department of Interior for a national park.

Near the entrance to the old fort stands a new, attractive church building. It very fittingly is the meeting place for a fellowship of Baptist believers which I found to be the nearest Baptist expression of the American dream for equality and brotherhood I have ever experienced. The surrounding lovely, wooded countryside along the Potomac and its fingers is inhabited mostly by government workers and military service families.

Blacks and whites and a few of other colors live side by side in some of the most attractive and well kept houses and landscapes to be seen anywhere. Without any publicity or manipulation the Ft. Washington Baptist Church has followed the New Testament pattern. Black and white Baptist neighbors study the Bible, sing, pray and worship together. Indeed, the fellowship is so real and meaningful that there is no awareness of different colors. The one overwhelming feeling in such surroundings is that this is the way it is supposed to be on earth and the way it will be in heaven.

The Ft. Washington Baptist fellowship is undeniable proof that to become one in Christ does remove all barriers no matter how ancient and strong they may be. Truly in Christ there is no black and white, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Ft. Washington experience of this visitor was an unforgettable blessing. It was a flesh and blood example of the kind of fellowship of saints one dreams of, prays for and longs for, but rarely finds.

George Washington would have reason to be proud of what's happening in 1981 across the Potomac from his home, and Abraham Lincoln would rejoice in knowing that emancipation is finally becoming a reality instead of a mere proclamation. Though legislative and judicial means are important, Ft. Washington Baptists prove that the realization of American ideals depends ultimately upon redeemed children of God accepting and treating one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Mrs. Cothen won't uphold committee challenge

Mrs. Bettye Cothen, one of 10 trustees of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions eligible but not renominated by the committee on boards for a second term, said she will not be part of any efforts to challenge the committee report when it is presented to the convention in Los Angeles.

"It has come to my attention that the failure of the committee on boards to renominate me may become a matter of controversy," said Mrs. Cothen, a member of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and the wife of Sunday School Board president Grady Cothen.

"I do not wish to have the seminary drawn into such a controversy and I have no desire to be involved personally in the dispute," she said. "Therefore, it is not my desire that the matter be reconsidered or that any effort be made to alter the recommendation of the committee."

Mrs. Cothen has served one term as a trustee of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., and

was eligible for renomination for a second term.

Instead of spending convention time challenging a committee report, Mrs. Cothen said, "It is my hope that the convention may center its attention on witnessing to a lost world."

## Hollis challenges sitcom

A Southern Baptist family specialist is challenging NBC's plans to air a prime-time situation comedy this fall featuring actor Tony Randall as a homosexual.

According to reports in the New York Times and United Press International, the program "Love, Sidney" will air on Wednesday evenings. It will feature Randall as an aging homosexual who befriends a young girl and helps raise her son born out of wedlock.

Harry Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission, takes issue with NBC's plans to focus on "such an immoral model of family life." He is calling on Southern Baptists and others to express their opinions on the pro-

posed show to NBC.

Hollis said people concerned about the show can write Richard Salant, vice chairman of the board of the National Broadcasting Company Inc., Thirty Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

## Students choosing church related work on upswing

The number of students at Southern Baptist related schools who plan to enter church-related vocations increased by nearly 1000 during the 1980-81 school year, according to an annual survey prepared by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The survey indicates that 23,758 students at 72 seminaries, colleges and schools plan to enter some type of Christian vocation, up last year from 22,791.

"It is significant that the greatest growth among church vocational students has been in Baptist seminaries and Bible schools," noted Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission. "Most of these students are in the last stages of their training so a greater number are likely to stay committed to a Christian vocation."

## Child care offered at SBC

Messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Los Angeles with small children will have preschool child care available in the convention center.

The service, for children who have not entered first grade, will be set up in room 216 of the Los Angeles Convention Center, where the SBC is to meet June 9-11. It will open Tuesday morn-

ing June 9 and will operate through Thursday night June 11.

It will not operate on Wednesday afternoon when no SBC sessions are planned.

The fee will be \$7 per day per child. Registration tables will be located on the second floor of the convention center.

## Radio-TV show to air

"Return To Freedom," a television documentary telling how a black couple was helped by friends to escape from a cult in Israel, will be aired again on NBC June 7, 1 p.m. EST.

The program, produced by NBC-TV in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, was initially aired by NBC last November.

"Return To Freedom" shows how easily people can be taken in by cults.

It details how Hazel and Tommy Whitfield of Chicago Heights, Ill., were caught up in a Black Hebrew cult whose members follow a self-appointed messiah and taught that they, instead of Israel's citizens, are the actual chosen people of the promised land.

Whitfield is a musician who played with B. B. King, James Brown, the Pharaohs, and with the musicians who later formed the group Earth, Wind and Fire.

The couple became Christian as a result of help given them by Southern Baptist missionaries at the Baptist Village at Petah Tikvah near Jerusalem.

# Baptist Forum

## Thankful for mission offerings

Several weeks ago I remember reading in Western Recorder your editorial on mission giving as a criterion for determining the health of a church. This letter gives me an opportunity to publicly affirm my appreciation to our people at Green Acres Baptist Church for their very gracious gifts that they have given in special emphasis to missions.

For this past Christmas season with the Lottie Moon foreign mission offerings emphasis our church set a goal of \$1250. We surpassed that goal by almost 33 percent with the total Lottie Moon Christmas offering gift of \$1693. In March for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering emphasis we set a goal for \$600. Again we surpassed our goal by almost 33.3 percent with a total home missions' gift of \$869.20. If your comments are truly correct I would say these amounts are positive indicators of the health of our church.

I truly believe that this is so. These indications prove the fact that we are reestablishing our missions as a church. We have much still needed to be done

in terms of witnessing to share our faith, disciplining new Christians and reaching out through other ministries that God has given to us, but I believe very firmly that we are moving in the right direction.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly affirm to our people and to other churches on Christ's mission that we are making progress. Our prayers go out to all other Baptist churches and other Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregations as we serve the Lord together as a part of his creation.

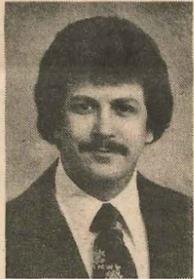
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## Personnel

**Edgewood pastor receives DMin**  
Gayle L. Toole, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville, received the DMin degree May 22 from Lexington Theological Seminary.  
Toole is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has served Edgewood since 1973. He is married to the former Jo Ann Rowlett, and they have a son, Todd.

**Romans leave for Lexington**  
Wendell Romans, a Butler County native, will begin his service as pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, May 31. He is moving to Lexington from First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington.

Romans is married to the former Lena McKinney.

**Campbell called to Hopewell**  
Hopewell Baptist Church, Jefferson-town, has called V. Allen Campbell as minister of music and youth.  
Sam W. C. Bell is pastor.

**Burke ends decade of service**  
Don J. Burke, pastor of Louisville's Highland Baptist Church for the past 10½ years, has resigned to accept the call from Greenwich Baptist Church, Greenwich, Conn. Burke is a native of New England and lived in Boston and Toronto before coming to Louisville.

Burke's service in Louisville has included participation in the radio and television program, Moral Side of the News, and in planning of many local churches and denominations.

The Greenwich congregation is the

largest Southern Baptist church in the New England area. Burke's resignation from Highland becomes effective Sunday, May 31.

**Voelkers to serve Woodlawn**  
Woodlawn Baptist Church, Lebanon, recently called Brian Voelker as minister of music and his wife, Shelia, as activities director. Voelker will enter Southern Seminary in the fall.

guage program coordinator for Kentucky.

**Harris serving in Hong Kong**  
Hong Kong-Macao is the site of the first term of missions work for Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Harris. Harris was reared in Bellevue, as was Mrs. Harris, formerly Marie Brotherton.

**Lindholms serving FMB in Yemen**  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Alvin Lindholm have begun their first term of service for the Foreign Mission Board in Yemen. Formerly Edna Hughes, Mrs. Lindholm is of Cadiz, Ky.

## Missions

**Robertsons serving first term in Peru**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Doyne Robertson are serving their first term as missionaries in Trujillo, Peru.

Born in Hickman, Ark., Robertson also lived in Manilla, Ky. Mrs. Robertson is a Mississippi native.

**Harlan, Moore commissioned to go**  
Dale Harlan of Bremen and Kendale Moore of Lexington were among 75 home missionaries commissioned recently at Prays Mill Baptist Church, Douglasville, Ga. Those commissioned represent 22 states and eight other countries.

Harlan is a missionary associate serving as church planter apprentice in Boone County, Iowa. He is a graduate of Murray State University.

Moore, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, is lan-

## Revivals

**Shakertown reports 31 revival decisions**  
Shakertown Baptist Church, Mercer Association, reported nine professions of faith, 18 rededications and four additions by letter in its spring revival, Apr. 26-May 1.

Bobby Slagle, pastor of Benton Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, was evangelist. H. C. Hedgespeth is Shakertown's interim pastor.

**Friendship #2 revival reaps 5 decisions**  
The spring revival at Friendship #2, Lynn Association, resulted in three new members and two rededications.

**Sherman leads Annville revival**  
The Jack Sherman evangelistic team, London led the revival at Annville Baptist Church, Irvine Association, Mar. 30-Apr. 5.

The church reported 48 decisions, including 15 baptisms. R. C. Flynn is pastor.

**Talley preaches for Brush Creek revival**  
Brush Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, closed its revival May 10. Gary Talley was evangelist. Ancil Durrett is pastor.

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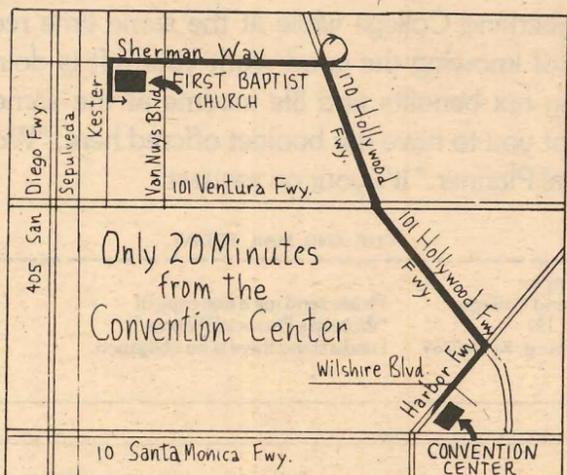
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After marriage in June to a seminary student, Bonita plans to start a deaf ministry at her husband's church in Litchfield, Kentucky. Her first love is children's deaf work. She is thankful for the education and instruction she has received at Boyce and also for the doors that have opened upon making the commitment to serve.



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# Kentucky BSU selects 16 for summer missions

## music, worship, drama ministry teams

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The Son Celebration team is a performing music team. They provide a variety of musical programs from fun music to worship concerts. They also assist in fellowships, Bible study and other outreach ministries.

The Son Celebration team members are Keith Bussell, Cumberland College;

Melva Curry, Campbellsville College; Alan Grant, Georgetown College; Dan Hargrave, Murray State University; Dee Dee Kalos, University of Louisville; and Yvonne Miller, Murray State University.

The Son Burst team is primarily engaged in creative worship experiences. They are versatile in providing leadership in Bible study, multi-media, evangelism and puppetry.

Son Burst team members are Richard Allen, Eastern Kentucky University; Kimberly Barron, University of Louisville; Elizabeth Kohli, Berea College; Jackie Moore, Northern Kentucky University; and Kevin Thomas, Morehead

State University.

The Son Share Players present the gospel through a repertoire of plays, monologues and skits. They are also trained in fellowship, recreation and worship skills.

Team members are Robin Burke and Tim Gooch, University of Louisville; Rebecca Greer, Cumberland College; Suzanne Hardee, Georgetown College; and Stacey Littlefield, Western Kentucky University.

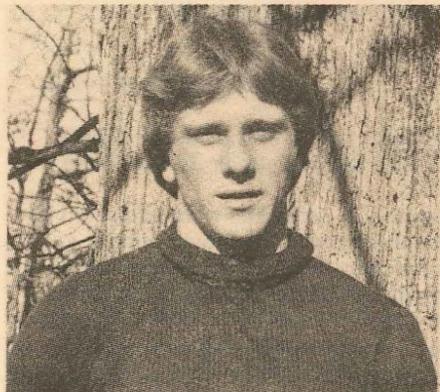
Each of the three teams is available for a single event, a weekend or a week. Each team travels in a van provided by the summer missions program of the state BSU and carries its own

equipment.

Hosts are responsible for providing lodging and meals. Honorariums are voluntary and will be placed in the BSU summer missions fund to cover expenses.

Kentucky Baptist churches and associations may schedule one of the teams in advance for programs for June 19 through Aug. 8. Several dates are already booked by churches that have used them in the past. Inquiries are to be made to the Student Work Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

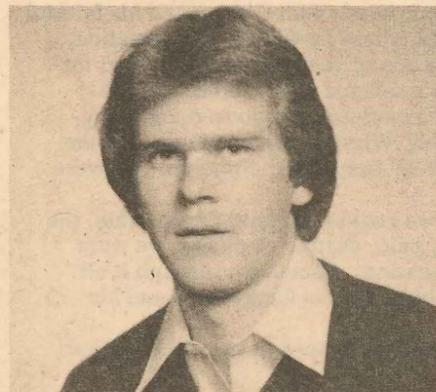
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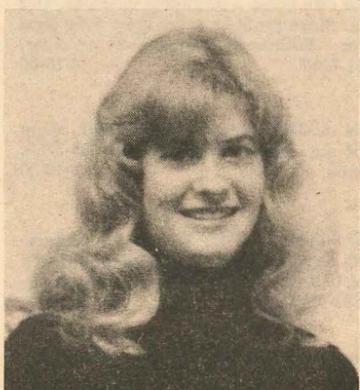


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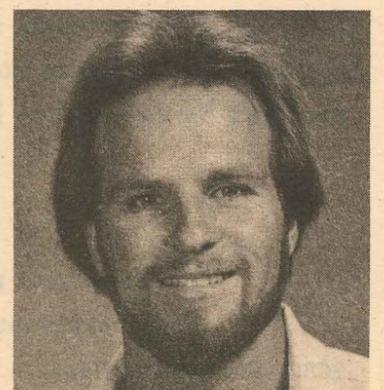
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Suzanne Hardee



Stacey Littlefield

# Ministering to the children of the 80's

by Jesse Hatfield, Director  
Spring Meadows Children's Home

## Experiencing the spiritual

"The atom is something man will never fully understand. When man discovered the atom, he pushed his finger through the curtain of the finite and touched the infinite." (Einstein)

"Well, if man has touched God in such a destructive way, maybe he had better touch God again in a different way." (A Harvard professor said this after hearing Einstein's statement.)

The good news is that God, the Infinite, took the initiative, focused himself "through the curtain of the finite" in Jesus and touched man. "The word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

The knowledge of God in Christ can make the difference in life.

One of the feeder roots in my life is the knowledge of Christ I experienced as a boy. My mother wore out two copies of Hurlbut's "Storybook of the Bible." Several times a week, in good times or bad, she read the great stories of the Bible to us three boys. The progressive self-revelation of God, culminating in his son, unfolded before us.

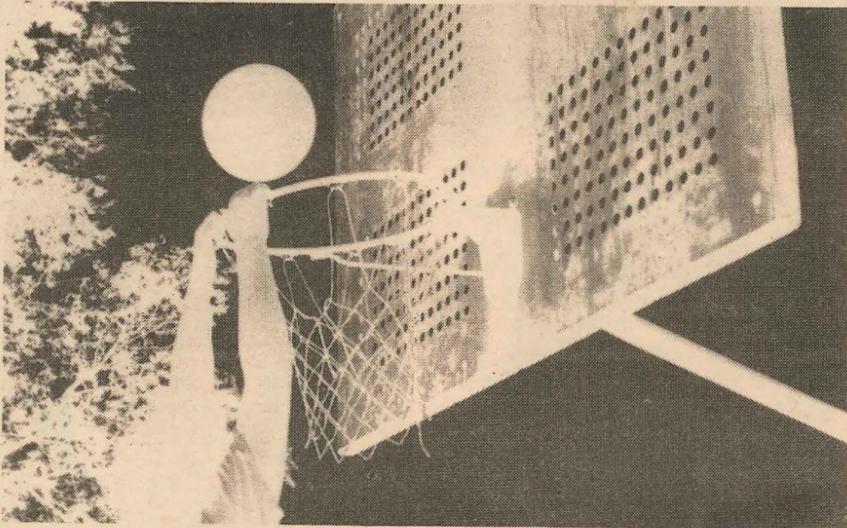
We ran across the fields with David, sang psalms, faced the lion, Goliath and the unpredictable Saul. We drank water from our hands with Gideon and his faithful three hundred. We went with Joseph into Egypt where he withstood temptation, was reunited with his family and refused the option of vengeance. We prayed for rain with Elijah, felt the challenge of Abraham's call and adventured with the exchange student Daniel. Through all kinds of experiences we looked and struggled toward the coming of the promised messiah. What joy we felt as we saw the babe in Bethlehem and the empty tomb outside of Jerusalem. Somehow, we were involved in that history.

Because of the hope that was set before us, we could withstand the crucible, the traumatic times we faced. Whether in poverty, pain, despair or plenty, we were able to celebrate the gifts of life, love and possessions. Somehow, through it all there was a sense of God's love, his spiritual presence, his forgiveness and his affirmation.

Most of those to whom we minister throughout our agency have not had either the knowledge or the experience.

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# Sunday School Lessons

JUNE 7, 1981

H. C. Chiles



## HEARING GOD'S COMMANDS

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**Finding a lost scroll—2 Kings 23:1-2** Wanting his people to worship God correctly, Josiah instructed Hilkiah, the high priest, to clean and repair the house of the Lord. In the process of removing the rubbish workmen found an old scroll which had been buried in the debris. This scroll was the Book of the Law, the loss of which had been disastrous. Hilkiah reported to Shaphan, Josiah's servant, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord."

Upon hearing the reading of the scroll, Josiah was convinced its message was truly God's message to his people. Through his messengers Josiah summoned the prophets, priests and populace to a great mass meeting. He read "all the words of the book of the covenant," in order that the listeners might understand the requirements of the Lord.

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Moses urged the Israelites to express their genuine gratitude to God for the numerous mercies and blessings he had bestowed upon them. We, too, are challenged to honor, love, obey and serve God to the fullest extent possible.

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**Revelation 5:1-12** The book of Revelation contains a record of the apostle John's vision which came to him while he was exiled on the Isle of Patmos. He had been banished because of his devotion to Christ.

Writing to the suffering Christians in the province of Asia, who were subjected to cruel persecution under the direction of the Roman emperor, Domitian, John's message was intended to bring comfort to them as they faced an uncertain future.

John declared that in his vision he had observed God seated in majesty upon his throne with a scroll in his hand. This scroll was sealed securely with seven seals.

In verse two the writer declared that he "saw a strong angel" calling loudly for someone worthy to loose the seal. Then the contents of that which God held in his hand might be known. When the seer learned that no worthy man was available, he was deeply grieved and "wept much."

One of the elders walked over to the seer and remarked, "Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." This "Lion of the tribe of Juda" was eminently qualified. He was none other than the Messiah who sprang from the lineage of David.

Having taken the scroll from the hand of God, the living Lord held the roll of history in his hand. Christians, to whom the future is a mystery, can experience peace and joy in the assurance that he holds the future. The Lamb's act of taking the scroll from the hand of God was a signal for a great chorus of praise from the 24 elders and the four living creatures. All who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ should worship, praise, love, obey and serve him. The hymn of praise should be sung in ever widening circles as more individuals come to know Christ.

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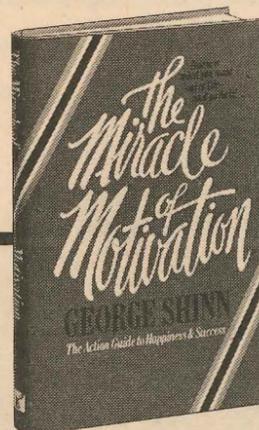
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# Clear Creek Comments

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



## Taking the gospel

I have already told you about ways our students and alumni take the gospel to thousands of people. Today I'd like to explore with you other means Clear Creek Baptist School uses for that purpose.

Some of you are acquainted with our radio ministry. You may have heard one of our programs on your local station.

The three programs—Clear Creek Chimes, Clear Creek Country and the Sunday School Lesson—are heard on 53 stations in 14 states. In addition, the Sunday School Lesson is also a written commentary published in 165 newspapers.

Mail to these programs has been unusual. One letter in particular was from an inmate in a prison whose heart had been touched by Clear Creek Chimes. After we wrote him, his name was given to a director of missions in the area for follow-up counseling.

Our extensive radio and newspaper ministry has one purpose, to take the gospel of Christ to as many people as possible. We make no appeals for funds on any of them. The message is local and clear that Jesus loves the world and came to die for our sins.

Not only do we provide the three radio programs and the written Sunday School Lesson on a weekly basis, but the radio department, under the direction of Jack Robertson, produces seasonal specials which have been aired in 43 states. These specials have proved to be among the most popular we produce.

If the radio stations serving your area do not broadcast any of our programs, why not send us the name and address of the station. We will be happy to send them the program for consideration.

One station broadcasts at 4 a.m. a program we produce. At first we assumed few people would hear it. However, that program received more mail than the others. It seemed many people in the farming area around the station arose early for chores and heard the program. It goes to prove that God does work in mysterious ways!

Would you like to know more about Clear Creek's radio outreach? If you write me, I'll send you a brochure describing the programs. Send your request to D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

By the way, if you do not already receive The Mountain Voice, I'd like you to have it. The bimonthly publication will keep you informed about our ministry.

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### MAY

28-29 Interfaith Witness Conference. 7 to 9 p.m.  
28—Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
29—London, First Baptist Church

### Looking ahead

#### JUNE

7 Religious Liberty Sunday  
7-11 Southern Baptist Convention and auxiliary meetings. Los Angeles, Cal.  
21 Father's Day

#### JUNE CONFERENCE AND CAMP DATES

Ridgecrest: Church Recreation, 6-12; Church Training Youth, 13-19; Church Music, 20-26; Bible Preaching, 27-July 3.  
Glorieta: Church Training Youth, 6-12; Sunday School, 13-19; Sunday School, 20-26; Sunday School, 27-July 3.  
Cedarmore: (All full weeks are from 1 p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Friday):  
Acteens & GA's, Cedar Crest, Grades 4-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-July 3.  
RA's, Camp Rabro, Grades 4-12, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-July 3.  
Youth Camp: Youth Weeks (all filled, waiting list available), 15-19, 22-26, 29-7/3.  
Jonathan Creek: GA Camp, June 29-July 3

28 Christian Citizenship Sunday. Suggestions available from Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Dept., KBC

### Planning ahead

#### JULY

6-10 Mountain Missions Conference. Oneida Baptist Institute  
12 Christian Literature Day  
12 Christian Literature Day  
24 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church  
31-8/1 Preschool Sunday School Workers Seminar. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

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

# Oneida Journal

## "Fire!"

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



### "FIRE!"

My phone rang at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, May 16 with the news that our maintenance shop and Hensley Hall, one of our boys dorms, was on fire. Normally, the building would have been full of sleeping boys, but school had been out three days and most boys were away until summer school starts June 7.

Paul Chambers, a ninth grader, had remained to run in the sectional track meet later in the day. He was awakened by the smell of smoke. Trembling with fear, but knowing another boy was asleep across the building, Paul courageously groped his way through the smoke to awaken David. He then awakened the dean of the school, Erma Smith. She called the Oneida volunteer fire department, several maintenance men, me, and the Burning Springs and Manchester fire departments.

Pumps were soon placed in both our 60,000 gallon swimming pool and our 90,000 gallon cistern. Water was steadily pumped from both until about 3 p.m. and intermittently until past midnight.

Surrounding buildings were protected, but the dormitory was completely destroyed. We managed to salvage some old bunk beds and some new lockers bought last summer. Nearly all the equipment in the maintenance shop, at least \$75,000 worth, was destroyed and the building gutted. We lost our barber-beauty shop, a small laundry, and the dean's apartment was destroyed along with most of her personal things.

We have insurance, but not nearly enough to cover our losses which are approximately \$375,000. The disaster was apparently caused by a "short" in the fluorescent lighting.

Dense smoke prevented firemen from reaching much of the fire, and their oxygen tanks were quickly exhausted. Fire would smolder and then break out anew. Storage lofts collapsing were an ever present danger. No one was killed. Only Joe Scott, husband of our dean of girls and housefather to over 100 girls, was overcome with smoke and exhaustion. He had to be taken to the hospital where he quickly recovered.

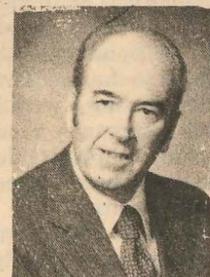
The 8000 square feet building had been occupied for only two years. It was named for Bige and Rachel Hensley who met as students at our school and married in 1914. The Hensleys never forgot their Oneida "roots." In 1973 on the 60th anniversary of their graduation, they donated \$50,000. Their subsequent gifts and accumulated interest amounted to \$100,000. We decided to use that money toward a much needed maintenance building and dorm.

The building, meeting all codes, was as practical as the Hensley's lives. He was a bank president for 52 years, an active deacon 57 years, and he died last November at age 89. His wife of 66 years survives.

Many people contributed money, labor and love to make Hensley Hall possible. Our boys dug the foundation trenches. Mr. W. S. Carpenter of London donated the plumbing and bathroom fixtures and matched his gift of materials with a cash donation. Stan Marcum, Lexington, donated architectural services; Henry Hasty, Shepherdsville, a retired contractor, supervised the construction without salary; and Ray Lanham, a Louisville plumber, did the plumbing work for free. Mrs. Martha Embry of Cloverport has been housemother these past two years without a salary.

This evening I have read with new understanding the words of the apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 4:8, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." God lives!

## Frank Owen



### Unity in diversity

Baptists have no creed and no book of rules or discipline for clergy or laity. We have no adopted Book of Prayer and no approved ritual. We have no ruling bishop and no central authority.

What do we have? We have the New Testament, the Holy Spirit, and a common desire for unity and harmony in a loving fellowship. Thus, we are a very free people so far as human rules are concerned but very obligated to the New Testament, the Holy Spirit's leadership and to respect and love one another.

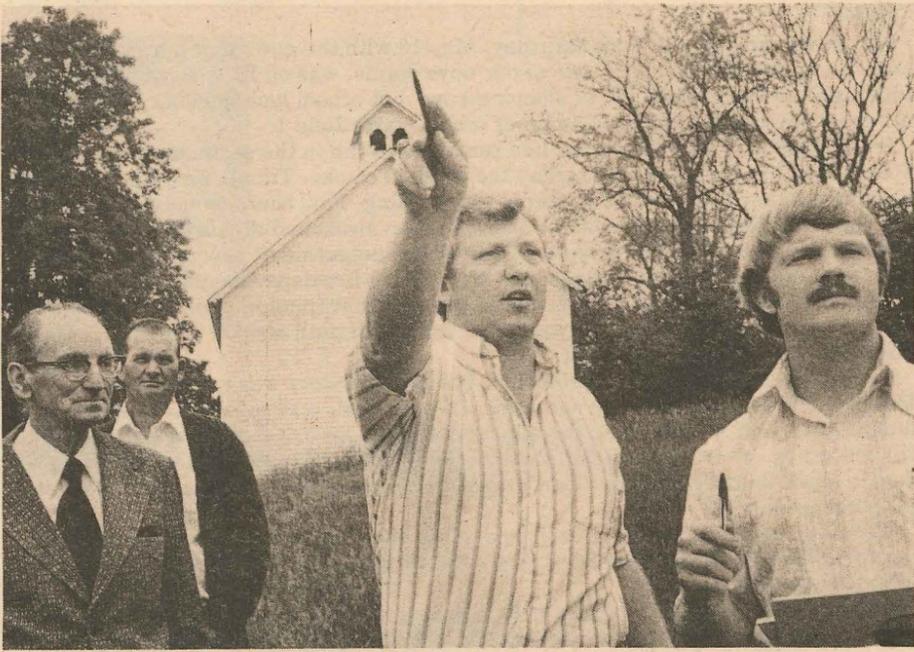
Our prayerful dedication to seek unity and harmony is terribly important to our life and work as a convention. A democracy whose people don't want to cooperate together, but rather to oppose and frustrate one another would be doomed to ultimate failure in its mission.

Mutual respect and freedom of conscience is a necessary ingredient to the desire of people to hold together. Strong men and women don't usually surrender to coercion and don't desire fellowship with those who would coerce them.

Now and then comes a well-intended but mis-guided effort to make our general bodies authoritative. We must ever remember that the seat of organizational life is the church (congregation). General bodies such as the convention should not play the role of church. They cannot, must not, exercise church authority.

Historically Baptists have risen up in resistance every time we have realized that we are heading toward authoritative general bodies. We never go very far down that lane. Our dedication to individual freedom and local autonomy always asserts itself through renewed emphasis upon the priesthood of the believers and the independence of the local congregation.

It is interesting to note, historically, that one extreme tends to bring out the other. Extremists thus create their own opposites. The farther a pendulum swings in one direction, the greater its momentum when it swings back. Movements that wisely avoid one extreme are apt thus also to prevent the opposite extreme. Maybe that is why the apostle advised moderation. (Phillipians 4:5)



Edgar Russell and Stanley Dewitt [l] receive instructions and assignment from Don Watson [c] and Jakie Carmicle [r]. In the background is Merrimac Christian Church, now closed.



[l-r] Don Watson, Fairview pastor, visits with Jackson and Cleveland Gribbins, lifelong residents of Merrimac.

## Taylor County Assoc. initiates Merrimac outreach

by L. D. Kennedy,  
State Correspondent

Although Taylor County Association has no director of missions, its 17 churches (14 of which are rural) maintain missionary zeal.

Last year Mt. Gilboa and Good Hope were among the top 10 churches in the state in per capita giving through the Cooperative Program. Campbellsville Church ranked fourth in dollar giving.

The association also sponsors a ministry at the KOA Campground near Green River State Park.

At its January meeting, Jakie Carmicle, missions committee chairman, appealed to the executive board to consider starting a work in Merrimac. A rural community about 18 miles northeast of Campbellsville, Merrimac is in the area where Taylor joins Marion and Casey counties.

Carmicle pointed out that this has long been a spiritually needy commu-

ity, mostly neglected by Baptists. Several months ago the Christian Church closed since only two of its families still live there. Now the only church in the community is a Methodist congregation with part time preaching and a Sunday school that averages 15-20.

George Gaddie, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, suggested that a religious survey of Merrimac be taken. "This will be a good opportunity to use some laymen from our churches," he added.

The board granted permission to the missions committee to order survey materials and set up a date for the religious census.

After completing the survey, consideration will be given to conducting a mission vacation Bible school and perhaps other types of services later. Results of the census will be shared with Fairview Church and Raikes Hill Mission, the nearest Baptist congre-

gations.

Under the concerned leadership of pastor Don Watson, Fairview (though four miles away), has already enlisted Sunday school members from three or four families. Another family attends Raikes Hill.

So on Saturday morning, May 9, a small but enthusiastic group of pastors and laymen met on the grounds of the former Christian Church. They divided up into teams of two, each taking an assigned road.

They found a wide variety of religious affiliations and preferences among the residents. But, the majority of residents are not attending church anywhere.

While most people in Merrimac are long-time residents, some newcomers have begun moving into the area. One of these newcomers is the William Dougherty family, formerly of West Virginia and Maryland, who a few weeks ago bought a farm on which they

will raise grain and livestock.

The Doughertys have six children between the ages of 18-25. Most of them gave Catholic preference but Mrs. Dougherty is Episcopal.

The surveyers were pleased by the friendly, cooperative response of the families. In several instances they witnessed to or counseled with interested individuals.

"It's high time someone took notice of us," one man ventured as the team explained their purpose in the community.

Plans are to complete, tabulate and evaluate the survey in the near future. If the missions committee so recommends, Taylor County Association will likely negotiate to lease or purchase the old Christian Church building for services.

Already the people of Merrimac are sensing that Taylor County Baptists do care about them.



Jo Ann Perkins, director of the Good News Bible Club, leads the children's choir at Gano Baptist Church, Georgetown.

## Gano offers weekly Bible club

by Glen Mollette,  
State Correspondent

Many churches are planning their programs for vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs and other annual summer events, but Gano Baptist Church, Georgetown, has made Bible school a part of its weekly program throughout the year.

It's called the Good News Bible Club.

The club meets every Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Children up to 12 years old may participate. Jo Ann Perkins, school director, reported, "The club began three years ago with seven in attendance. Within the last

year it has grown to over an average of 100 in attendance."

The program is similar to vacation Bible school. The children have Bible study, choir, recreation and refreshments.

Miss Perkins directs the choir and is responsible for the programs that the club puts on for the church.

Gano Baptist Church has been rewarded for its weekly effort by increased attendance and a growing church membership, according to Miss Perkins.

"Several families have come into our church as a result of their children first coming to the Bible club," she said.