

Taylor-made

Child Care dedicates cottages, elects leader

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The election July 10 of Eldred M. Taylor of Somerset to head Kentucky Baptists' Board of Child Care apparently came as a surprise to no one who knows the work intimately. One observer called him a "natural" for the role, having been a member of the agency's board four years and its chairman three.

Naming Taylor, who has served the pastorate of Somerset's First Baptist Church the last 23 years, as executive director of the child care program was half of a double-pronged celebration of this ministry over the weekend. While that announcement was made following a trustee meeting Friday, annual Child Care Day was held Saturday with formal dedication of 12 cottages on campuses at Glendale and Middletown.

The nearly \$2 million building project was begun on both campuses Aug. 28, 1980. The board had earlier determined that the present cottages at each location were too large, too costly to heat and cool, out-of-step with the family-oriented concept they were trying to pursue and in severe need of repair.

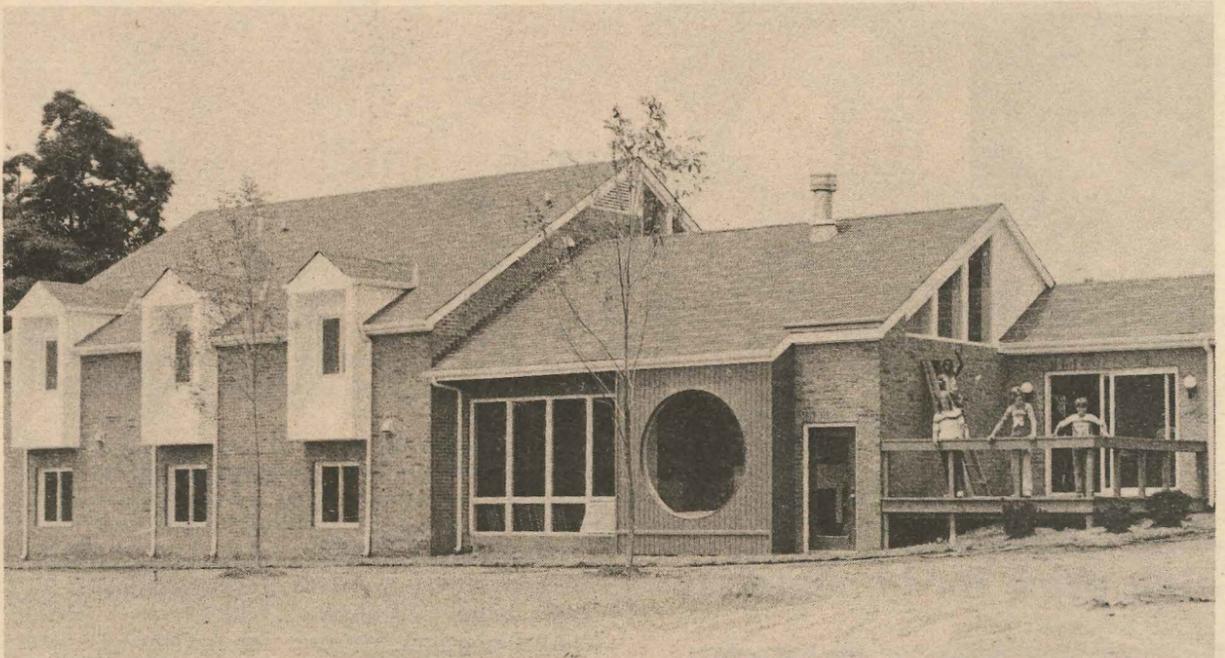
Although the new cottages were not entirely ready for occupancy Saturday, some were available for inspection by hundreds of visitors who toured them.

Jesse Hatfield, superintendent of the Spring Meadows home in Middletown, said he felt "good about where we have been, but especially about where we are going." He explained that there will be "more accountability" now, that the program will be "more comprehensive" and "more self-contained."

"It will truly be a teaching and training program for our youth in the future," said Spring Meadows' Ann Santora, a cluster coordinator for six years.

John Welsh, family worker there for five years, was especially excited about providing cottages exclusively for older boys and girls. This is a luxury not available in the recent past. "We'll have a cottage for boys in the 16-18 year range, and another one for girls," he allowed. "Houseparents and other staff members will work with these youngsters to meet their unique needs."

But if asked to name only one advantage in the new cottages, Mrs. Claudene Vass, boys' housemother at



Typical of the new cottages at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale is this one. Each has the same basic design.

Glen Dale, would say it is new bath facilities.

The cottage she has supervised the last four years has one central bath for its 10 male residents. She laughed, "No matter how many times they scrub those old tile floors, it never looks clean. Their rooms can be immaculate," she observed, "but the bath looks like a disaster even when they've done their best."

Those problems should fade as residents occupy their new home with modern, smaller baths connecting every two rooms, and private baths for some.

The arrangement in the new cottages pleases her, too. Rather than three or four occupants per room, each room will have no more than two residents.

A couple of the children who will live in these new cottages are just as excited as the adults.

Delma Thompson, 17, who's been a Spring Meadows resident nearly two years, looks forward to more privacy, new furnishings and more furniture.

Eugene Owens, on the other hand, also 17, cites air conditioning as one of the greatest advantages about his new Spring Meadows cottage. He also likes moving into living quarters for older boys only.

Buckley Carlin, superintendent at Glen Dale, who once lived in the old cottages at Glen Dale himself,

called the transformation "another step in the evolution of child care with dependent and troubled kids.

"The old cottages were good for their times, but they had little insulation. They were spacious, but that space costs money. Now, more small group experiences will be possible," he declared.

Spring Meadows' Hatfield added, "We're striving for cottage-oriented rather than campuswide activities. I think we're finally about to see it happen."

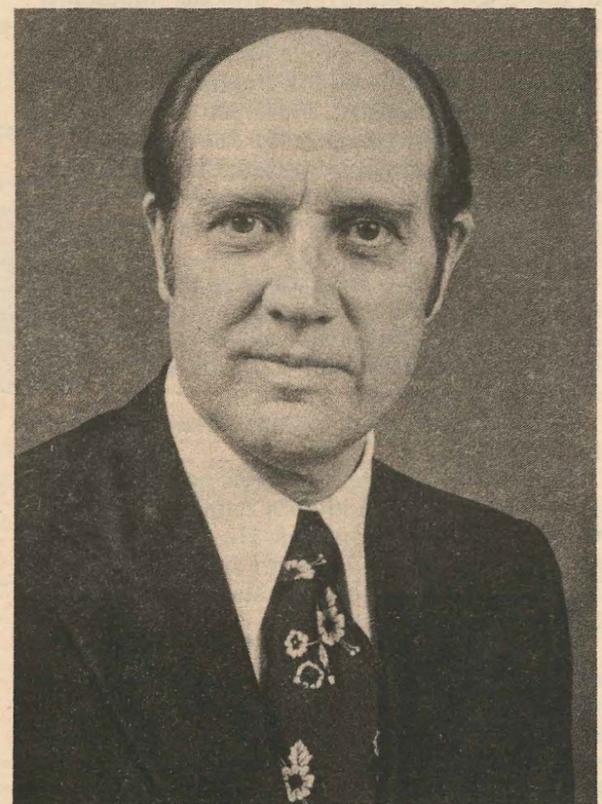
Taylor, 59, is a native of McLean County, Ky. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. Married to the former Marjorie Kerrick of Daviess County, he is the father of two daughters.

He served the pastorate of Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, and later was superintendent of missions in two associations—Tates Creek (1947-48) and Daviess-McLean (1948-51). From 1951-58 he was director of the Missions and Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has been on numerous denominational boards and committees and was elected by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention last month to a term on the SBC Executive Committee. [See related story, p. 5.]

Taylor will assume the child care position Sept. 1.



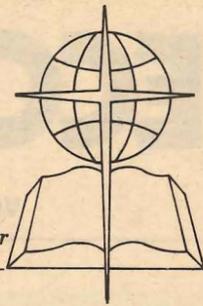
Some children at Spring Meadows share a good time in one of the new cottages on campus.



Eldred M. Taylor

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

Bob Bratcher pays high price for honesty

It's amazing how quickly one who has been a hero can become a villain and how one considered a great asset to an organization can become a liability overnight. This is the case with Robert Bratcher who under pressure recently resigned his position as research associate with the American Bible Society.

Bratcher, a member of a Kentucky family of outstanding Baptist preachers and missionaries, became famous for his translation and paraphrase of the New Testament known as the *Today's English Version* or more popularly known as the *Good News for Modern Man*. He was recognized and honored many times in many places for this significant contribution to Bible scholarship and universal Bible reading. Southern Baptists were proud to claim him and he was a credit to the American Bible Society.

But Bob Bratcher lost his prestige with many Southern Baptists and his job with the American Bible Society with one speech last March. It was an address at the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission seminar in Dallas. In the address Bratcher challenged the traditional views of Southern Baptists on the inspiration of the scriptures.

Such an address could not have come at a more inopportune time. Southern Baptists were in the height of controversy over the infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible. Bratcher's views were latched onto as an illustration of damaging liberalism among Southern Baptists.

Seeing the furor that developed over his address, Bratcher apologized for the harsh language he used and relieved the Christian Life Commission of any responsibility for views expressed but he did not renounce his views on the Bible.

Bratcher's views were attacked in one motion made at the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles. About the same time he was called in by American Bible Society officials and his resignation resulted.

What's to be said about such treatment of Bob Bratcher?

First, it is clear that the views he expressed are out of line with Southern Baptists' views on the inspiration of scriptures. He could not conscientiously sign the Baptist Faith and Message statement or other doctrinal statements used by Southern Baptist seminaries.

As far as the American Bible Society is concerned, it is also clear that taking such a position publicly violated a long standing policy of the society to produce copies of the scriptures without doctrinal comment. This is a very practical policy because the American Bible Society

depends upon individuals and churches of all doctrinal persuasions to provide funds for their operation.

It does seem harsh and cold-blooded to cut off so summarily one who has meant as much and contributed as much to the American Bible Society as Bratcher has. What's more harsh is that the news release on Bratcher's resignation included not one word of commendation or appreciation for Bratcher's ministry.

As a long time friend of Bob Bratcher, I disagree with his views on inspiration of the Bible but I admire two outstanding qualities he demonstrates. One is his scholarship and his dedication to studying the scriptures. His work that resulted in the *Today's English Version* has and will bless untold millions. It will stand as a monument to his ministry whatever happens to him.

The other is his integrity. He may be too honest to serve in a world where money is the measure of all things. Bratcher would never compromise his convictions for the sake of keeping a job. He could never minister with mental reservation. In that respect he is exemplary.

In any case Bratcher's contributions should not be overlooked.

A good choice for the Child Care ministry

The Kentucky Baptist Child Care directors have turned to a tested and tried leader to serve as executive director. In Eldred Taylor they will have one of the most successful and highly respected Kentucky Baptist leaders of this generation.

Taylor has succeeded in every ministry he has undertaken. He was a model associational director of missions when he was chosen to be director of missions and evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In spite of widely recognized success as a state denominational leader, he felt the call of God leading to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Somerset.

Already a strong church, Taylor led this congregation to undreamed of heights. Few churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have as much impact upon the local community and participate more generously in missionary and evangelistic outreach in America and around the world as this Somerset congregation.

Ability, insight, enthusiasm and determination are the qualities demonstrated by Eldred Taylor. Whatever he does, he does with his whole heart. He will give the Baptist Child Care ministry a thrust it needs now.

The one qualification Taylor lacks for this job is professional Child Care training. This, however, he will have in abundance in staff members. Kentucky Baptists have always regarded their child services as a ministry and they will respond enthusiastically to Taylor's leadership in this regard.

Taylor is a proven administrator but first and last he is a preacher and pastor. He will see that

physical needs for children under his care are met but he will be even more concerned for their spiritual needs. His God-given compassion will not only inspire staff members but will enhance his fatherly image with the children.

His mate, Marjorie, will fit her role perfectly. She is as kind and queenly a woman as God makes.

All in all, it would be hard to think of a couple that have more to give to this ministry than Eldred and Marjorie Taylor.

Jack Taylor's book is a must for husbands

Jack R. Taylor's new book, *What Every Husband Should Know*, is what every husband should read if he truly wants to be a better husband. It should be required reading for every young husband and will still help some of us who should have had it 40 years ago.

Two considerations led me to read the book. One was the clever title which promised inside information for men which is always desired. The other was to see if the author who is widely known for his works on prayer, spiritual life and Bible interpretation knew enough about family life and marriage to write a book.

On both scores I was rewarded. The book is full of important inside information for husbands and Taylor indeed knows enough to write a helpful book.

In his introductory chapter Taylor explains why he turns from his usual themes to write a book on home and marriage. Along with many of us his concern is a desperately needed spiritual revival in our day and he sees the home as the place such a revival has to begin. He believes the church cannot expect to find revival unless it is first present in homes. He makes a convincing case for this claim.

The book is fascinating reading and becomes a mirror in which the reader sees himself on nearly every page. It is not burdened with technical language and classroom theories but deals with day to day situations every husband and wife face and need help to handle.

Taylor is refreshingly honest in describing his own pilgrimage as a husband. His admissions of faults and need to learn are more than some preachers will confess but to read and heed Taylor on the role of the husband would make many happier pastoriums. This doesn't mean it's a book only for preachers. It's a book for husbands and preachers just happen to be some of the worst.

The keen observations and practical suggestions in Taylor's book are interspersed with humor and illustrations. It has a couple of stories worth its total price at the Baptist Book Store.

Don't be misled by the title. Wives will find it equally valuable. They'll learn things about themselves as well as about their husbands. Who knows? Taylor's book might even inspire some wife to put in book form what every wife should know.



Cedar Creek 2nd state church to reach 200 years

by Susan Taylor Sears, Staff Writer

The quilt tells the story. It outlines the history of First Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Nelson County, which was celebrated Saturday, July 4, 1981, 200 years after the church was constituted.

The room, one wall of which is draped with the commemorative quilt, contains other artifacts of the church's history—slanting plank pews from the late 19th century, parchments documenting various periods of church life—but the quilt traces the entire story.

Bordered in red, white and blue, the quilt demonstrates the patriotism of Cedar Creek members. It was this attitude, tradition has it, that prevented Cedar Creek from being the first Baptist Church formed west of the Alleghenies. It was instead the second, being founded 16 days after Severns Valley Baptist Church, because Cedar Creek's founders postponed the formal constitution of their church to coincide with the fifth birthday of their nation.

Two hundred years later the members of Cedar Creek climaxed two years of planning with their bicentennial celebration July 4 and 5.

Six of the 64 former pastors of the church were present, including: Ken Perkins, immediate past pastor; Marvin Masden, the oldest living pastor; and B. D. Compton, who returned from the mission field in Costa Rica for the services.

Compton is author of "Faith and Perseverance," the recently published church history.

Approximately 400 members and guests attended Saturday's festivities.

A pantomime, "Circuit Ridin' Preacher," was presented by the teen choir. Former pastors and current deacons gave an oral history of the church.

Descendants of three of the church's founders, James Rogers, William Abell and Atkinson Hill, were recognized.

Saturday evening brought an "old fashioned hymn sing."

Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor for 28 years of Cedar Creek's only predecessor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, was guest speaker for the Sunday morning

worship.

Emphasizing the forward movement in Ex. 14:10-18, Kruschwitz told the Cedar Creek members to "push forward with faith over all our obstacles," one member of the celebration committee explained.

Sylvia Boone, Lucille Keeling, Lucille Siegrist, Hazel Sorrell and Jetta Sorrell are the five committee members who have been planning the year's celebration.

In addition to the weekend festival and the printed history, the bicentennial has been recognized by emphasizing an area of church life each month through special speakers, informative bulletin inserts and other programs.

To the congregation consisting primarily of native Nelson County residents the church's history is not unfamiliar.

According to Mrs. Siegrist they have had homecomings every five to 10 years to recall the church's heritage.

But the bicentennial celebration has been special, each of the committee members agreed.

"It has inspired us to go onward," Jetta Sorrell said.

"It's like a revival for me," another member added.

The theme for the year's celebration has been "To God be the Glory."

One member of the committee explained, "Man doesn't need the glory. To God be the glory."

"We appreciate our founders. We recognize their stewardship."

"But we credit it to God," Mrs. Boone said, finishing the thought, a thought shared by the committee.

One square of the quilt is embroidered with a scene of the first church meetings as described in early writings. Worshipers sat on logs outdoors, protected from Indian attack by men guarding the forest opening.

The first church structure, built of logs in 1793, is pictured, as are the other two buildings which have housed Cedar Creek Baptists. One was built in 1829. The last structure, the brick one currently used, was constructed in 1854.

More than its color scheme or em-

broidered map, log cabin and churches, the quilt speaks of the dedication of the membership of 1981.

It is they who remember, document and treasure their heritage. It is they

who stand together to give God the glory. Above all, it is they who continue the dream of their ancestors by moving the work of God into the church's third century.

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Baptist Forum

Convention 'love feast' or 'detente'?

It is interesting to compare the recent all-male chorus of Baptist editors that "the convention was a love feast" with the editorial correspondence of Jean Coffey Lyles in the Christian Century ("Southern Baptist Detente," July 1-8, 1981). From this desk it looks as though Ms. Lyles' insights are much more on target.

A "feast" which ensures the exclusion of women by denouncing the Equal Rights Amendment can hardly be described by the word "love." A "feast" which is served the jaundiced rhetoric of former president Adrian Rogers ("a woman doesn't think with her head") could be more properly described as a carnival. The rhetoric from all sides hardly reflects the accomplishment of "unity in diversity" but points instead to tongue-in-cheek conversation which dares not risk frank and honest dialogue.

The major goal seems to have been a noncontroversial arena where patriarchs could posture and politicize until a more opportune time presents itself for a bold thrust to power. The elec-

tion of Christine Gregory, though important, can hardly be perceived as other than a token to the hopes and dreams of women. Sexism, racism and nuclear holocaust are left smoldering in the kitchen while we feast.

The differences are deep and important and have not been resolved. Only the integrity and honesty of the Jesus kind can lead us from a selfish feast to the task of extinguishing the smoldering fires which threaten the lives of all of us on this small planet. The "love feast" will exhibit inclusiveness to the utmost; meanwhile, those who have been excluded await an invitation.

Michael Bledsoe, Louisville

Voluntarism is Southern Baptist way

We do well constantly to remind ourselves that one of the most cherished elements in our Baptist faith is the principle of voluntarism. It has helped to make the denomination great and greatly loved.

It is based upon the theory of the competency of the soul in matters of religion. We seek by friendly persuasion to convince others and to win them

to Christ and to membership in our churches.

It is also the basis of cooperation within the convention. We exercise the right of free choice and accord to others the same privilege.

Baptists (and others) do not relish the use of force to get people to do things. Coercion is not the Southern Baptist method of operation.

We have been blessed of God as we have sought to remain true to this voluntary principle. Remember the "Rope of Sand" concept?

Thus, when individuals or a group of individuals undertake to "make" the rest of us see things their way and do things their way, they are violating one of the cardinal tenets of our faith and are behaving in a manner completely foreign to the Baptist genius. Such a stance is to be avoided.

One could hope every true Southern Baptist will continue to propagate the faith with all diligence, but that we shall ever leave another free to accept or reject according to the dictates of his own conscience and his own spiritual understanding. The same goes for our relationships within the fellowship.

This is the Southern Baptist way and we believe the scriptural way. Let us never depart from it.

H. H. Harwell, Mobile, Ala.

Uganda story available on film

Through the last 10 years Baptists and other Christians in Uganda have survived by the faithful prayer of Christians throughout the world. God has been so faithful in answering these prayers. One purpose of my writing is to thank Kentucky Baptists for their marvelous and continuing support during these years of suffering.

Another purpose of my writing at this time is to alert you to the release of the new 16mm film entitled "Some Through the Fire" by Ken Anderson Films, P. O. Box 618, Winona Lake, IN 46590. This is the Uganda story of persecution and trial and of God's deliverance, featuring many of our Baptist churches, pastors and congregations.

I strongly urge every church to obtain this film for showing from the nearest Baptist Book Store.

Webster Carroll, Jinja, Uganda

Viewpoint

The positions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the editor. Responses are invited.

by Tom J. Nettles,
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Recent tensions in Southern Baptist life have called forth several historical analyses seeking to discover and communicate the true genius of Southern Baptist success. Using impressionistic historiography as a tool some have painted a word picture of diversity and have drawn the conclusion that attempts at theological unity are ipso facto un-Baptistic and irrelevant to the missions enterprise. Lamentations against "creedalism" and the establishment of a false dichotomy between doctrinal integrity and liberty of conscience often have characterized the discussions. These attempts at revising Baptist history overlook two outstanding traits of Southern Baptists, not to mention historic Baptist, denominational life.

First, doctrinal laxity or diversity at the institutional level has not been deemed a strength or virtue. Baptists have rejected creedalism, and rightly so since that word implies the elevation of a human document to the detriment of biblical authority. However, institutional affirmation of a creed (i.e. a doctrinal formulation which highlights, conforms to and protects biblical authority) has not been identified as creedalism. Even the word "creed" has not been avoided. Especially is this true as it relates to the earliest theological institutions of Southern Baptist life.

J. P. Boyce, founder and first president of Southern Seminary, did not hesitate to use the term creed and to use such a document for "the declaration of faith and the testing of its existence in others." Especially did he insist on subscription to the declara-

tion of doctrine for the teacher in Southern Baptist theological seminaries. The basis of this "test of faith" is scripture, he said, which according to Boyce cannot possibly err.

His [the professor] agreement with the standard should be exact. His declaration of it should be based on no mental reservation, upon no private understanding with those who immediately invest him into office . . . No professor should be allowed to enter upon such duties as are there undertaken, with the understanding that he is at liberty to modify the truth, which he has been placed there to inculcate. He . . . must be . . . upon every point in accordance with the truth we believe to be taught in the scriptures.

E. Y. Mullins followed J. P. Boyce in this sentiment. During the evolution controversy Mullins was president of the Southern Baptist Convention. In his 1923 presidential address Mullins unequivocally affirmed the revelatory nature and authority of scripture, the virgin birth, the sinless miracle-working life, the vicarious atonement, the bodily resurrection and appearances, the ascension and the second coming. Following that he stated:

We believe that adherence to the above truths and facts is a necessary condition of service for teachers in our Baptist schools. . . . Teachers in our schools should be careful to free themselves from disloyalty on this point.

B. H. Carroll, founder of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was a man of like mind. Establishing Southwestern as a "permanent breakwater against this invading tide of practical infidelity," he endorsed Boyce's plan for theological education and insisted that faculty and trustee alike sign a theological statement. Rather than shy away from tests of faith Carroll welcomed them and rejoiced in them:

The modern cry: "Less creed and more liberty," is a degeneration from the vertebrate to the jellyfish . . . and it means more heresy. Definitive truth does not create heresy—it only exposes and corrects. Shut off the creed and the Christian world would fill up with heresy unsuspected and uncorrected, but none the less deadly.

Later Carroll insists that "we are entitled to no liberty in these matters." He says it is sin to "magnify liberty at the expense of doctrine." Of course he affirms that "the standard (for this doctrinal statement) is the original scriptures" which he defends as infallible in the original manuscripts.

The founders of Southern Baptists' first two theological seminaries believed in doctrinal integrity. They expected each professor to sign a statement of faith or creed and to teach and be in precise agreement with it. It cannot be un-Baptistic to abide by the principles of the founders and those Baptists who first supported such schools.

The second factor that is overlooked by revisionist historiography relates to the doctrinal basis of SBC expansion. Though none could doubt missionary emphasis as a cohesive factor, that very concept implies large areas of doctrinal agreement.

Changing doctrine will change missionary philosophy. If what one Baptist historian recently said concerning the post-resurrection Jesus is true, ("What did Jesus instruct? What did he command? . . . The first followers may have mistaken some of the instructions and commands."), we have only slight if any foundation for our mission program.

The dovetailing of conservative doctrine and mission involvement prompted the movement of Southern Baptists from a sectional to a national denomina-

tion. A group of Baptist churches in Illinois separated from American Baptists in 1907 because the Illinois Baptist General Association tolerated ministers who denied the deity of Jesus Christ and the "full inspiration and authority of the holy Bible as the revealed will of God." They had no desire to assist in "planting and supporting churches that would not stand for the old Baptist faith and practice." Because they perceived Southern Baptists as true in these doctrines they united with the Southern Baptist Convention in 1910.

Many Arizona churches became Southern Baptist under similar circumstances. Having separated from American Baptists (i.e. Arizona Baptist Convention) the leaders of the exodus were accused of acting from "personal and petty" motivation. On the contrary, claimed the seceders, the matters were weighty and doctrinal. To continue affiliation with American Baptists would "crush the spirit and power of our churches and weaken their testimony to the authority and the inspiration of the Bible." This group of Arizona churches became a part of SBC life in 1928.

California was received into SBC life in 1942 so that they might be a group who held "the fundamental doctrines of the Bible." From California, Southern Baptist work moved into the Northwest.

In light of our heritage Baptists should be reluctant to decry doctrinal precision as "creedalism" but rather should rejoice in the historic use of such instruments that highlight the authority and full truthfulness of the Bible and its undeniable doctrines. Also, the misleading notion that a dichotomy exists between doctrine and missions should vanish and the Southern Baptist Convention should be viewed as missionary because of its historic Christian orthodoxy. Without this we die.

Baptist News in Brief

Five add WR church page

Five Kentucky Baptist churches have recently provided Western Recorder's back page church news service for their congregations.

As a result, their members may receive their own church news every week on the back page of their state paper. For this service, the Recorder charges the church \$7 each week the service is used. Every resident family in the congregation receives the paper at \$3.75 per family for 50 issues annually.

Recent additions to the church news page program include the following:

Long Run Baptist Church, Anchor-age, Bill Shoulta, pastor; First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Dean L. Pack, pastor; First Baptist Church, Morgantown, Frank W. Dorris, pastor; Parrish Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, L. C. Gray, pastor; and Cumberland (Ky.) Baptist Church, Kenneth Faught, pastor.

If your church is interested in this program, write for a free copy of "Church Newsletter Survival Workkit" for complete details. Address: Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.

BSSB offers prize money

A Southern Baptist "Hymn/Song Text for Children" competition has been announced by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department.

An Aug. 31 deadline has been set for submitting short, original hymn or song texts suitable for children, grades one through six, to sing at church. First, second and third prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100, respectively, will be awarded.

Hymn or song texts consisting of two to four stanzas in metrical or free verse may be entered. Previously published material cannot be considered and the Church Music Department will retain first refusal rights to the publication of all entries.

To enter, send with each text the writer's name, address and zip code with a \$5 entry fee to: Hymn/Song Text for Children Competition, Church Music Department, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234. Winners will be announced by Oct. 31.

HMB banks on RA leader

Directors of the Home Mission Board elected Bob Banks, an executive of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, as associate to the president and named 11 persons to the board of a new subsidiary corporation to issue church bonds.

In other action directors elected four other staff members, including a director of payroll and employe benefits, associate directors of the language missions and church loans divisions and an assistant director of Mission Services Corps.

Banks, 50, Royal Ambassador division director for the Brotherhood Commission, will become associate to HMB president William G. Tanner effective Aug. 15.

Eleven directors were named to the board of a newly created subsidiary corporation, the H.M.B. Service Corp., which will be authorized to service church bond issues in most of the 50

states. The board also approved an indemnity agreement with Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. to protect the bonds from loss.

The board elected Jose A. Hernandez, minister of community outreach for Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., as associate director of the language missions division Sept. 1.

Paul Montgomery Jr., minister of education for First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., was named associate director of the church loans division.

Wilson Mathews, systems analyst for the Home Mission Board, was promoted to director of payroll and employe benefits services for the board's business services division.

Robert T. Mills, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bethel, Kansas City, Kan., was named assistant director of Mission Service Corps for the Home Mission Board effective Aug. 1.

State Moon gifts up 6.2%

Kentucky Baptists contributed almost \$1.5 million to the 1980 Lottie Moon Christmas offering, according to figures recently released by the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. The exact amount was \$1,480,889.90 for the period of June 1, 1980 through May 31, 1981. This represents an increase of \$86,058.92 or 6.2 percent.

The total Lottie Moon offering for the year amounted to \$44,700,339.76 which represented a 10.1 percent increase over 1979. The 1981 Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal is set for \$50,000,000.

He'd Sooner dismiss suit

Attorneys for former Baptist Messenger editor Jack L. Gritz have filed a petition with the Oklahoma County District Court requesting dismissal without prejudice of a \$400,000 civil suit against six Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma officers.

Gritz, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist state newspaper for 30 years, filed suit following his termination by the state convention's board of directors. He charged the six defendants, acting "in concert," made slanderous statements to obtain his dismissal as editor in September 1979.

Trial in the suit was scheduled to begin June 15, the date on which the request for dismissal was filed.

Named in the suit were Joe L. Ingram of Oklahoma City, state convention executive director-treasurer; Jerry Don Abernathy, also of Oklahoma City, former convention president who now is evangelism director, and four board members, Cal Hunter of Mooreland, C. A. Spradlin of Chickasha, Roy Moody of Tulsa and Finis Steelman of Davis.

Hostility over—Smith

"The days of anger and hostility are over," Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith says, because "Southern Baptists would rather win the world than fight each other."

"I think we are going to bury our hatchets, pick up our Bibles and go out and win the world," Smith said in an interview at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center where he preached

at a Sunday School Leadership Conference.

In a post-convention assessment of the biblical inerrancy debate and power struggles that have plagued the 13.6 million member denomination for the last two years, Smith said: "Inerrancy is no longer a club to hit people over the head."

Smith said he decided the last Sunday before the convention to insert into his presidential address that the "Baptist Faith and Message" is the strongest statement Baptists need to make about the Bible, though he added he has always believed that to be true.

"I knew the conservatives respected me and believed in me. If anyone could influence people to back off on some things I could. As president of the convention that was my job," said Smith.

However, he added, "Nobody had any convictions to back off."

Smith said he hopes the convention will now turn its attention to Bold Mission Thrust. These goals "will only be realized if the great majority of the churches are willing for God to do a significant, dramatic work in our midst," he said.

EEOC, 1; Miss College, 0

A Southern Baptist college lost a legal battle when the U. S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that the school must provide employment data to a powerful federal agency.

Mississippi College, owned and operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, must supply data subpoenaed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) so the federal agency may determine if the school violated the rights of a former part time faculty member.

Five years ago, Patricia Summers, a part time assistant professor in the psychology department at the Clinton, Miss. school, filed a grievance with EEOC after she was denied a full time faculty appointment. The school chose instead a male, William Bailey, for the job, noting the school's first criterion for faculty appointments is that candidates who are Baptists are given preferential treatment over non-Baptists. While Bailey is a Baptist, Miss Summers is not.

Acting on her allegations, EEOC issued a subpoena seeking detailed information on the college's hiring practices for both faculty and administrative personnel. The document sought information on the characteristics of each member of the faculty and administration, including race, sex, religion, job classification, department, date of hire, education and pay.

In addition the subpoena demanded to know the sources from which the college recruited faculty members, any studies of faculty pay for the 1975-76 school year, all promotions of faculty and administration for 1975-76 and 1976-77, all employment application forms for those two years, and the most recent EEOC reports filed by the school.

After seeking but failing to have EEOC revoke the subpoena, Mississippi College declined to comply and an action to force compliance was taken by the federal agency to the U. S. District Court for Southern Mississippi.

That tribunal determined an investigation of the school's employment practices by EEOC would result in excessive entanglement by the federal government in the affairs of a sectarian institution, thereby violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The proposed investigation also would violate the college's free exercise of religion, the court ruled, by inhibiting faculty selection based on religion.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, however, vacated the district court order, instructing the lower panel to determine what portions of the EEOC subpoena should be enforced.

Taylor loses SBC seat

Eldred Taylor, focus of an unprecedented challenge to a Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards nomination, has become ineligible to serve in the seat he won at the 1981 SBC in Los Angeles.

Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Somerset, Ky., narrowly won election to the SBC Executive Committee after he was proposed from the floor in a challenge to official nominee William R. (Bob) Parker, pastor of Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Louisville.

However, July 10, Taylor became ineligible to serve on the Executive Committee when he was elected as executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, an agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Under Bylaw 20 of the SBC Constitution, "no salaried official of . . . any agency of a state convention may be a member of the Executive Committee. . . ."

The ineligibility also causes Kentucky to forfeit one of its three seats on the Executive Committee which functions as the fiduciary and fiscal agency as well as the convention between annual sessions.

Taylor, 59, who will take his new post Sept. 1, told Baptist Press he had been approached about the possibility of his assuming leadership for the child care agency prior to his election in Los Angeles but that nothing definite had occurred.

He added he had turned the job down on one other occasion and thought he had "laid the thing to rest" with that refusal. He said he was approached on May 21 and agreed only to talk with the search committee. "I told them I would pray about it (the meeting) and that we would meet later," Taylor said.

He said: "At the time I was elected by the convention no definite decision on my part or on the part of the search committee had been made."

On June 19, he said, the search committee told him they wished to unanimously recommend him to the board for election. Taylor is president of the board, and was an ex-officio member of the search committee.

Taylor also said he was not aware "until after the convention" that he would become ineligible to serve on the Executive Committee if he accepted the child care post.

T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, who nominated Taylor for the Executive Committee, said Taylor's ineligibility "does not alter" the point made at the convention, "that the committee on boards is responsible to the people of the convention for its nominations."

McSwain said the attack was not directed at Parker personally but was intended to send a message to the committee on boards that messengers will not accept nominees who "have a very poor record of support for and involvement in Baptist work."

Parker, who did not attend the Los Angeles convention because of his mother's illness, said he felt the manner in which he was unseated was "unfair . . . but I have tried to put it in the back of my mind and just go on."

Parker, who presented Resolution 16 on Doctrinal Integrity at the 1980 meeting of the SBC in St. Louis, and who is the Kentucky chairman of Moral Majority, said: "I think it is unfortunate. It would be much better if we had full representation, and we would have if I had been elected."

Senior adults as well as children enjoy VBS

by Mary Kinney Branson,
State Correspondent

First Baptist Church, Madisonville, asked its members to donate 300 dozen cookies for vacation Bible school. They gave more than 400 dozen.

The staff projected a need for 100 workers. One hundred and twenty-one agreed to work.

One director's father had open heart surgery the week before VBS. Another director's father had a stroke. Although their excuses would have been legitimate, neither of these workers resigned their VBS responsibilities. Both women faithfully completed their duties without missing a day.

The church's VBS has grown consistently in the past four years, from 253 in 1977 to 396 in 1981. Seventy-two children who attended the latest school had no church home.

Just as exemplary is the type of people who work in vacation Bible school at the Madisonville church. Twelve and one-half percent of the adult workers this year were men. Twenty-five percent were senior adults. Half the adult workers did not have children of VBS age.

With more and more young mothers working outside the home, it becomes more difficult for churches to staff vacation Bible schools. Many at-home mothers are willing to help, but sometimes their help is not enough to accommodate the VBS attendance. When regular VBS attendance swells with children from other churches and those with no church affiliation, extra help is needed.

First Baptist Church has confronted this problem by tapping the wealth of resources of its entire church family.

"When the church started promoting VBS I wanted to volunteer," said Lucille Cobb, a senior adult, "but I thought I was too old."

After being enlisted by another senior adult Mrs. Cobb spent the week working with older children.

"I loved it," she reflected.

Another senior adult, Pressley Nichols, held two jobs during VBS. For the second year Nichols drove a van to transport children to VBS. After parking the van he hurried to an older preschool department and manned the block area.

Said a VBS worker, "After VBS I visited a family whose preschooler had attended our school. The small boy came running out of the house, excitedly asking, 'Are you from Mr. Nichols' church? I want to go there again!'"

Tommie Arnold worked in a middle children's department this year. It was also his second year to work. Retired after running his own business for many years, Arnold kept the children's undivided attention with his wealth of Bible knowledge.

And just for fun one morning Arnold put on a magic show for the boys and girls.

"Mr. Arnold has so much to give," his director lauded. "If he agrees to work in VBS next year I hope he will consider my department."

Arnold's wife, Geneva, also worked in VBS. Her work in the home living area of an older preschool department caused her director to exclaim, "Mrs.

Arnold is fantastic. I couldn't have asked for a better worker."

Charlie Larkin, chairman of deacons, recently retired. He volunteered to work in vacation Bible school.

"For the first time in my life," said Larkin, "I have a little extra time. I want to do my part."

Apparently he did more than his part. His director reported that Larkin did a wonderful job working with younger children. He also rode the bus each day, helping the driver get the children safely on and off the bus.

A. O. Brown worked again this year in an older children's department.

"I was director of an older children's Sunday school department for 25 years," said Brown, a great-grandfather. "Now I'm working in VBS each year and I love it."

Senior adult Retha Hopkins had been busily crocheting gifts for hospitalized children when VBS time came. Mrs. Hopkins spent another busy week working with older preschoolers in vacation Bible school.

After VBS Mrs. Hopkins reflected, "It's so rewarding to see little ones respond. I sincerely enjoyed my week in vacation Bible school."

Betty Ballinger cares for an invalid husband but still found time to work

with middle preschoolers during VBS. A preschool director for 48 years, Mrs. Ballinger helped with the first VBS the church sponsored in 1929. It was a four-week school.

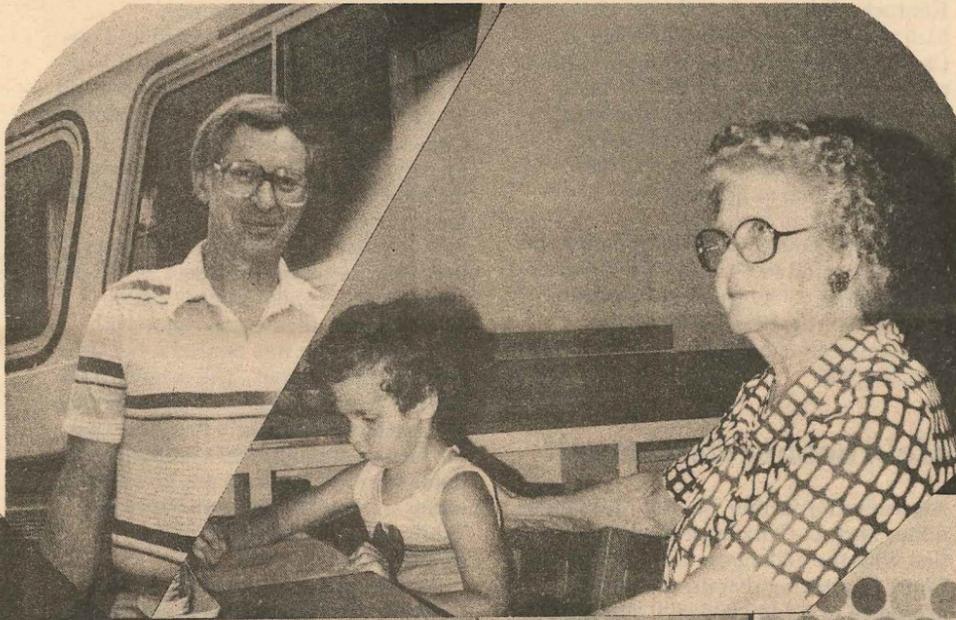
"I have always loved VBS and working with preschoolers," commented Mrs. Ballinger. "I thoroughly enjoyed VBS again this year."

Another rich source of experience and expertise for First Baptist Church's VBS has been public school teachers.

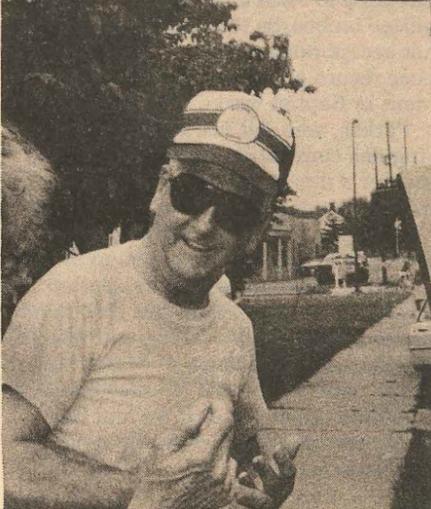
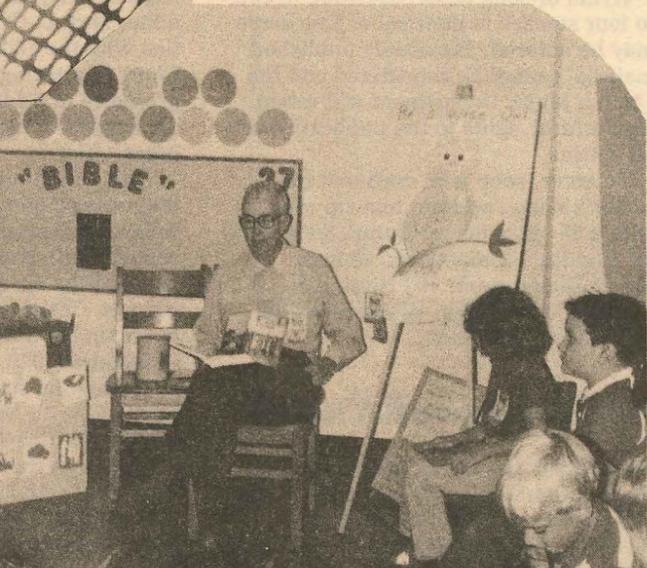
H. B. Brady, a high school English teacher, has driven the church bus the past two years. For anyone claiming he cannot find time to work in VBS, Brady is proof those with a true desire to work can make the time. In addition to driving the bus, Brady had painting and tutoring jobs the week of VBS.

The growth First Baptist Church has experienced in vacation Bible school is a result of a church family's growing awareness that VBS is worthwhile.

When asked why he spent his first free week of the summer video-taping the church's VBS, Don Clayton, a high school teacher, replied, "VBS is the entire church's responsibility. I think VBS is the most important summer activity a child can experience. I was simply doing my part."



Clockwise from top left to center: H. B. Brady, a high school English teacher, drove the church bus. Betty Ballinger contributed love, patience and experience to a middle preschool department. Chairman of deacons Charlie Larkin shares a Bible story. Tommy Arnold talks with a group of children. Retha Hopkins assisted in an older preschool department. Pressley Nichols has worked in the church's VBS program two years. A. D. Brown, sharing time with several VBS participants, said, "VBS is great. I love it." Willie Gammon tells Bible stories to the middle children's department.



Christian Education



Baxter



Royse



Mrs. Brandenburg



Smith



Mrs. Wyatt

Cumberland honors three

D. M. Aldridge, Jack J. Early and Karl D. Bays were awarded honorary doctorate degrees at Cumberland College's recent spring graduation.

Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Aldridge earned degrees from Southern Illinois University and Southern Seminary.

Early is executive director of education for the Combined Insurance Company of America. He was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of administration.

A Corbin native, Early holds degrees from Union College, the University of Kentucky and Lexington Theological Seminary.

Bays received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters. He is chairman and chief executive officer of American Hospital Supply Corporation.

Bays is a native of Loyall and a graduate of Corbin (Ky.) High School. He earned degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and Indiana University.

Baxter honored with DD

Robert Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Baxter, Graham, was recently awarded an honorary doctor of divinity by Union Baptist Seminary in New Orleans.

Baxter, a 1977 graduate of Campbellsville College and a 1980 graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has taught at Union Seminary for three years through the department of cooperative work with National Baptists of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

He is currently in the doctor of theology program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Royse earns ThD

The doctor of theology degree was recently conferred upon James Ronald Royse, son of Rubye C. Royse of Louisville, by the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Cal., and the Graduate Theological Union.

A graduate of the University of Louisville, Royse also has MA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and an MDiv from the Pacific School of Religion.

Royse is a former member of Louisville's Victory Memorial Baptist Church.

Miss Siegel now a nurse

Carla Siegel of Louisville was among 48 persons to receive a diploma from the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing June 13.

The program in nursing education began in 1924 with the establishment of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, now Highlands Baptist Hospital, on Barret Avenue in Louisville.

The fully-accredited program now has 2011 graduates.

Southwestern degrees 146

Two Kentuckians will be among the 146 graduates of Southwestern Seminary

July 17.

Elizabeth Newman Brandenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman of Hardinburg, will receive the master of music degree.

The master of religious education degree will be awarded to Edward Monroe Smith, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Pate of Pikeville.

R. Kirby Godsey, president of Mercer University in Macon, Ga., will deliver the commencement address.

Gragg to chair department

Alan W. Gragg, a member of the Georgetown College faculty since 1970, has been named chairman of the religion department, according to Joe Lewis, academic dean.

A graduate of Furman University, Southern Seminary and Duke University, Gragg has done post-doctoral work at Columbia, Indiana and Emory universities.

He has been pastor of churches in Georgia and Indiana and has had several interim pastorates.

In addition, Gragg has been a field worker for the North Carolina Baptist Sunday school department and has done work for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Blair elected president

R. Charles Blair, vice president of Mid-Continent Baptist College, has been elected to a three-year term as president of the Southern Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

The selection was made during the group's recent annual meeting.

Blair has been on the association's executive committee since 1971. He succeeds the late William Howard Carter.

The association, which is based in Atlanta, Ga., is responsible for the academic development of small institutions which offer specialized programs in Christian education.

Baseball awards go to two

Rick Drake of Vine Grove, a pitcher for the Campbellsville College baseball team, has become the college's first player to be named to the All-Area 7 baseball team.

The All-Area team is composed of players for schools in Kentucky, North and South Carolina and West Virginia.

Campbellsville catcher Ron Blanton and Drake have been named to the All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the All-District 32 teams.

Drake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Drake of Vine Grove. Blanton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Blanton of Glasgow.

Golden Gate adds Grissom

Fred Allen Grissom has been named assistant professor of church history at Golden Gate Seminary effective Aug. 1.

Grissom is professor of religion and director of religious activities at Virginia Interment College.

He is a graduate of the University of

Alabama and earned a master of theology degree from the University of Chicago. He also has MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama.

Doty works for renewal

Robert Doty, chairman of the humanities division and professor of literature and languages at Campbellsville College, is spending two months this summer in Portland, Ore., working with the Institute for Christian Leadership and Renewal to develop strategies for Christian colleges to be more effective in integrating faith and learning as it applies in the community at large.

Mrs. Wyatt to direct news

Beth Wyatt, secretary to the president of Clear Creek Baptist School, has been named the school's director of news services.

Mrs. Wyatt is a graduate of Clear Creek and has a certificate as an advanced church secretary from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Laurel County native has worked in Clear Creek's in-service training and public relations departments as well as for school president D. M. Aldridge.

Mrs. Wyatt's husband, Robert, is pastor of Pleasant Point Baptist Church in Winchester.

Ten scholarships given

The Georgetown College Woman's Association has awarded scholarships to 10 Georgetown students for the coming academic year.

This year's recipients are Glenna Armstrong of Beaver Dam, Johnna Atkinson of Winchester, Jill Ball and Michelle Wainscott of Worthville, Robin Bell of Cynthiana, Virginia Harned of Lebanon Junction, Mary Kaye Haun of Louisville, Carmen Lile of Hopkinsville, Tanya Marshall of Georgetown and Anita Wise of Stamping Ground.

Baptist College Christian Service Quiz

1. Which Kentucky Baptist college has the largest percentage of its student enrollment committed to pastoral ministries?
2. As a percentage of enrollment, what Kentucky Baptist college is highest in students committed to church music ministry?
3. What Kentucky Baptist college has the highest percentage of its enrollment committed to church education ministries?
4. Which Kentucky Baptist college has more students expressing a commitment to home or foreign missions than all other Kentucky Baptist colleges combined?
5. Which Kentucky Baptist college is fifth in the nation among all senior Baptist colleges and universities in percentage of its student enrollment committed to full time church or church related vocations?
6. In 1981 which Kentucky Baptist college sent the highest percentage of its enrolled students to serve as summer missionaries throughout the United States and abroad?

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Walton FBC calls youth minister
First Baptist Church of Walton, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Joe Boone as minister of education and youth.

Boone is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary. His wife, Pamela, is a native of Radcliffe.

Barnetts Creek pastor resigns
Jackie Ferguson, pastor of Barnetts Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has resigned.

4 students join 3rd Ave. staff
Four Southern Seminary students recently joined the staff of Third Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Michael F. Goodner of Chattanooga, Tenn. was called as minister of education effective June 7.

Goodner earned the BS in criminal justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is an emergency medical technician. He is in the master of divinity in religious education degree program at Southern.

Priscilla Lafferty began as co-minister of youth with James E. Freeman Jr. June 1.

Miss Lafferty graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in musical education and is studying church music

and religious education at Southern. She is from Heber Springs, Ark.

Freeman is from Fayetteville, N. C. He has a bachelor degree in art from Pembroke State University and a degree in photography and photo finishing from Randolph Technical Institute.

Freeman is in the religious education program at Southern.

Miss Lafferty and Freeman are to be married Aug. 1.

Beth Minchin was called as associate minister of music effective May 24.

A native of Chipley, Fla., Minchin received the bachelor of music degree from Samford University. She is in Southern's church music school.

Leon Larimore is pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church.

Olaton gets Wright as pastor
Frank Wright has been called to the pastorate of Olaton Church, Ohio County Association.

Holladay to lead Cool Springs
Cool Springs Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called William Holladay as pastor.

Millville pastor accepts Ala. call
Garner V. Clark, pastor of Millville Baptist Church of Frankfort for four years, has accepted the call to McGehee Road Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Clark, a graduate of Southern Seminary, will be in Zambia, South Africa in September 1981 on a preaching assignment for the Foreign Mission Board.

Central Grove calls Carter
Central Grove Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Chris Carter as pastor.

Wingo accepts Lawndale pastorate
Ronald Wingo has been called to the pastorate of Lawndale Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Harrington returns to Kentucky church
Louisville native Ron Harrington has been called as associate pastor in administration and music by Yellow Creek Baptist Church of Owensboro.

Returning to Kentucky from a Tampa, Fla. church, Harrington has

worked in Kentucky churches in Bethlehem, Louisville and Somerset.

Clear Creek student called to pastorate
Sherl Thomas, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, has been called to the pastorate of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Wedding resigns Wallins pastorate
James Wedding resigned effective May 31 as pastor of Wallins Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Macken resigns Oak Ridge position
Roy Macken II has resigned as pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Fields begins Russellville ministry
Jim Fields began as minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church of Russellville July 6.

Fields moved to Russellville from First Baptist Church of Monticello where he was minister of education and youth for five years.

Fields earned the BA and MDiv degrees from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and earned the master of religious education from Southern Seminary.

Henry H. Hobson is pastor of the Russellville church.

Vinson to lead Hyland as pastor
Hyland Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, called Ray T. Vinson of Campbellsville as pastor. Vinson began his work there June 1.

Downing ends 47-year service
Henry M. Downing, central Kentucky Baptist minister, has retired from the active pastorate after 47 years.

His most recent pastorate is Highlands Baptist Church, Lexington, where he served seven years and where he was honored in recognition of his 47th anniversary in the ministry. On the same occasion he was made pastor emeritus of the Highlands congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Downing will continue to live in Lexington at 617 Bellcastle Rd. and he will be available for supply work, interim pastorates and revivals.

Ivory Hill calls interim
Ivory Hill Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, has called George Grubbs as its pastor. He was the church's interim pastor.

McKay to lead Mitchellsburg youth
Nancy Kirkland McKay began June 21 as children and youth director at Mitchellsburg Baptist Church, South District Association.

A graduate of the University of Richmond (Va.), Mrs. McKay is working

toward a master's of music education at Eastern Kentucky University.

She teaches music in the Boyle County public school system.

Speer to direct Columbia center
Columbia Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has called Robby Speer as director of its Christian life center.

Speer is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southwestern Seminary.

Sharp to teach in Indiana
Timothy W. Sharp, a doctor of musical arts candidate at Southern Seminary, has accepted a teaching position at Taylor University in Upland, Ind.

Sharp was minister of music at Louisville's Beechwood Baptist Church from 1977 until recently and was previously minister of music at Elkton Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Sharp will begin his teaching position Sept. 1.

Holland leaves Hurricane for Kevil
Duane Holland has resigned the pastorate of Hurricane Baptist Church, Little River Association, to accept the call of Kevil Baptist Church, West Union Association, effective Aug. 2.

Phillips moves to Indiana pastorate
Bob Phillips, pastor of Bells Run Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has resigned to accept a similar position at Petersburg Baptist Church, Petersburg, Ind.

Booneville calls Carpenter as pastor
William Carpenter of Franklin, Ohio, has been called as pastor of Vincent Baptist Church, Booneville Association. Carpenter is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Lytle accepts Kettle Island pastorate
Joel Lytle recently accepted the pastorate of Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell County Association.

A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Lytle is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Johnson to direct Melbourne youth
Melbourne Heights Baptist Church of Louisville has called James W. Johnson as minister of education and youth effective June 15.

The Melbourne, Fla. native is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary.

Kuhnle fills in at Mount Freedom
H. B. Kuhnle of Lexington will be interim pastor of Mount Freedom Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

The church is searching for a full time pastor.

Kuhnle was pastor of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church.

Ordinations

Stowe ordained to ministry
Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association, ordained Len F. Stowe to the ministry June 28.

Stowe is the church's minister of music and youth.

Hugh T. McElrath, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, preached the ordination sermon. W. Louis Walters, pastor, was moderator.

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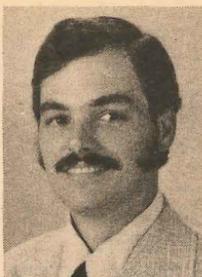
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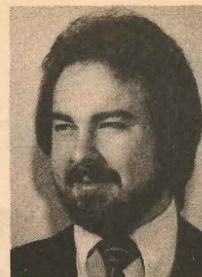
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Congregations

Faith and Fellowship constituted Faith and Fellowship Baptist Church was constituted Sunday, May 17.

The church has applied for membership in Liberty Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The credentials committee will work with the new congregation for one year, making a recommendation to the association at its annual meeting in August 1982.

Central Acteens aid with VBS Acteens of Central Baptist Church of Corbin recently assisted Janus Jones with a mission vacation Bible school at the Clay Hill Baptist Church in Winfield, Tenn.

Jones is associational missionary for Mt. Zion and South Union associations.

East Hickman honors 194 years East Hickman Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 194th anniversary Sunday, June 28.

The celebration included a special worship service, fellowship dinner and afternoon musical.

Richard T. Wilkins is pastor of the church which this year was designated a historic site in Kentucky.

Covington celebrates financial win Covington Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, celebrated Victory Day May 17.

The church exceeded its goal \$1000 to retire its building debt.

Other financial plans include an increased budget to hire Covington's pastor, Al Claybrooks, in a full time capacity. Claybrooks is a recent graduate of Boyce Bible School.

Murray FBC class builds dock The Fellowship Sunday school class of Murray's First Baptist Church recently built a boat dock at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly.

Class members did much of the work and contributed most of the \$4000 expense.

Ray Brownfield is teacher of the class. Marvin Harris, Grayson McClure and Vernon Nance were members of the construction committee.

Homecoming held at Highland Heights First Baptist Church of Highland Heights, Northern Kentucky Association, celebrated its first homecoming day Sunday, June 28.

Jay Brown, Kentucky Baptist Convention's director of evangelism, was the guest speaker for the morning worship service. The afternoon service, which followed a potluck dinner, featured the Forgy Family Gospel Singers of Centerville, Ohio.

Ronald Moore, the church's pastor for more than 11 years, resigned in April.

Youth attend Missouri camp Youth from five Kentucky churches attended "Centrifuge North," a summer camp in Hannibal, Mo. sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department.

New Brandenburg Baptist Church of Brandenburg, Pleasureville Baptist Church of Pleasureville, Crestwood Baptist Church of Crestwood and the First Baptist churches of Radcliff and Mt. Sterling were represented by their

young people.

Centrifuge North offers recreation, youth musicals, puppetry and drama, backpacking, sports, Bible studies, personal devotions, fellowships and evening worship services. The camp is for junior and senior high school students from all SBC churches.

Thornhill honors Souder's ministry Irvin E. Souder, assistant to the pastor at Thornhill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, was honored May 31 for 50 years in the ministry.

Until his retirement in 1974, Souder was pastor of churches in Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia. He has been on Thornhill's staff since 1975.

Souder is a graduate of Franklin College and Southern Seminary. He was ordained June 7, 1931 at Blue River Baptist Church in Salem, Ind.

Revivals

Ross preaches Smithfield revival Eleven professions of faith, two transfers of letter and many rededications were made at the recent revival at Smithfield Baptist Church.

Pastor Don Ross preached at the revival. Associate pastor Doug Carver was music director.

Lentine leads Bedford revival Ron Lentine was evangelist for the May 21-24 revival at Bedford Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Barbour leads Providence revival Second Baptist Church of Providence was led in a recent revival by Phil Barbour of Lafayette, Ind.

Nineteen professions of faith, one transfer by letter and numerous rededications were made.

Lowell Mason is pastor.

Deaths

HMB staffer suffers heart attack J. T. Burdine Jr., 50, a home missions worker and leader for 20 years, died July 7, of a heart attack.

At the time of his death, Burdine was national rural field consultant for bivocational ministries at the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Burdine was associate director of the HMB rural-urban missions department from 1976 to 1978. He accepted his first pastorate in Florida in 1942 and later served churches in Indiana, Alabama and Kentucky.

Beech Grove pastor killed at church Carl P. Williams, 25, pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church near Shepherdsville, was electrocuted July 11 while painting the steeple on the church.

Also killed in the freak accident was a church member, Kenneth Brown, while

two other volunteers were seriously burned. The accident resulted when an extension ladder being moved came in contact with a high voltage power line.

Williams was buried in Nelsonville Cemetery following funeral services July 14 at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, where his father, Robert O. Williams, is pastor. He is survived by his wife, the former Leslie Ann Barnes; his parents; a brother, Donald R. Williams, Louisville; and sister, Mrs. Leatrice Rogers.

Georgia child care leader dies in crash O. Leonard Pedigo Jr., administrator of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, was killed in a mid-air light plan collision July 8 over Eatonton, Ga.

Pedigo's single engine plane collided with a twin engine craft. Both passengers in the second aircraft also died. Officials at Eatonton airport said both planes were flying on visual control and neither had filed a flight plan.

Pedigo, an experienced pilot, was enroute from his home in Lithonia, Ga., to the children's home campus at Baxley. Earlier this year Pedigo, 66, announced plans to retire by Dec. 31 or as soon as a successor could be elected.

Pedigo, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., was elected administrator of the children's home in 1970. Previously, he was pastor of Georgia churches in Harlem, Dearing, Vidalia and Stone Mountain.

Wife of seminary dean dies Phyllis Marjorie Heeren, wife of Forrest Heeren, dean of Southern Seminary's School of Church Music, died July 8 in a Louisville hospital following a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Heeren, 61, died only three weeks before Heeren's official retirement after a 29-year tenure as dean.

The Heerens had been married 39 years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Heeren is survived by four children: Philip, David, Victoria and Hunter; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 11 at Louisville's Highland Baptist Church where the Heerens were long-time members.

Dundee pastor Baughn dies I. L. Baughn of Hartford, pastor of Dundee (Ky.) Baptist Church, died Monday, July 6, at 8:20 p.m. at the Madisonville Medical Clinic.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 9, at the Hartford Baptist Church.

Shepherd killed in one-car accident Samuel V. Shepherd, 20, son of Louis W. Shepherd, of Russell Springs, was killed in the early morning Saturday, July 4, in a one-car accident.

Shepherd is director of missions for Freedom, Russell County and Wayne County Baptist associations.

Funeral services were July 7.

June 4 heart attack kills Mason Lee S. Mason, 55, former pastor of Stearns First Baptist Church, died June 4 following a heart attack.

He had suffered an earlier heart attack in 1974 and had retired from the pastorate but continued to teach Sunday school and do supply preaching.

Mason was a native of Kansas, a graduate of Ottawa University in Kansas and Dallas Theological Seminary.

Before coming to Stearns where he served 12 years he was pastor of Oklawaha First Baptist Church in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hayden Mason; one daughter, Mrs. Kathy Drake, Corbin; one son, David; and two grandchildren.

Historical director's mother dies Mabel Beatrice McKenzie May, mother of SBC Historical Commission executive director Lynn E. May Jr., died July 1 in a Sumter, S. C., nursing home after a prolonged illness. She was 78.

Mrs. May, a retired teacher, is survived by two sons, Lynn Edward Jr. of Nashville and James Robert of Albuquerque, N. M.; one daughter, Marilyn Dent of Walhalla, S. C.; four brothers; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Sparks dies of heart attack Glenn R. Sparks, 77, a member of the Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, died of a heart attack June 17.

Sparks was an active member of the Unity Baptist congregation for many years and was a member of the sanctuary choir at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Click Sparks; one son, Carl, of Ashland; and two daughters, Mrs. Ted Moore of Ashland and Mrs. Ruth Jo Ann Gilletty of Putney, Ga.

Whitesville 'father' Bruner dies J. Frank Bruner, 97, an active member of the Whitesville Baptist Church, for many years, has died. A deacon for almost 50 years, Bruner was considered the "father of the church" by all the members. He was always found standing with the pastor and greeting worshippers.

During the years Bruner received many recognitions for his faithful service. Among these was a citation from Daviess-McLean Baptist Association two years ago for his dedication as a member of the executive board of the association.

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Ministering to the children of the 80's

by Edna R. Woofter,
Director of Program Services

A joyful reunion

Kentucky Baptists long have been involved in the placement of children who best can be served by adoption. One of the joys of the secretary who works with adoption records is helping, within legal restraints, persons "find their roots." Let us share with you the depth of meaning which is experienced by a brother who attempts to locate a brother and sister who were placed in "a Baptist orphanage in the late '40s." The brother seeking this information was an infant when siblings were placed. Therefore, he was placed in a home for infants and later was adopted. He now is ill with cancer and realizes that if he is ever to know his siblings, he must find them quickly.

A search of the records revealed that one sister attended a Spring Meadows homecoming. A call to her gave permission for contact with her brother. In a short period of time communication had been established.

A letter to the secretary who helped in the process stated: "I want to take the time to give you my heart-filled 'thank you' for helping me find my sister. . . . I do wish I'd started this years earlier so that I could have met my brother, but do feel that the time was not really right until now. . . . I can't believe it happened so fast after I started the ball rolling. . . . In July or August we will have our first big family reunion. At that time if you and the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care want to publish anything in the Contact you are most welcome, and I feel that this would be most appreciated and well-received—that one of your families has been reunited with their family. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God be with you and your fine Baptist people in the good work you are doing for unfortunate children."

And may God bless each of you who supports this program with your prayers, your time and your money.

Sunday School Lessons

JULY 19, 1981

H. C. Chiles



GOD CHOSE ISRAEL

International Series

Within sight of the promised land Moses reviewed the years of God's leadership of his chosen people with the hope that these reminders might cause them to cherish and to obey the commands of God.

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 Anticipating that the time would arrive when new generations of Israelites in Canaan would ask for an explanation as to why they were required to obey God's commandments, wisdom demanded that their elders prepare themselves to impart the proper teachings to their children. God is concerned that alert and inquiring youngsters receive the correct answers to their questions about his dealings with those who have lived previously.

1. The request. Deut. 6:20 God expects his people to instruct their children concerning the meaning of the testimonies, statutes and judgments involved in their religious life. When children ask a reason for the observance of the divine statutes, parents should give them an intelligent and correct answer.

2. The response. Deut. 6:21-23 We have here an express injunction that in every generation the Israelites should carefully acquaint their children with the facts of their history and inform them as to why God commanded them to observe these statutes. Full explanation of the whys and wherefores requires thought, study and time on the part of parents who would impart the information correctly and effectively to their children.

3. The reason. Deut. 6:24-25 Accurate accounts of how God had dealt with them, as for example on the occasion of his deliverance of the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt, and the appropriate recollection of such events in a manner which gives the glory to God where it rightly belongs will strengthen faith and cause people to look to him in time of need and to thank him in every triumph. "Hitherto the Lord hath helped" means that henceforth we may count and depend on him. Because of his faithfulness in the past, all of us should be encouraged to trust God in the future. Parents must not fail to instruct their children in the divine truths. If they do it will not be done by others. Unless parents are concerned about the spiritual welfare of their children they do their offspring an irreparable injury.

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 From all the peoples of the earth God chose the Israelites, set them apart from others and commanded them to live in compliance with his commandments. In his choice of the Israelites, as in his selection of you and me, God took the initiative. Christ expressed this idea in John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." God chose the Israelites to be a holy people and set them apart for a particular purpose, but he did not select them in order that they might indulge in self-praise. Being holy in nature, character and practice, God required his people to be holy too. To this end God demanded that they refrain from all of the idolatrous practices of the heathen. He forbade their intermarriage with the heathen. To prevent them from worshipping the gods of the heathen God commanded the Israelites to destroy the altars and idols of the heathen and to remain loyal and faithful to him. God wanted them to live by the requirements set forth in the covenant and they were assured of wonderful blessings through doing so.

WHY PUBLIC WORSHIP?

Life and Work Series

Psalms 84 The writer of this psalm had a zeal and an eager longing to return to the Lord's sanctuary in Jerusalem and there worship him again in spirit and in truth. All who truly love God delight in going to the house of the Lord to worship him.

Satisfaction through the worship of God—Psa. 84:1-4 The psalmist longed to return to the temple in Jerusalem to worship God. He was grateful for the spiritual blessings he had received there and the precious memories associated with that hallowed place. With fond memories of the churches which nurtured us in the Christian faith we like to return to those scenes of former years and again worship God with those whose Christian love has meant so much to us.

The psalmist thought of how fortunate the priests were to be able to spend so much time in the temple and he truly wished that he might share with them the privilege of again having communion with God there.

Strength through the worship of God—Ps. 84:5-8 The psalmist was sustained and enabled to endure his hardships by the joyful anticipation of worshipping God again in the temple. He had learned that many difficulties lie in the way of all who try to live in a godly manner. In the midst of the temptations, toils, trials and tribulations of life, it is encouraging to know that true spiritual worship of God strengthens us for every experience of life. Failure to worship God deprives Christians of the strength which they need to live triumphantly. Through the worship of God and complete dependence on him who is the source of strength, we shall receive adequate strength for whatever task he may assign to us.

Sufficiency through the worship of God—Ps. 84:9-12 God never neglects or forgets his children. He protects and defends them from their enemies. "Thine anointed" in verse nine refers to the king of Israel, whose leadership was vitally related to the nation's welfare. His failure to worship God would affect adversely his people for no man's strength is sufficient for such a major task as being king.

Verse 11 tells us what God is to his people, namely a sun and a shield. In nature the sun dispenses light, imparts life, radiates warmth, gives beauty and produces fruit. As the sun is the center of power in the planetary system, so God should be the center of our living. As the sun radiates light to show us the way, a shield is to ward off enemies, protect us from injury and give us security. From God we receive protection.

This verse also tells us what God gives to his children. He does not barter or sell but he gives grace and glory. All need grace; without God's gift of grace there is neither help nor hope for people. Grace and glory are closely related. Only through grace can glory be reached. God will not withhold anything from those who truly and faithfully worship him that will really contribute to their well being.

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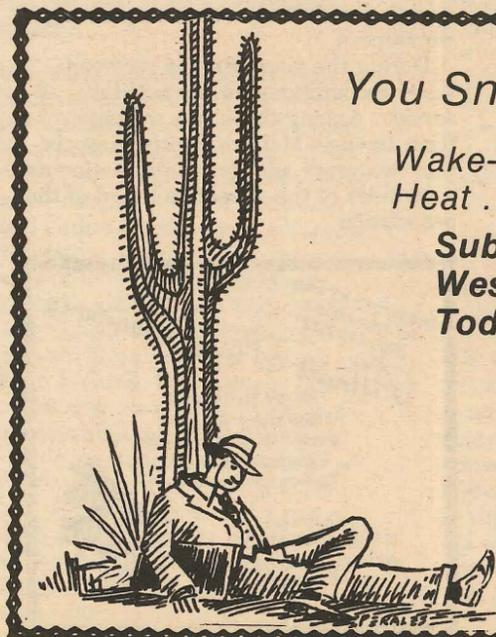
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Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
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TV performer attends grandfather's graduation

David Stearns was a business man in Illinois until the Lord called him into mission work. Feeling that Clear Creek Baptist School was the school that could offer the training he needed, he enrolled in classes in 1976.

A serious health problem hindered him following through with classes that year, but after open heart surgery and at least one heart attack he graduated from the Kentucky theological school in May.

The Stearnses were honored to have their daughter and her family attend the graduation exercises. One granddaughter, Kim Kenley, is one of the children playing on the television series, Little House on the Prairie. She has been with the show four years and has had parts in a number of other productions, including Lou Grant and Greatest American Hero, the movie "Hooper" and the movie for a TV series, "Like Mom, Like Me."

She was introduced to television work when she was having lunch at a fast food restaurant in California shortly after the family moved there. Kim was asked to make some photos for commercials which, after almost five years in acting, she has never made.

Rev. and Mrs. Stearns have moved back to the Carbondale, Ill. area to begin mission work.



Kim Kenley David Stearns

KBC Activities

Here and now

JULY

24 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
31-8/1 Preschool Sunday School Workers Seminar. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

AUGUST

3, 4, 6, 7 Interfaith Witness Conferences. 7 to 9 p.m.
3—Louisville, Melbourne Heights Baptist Church
4—Russellville, First Baptist Church
6—Murray, First Baptist Church
7—Ashland, Rose Hill Baptist Church
6-8 Early Childhood Education Workshop. Cedarmore. For workers in churches with day care, nursery school and kindergartens. 1 p.m. Thursday through lunch Saturday. Make reservations through Cedarmore
9 Language Missions Day
10-12 Pastor-wife Retreat. Cedarmore. Sponsored by Church Administration, KBC. Register with Cedarmore
10-12 Church Secretaries' Retreat. Sponsored by Church Administration, KBC. Register with Cedarmore
14-15 Children's Sunday School Workers Seminar. Cedarmore
16-19 College Students' pre-school conference. Cedarmore. 4 p.m. Sunday through noon meal Wednesday. Register with Student Department, KBC
17-18 Sunday School "Basic" Books Training for Assist Teams. 7 to 9 p.m. on 17th, 9 a.m. to noon on 18th

Paintsville Baptist Church
Campbellsville Baptist Church
First Missionary Baptist, Benton
First Baptist Church, Barbourville

CONFERENCE AND CAMP DATES: Ridgecrest: Sunday School, July 18-24; Sunday School, July 25-31; Sunday School, Aug. 1-7; WMU, Aug. 8-14; Home Missions, Aug. 15-21; National Student Ministries, Aug. 22-28. Glorieta: Church Music, July 18-24; Bible Preaching, July 25-31; Church Training Leadership/Youth, Aug. 1-7; Foreign Missions, Aug. 8-14; National Student Ministries, Aug. 15-21; Small Sunday School, Aug. 22-28

Cedarmore: (All full weeks are from 1 p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Friday)
July 17-18: Mother/Daughter, overnight; Father/Son, Grades 1, 2, 3
July 20-24: Grades 4-12 Acteens & GAs; Grades 4-12 RAs; Children's Music Camp
July 27-31: Grades 4-12 Acteens & GAs; Grades 4-12 RAs; Children's Music Camp
Aug. 3-7: Grades 4-12 RAs

Jonathan Creek

July 20-24: GA Camp

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

Oneida Journal

Trying to become somebody

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



Every day I receive appeals by telephone and letter from parents and often from boys and girls themselves.

Consider this recent letter, printed here exactly as it came from Ellington, Mo.: "My name is Donald. I have a problem. I drop out of school because I was too slow to do the work. I was in the 10 grade when I quit. Things started happening. Nothing went in school. They would not take time to show me again. Then I started mixing with the wrong crowd. I started using drugs. Then my mother told me about your school and the pastor of our church told me to write you. I really need your help. I wonder if it is possible to go to school down there. I want to know more about God."

A girl writes from Ohio: "I have just finished looking over the literature that you sent me on Oneida. I am thrilled. I am trying to persuade my parents to let me attend your fine school. I am sure that after they read over the literature they will begin to see the more positive side of the situation. My Dad has already promised he will at least come with me to see your school. Believe me that is one promise I am going to make him keep."

"You see, Mr. Moore, I attend a public school. This is my sophomore year and I hate this school. Our school has gone into debt so next year we have no extra-curricular activities, and 38 of our teachers have been fired. Our classes are already overcrowded and with a shortage of teachers, things will be even worse."

"Recently I walked up to the altar and gave my life to Christ. My life has changed so much the past few months, and I want things to keep happening for me. I want God to work with me, and I want him to be proud of me. What your school is doing for so many kids is remarkable. May God always bless you."

Some months ago I had to expel a young man. Though he had found the Lord here, and had matured a great deal, a grievous offense forced me to expel him. He recently wrote from a distant state: "I understand my offense was a very serious one. I understand and respect your action. I have learned from this experience and with the help of God and my parents, it has made me a better man. I think I am ready to return to Oneida with your permission. In the short period I have been here, I have made great progress in school. Last week I was chosen "student of the week" out of 3000 students. I also have been active in church. I help teach Sunday school with the children. It is a great experience and they are really great kids. Yet, I strongly feel that my place is at OBI. I still have much to learn and I want to do it there! Whatever you decide, I will always love Oneida and a part of me will always be there."

Then a beautifully written letter from a young man who came to us four years ago, one of 11 children from a home so economically distressed that the family had no electricity. He was in the ninth grade, stayed only a few weeks, and dropped out. "Is there any way I could start back to school at Oneida? I could work all summer on the farm. When I left I didn't know things could get so hard. I am tired of sitting around drinking and I can't get a job anyplace. I have given up drinking and am trying to straighten up my life and become somebody. I am 19 and if there is anyway I can go there, you won't regret it this time."

I wrote this young man to come at once, and he did so, and is now one of our most dependable and hardworking students. He has received the Lord in his life. He came to us with the underwear he was wearing, two extra pair of pants, a towel and washcloth, one sheet, one blanket, one pillow.

He and these others are worthy of your help and prayers.

Frank Owen



Over and above

Our Cooperative Program receipts are breaking records almost every month. We had the highest June in our history. Only two months have surpassed its million dollar approximation and they were both year's end months.

More and more of our people are consciously responding to Bold Mission Thrust. A letter today from a well-known pastor of a great church in Central Kentucky informed me that they have already considerably more than doubled their gifts to the Cooperative Program since 1977. We continue to appeal to all to think about it prayerfully in their churches and see if such is possible by 1982.

On July 6 our receipts to date had exceed the 9 million dollar budget goal for the current fiscal year by almost \$200,000.00. All cooperative receipts from now until August 31 will apply to the 3 million dollar challenge budget.

Could we reach the full challenge, despite its being another 33 1/3% above the budget? It would be our first time to do so. We have always shot real high in the challenge budget. Thanks to all who help us try to reach it.

I'd say we are sure to fulfill phase I of the challenge budget. After 35% of it goes to SBC causes Christian Education in Kentucky will receive the largest single portion, namely \$455,310 as an extra. This amount yet to be divided among our five schools.

I would predict our fulfilling phase II in the challenge budget. (Don't hold me responsible.) Again its largest portion would provide an extra \$420,000 boost to be divided among our Kentucky schools.

Phase three is very doubtful. After \$350,000 to SBC causes it would provide \$650,000 extra for distribution in Kentucky.

I'm reminded of the Poultry Farmer who came into possession of an Ostrich egg while travelling in Africa. He brought it home and suspended it in the hen house under this caption: "My Dear Hens, keep your eyes on this example and do your best."

Missionary nurse's youth prepares her for Africa

by Irma Duke

Carolyn Roberson's difficult childhood in Henrietta, Tex., had to be preparation for her adult life.

She and her twin sister were born two months after their father died. Then, two stepfathers died before she finished the first grade, leaving her mother and five children.

At age 12 she took her first real job, as church janitor, after doing odd jobs for several years. Later, it took her 10 years to work her way through college.

Now, she is a Southern Baptist missionary nurse in an area of southern Africa, 90 miles from the nearest city and closest Americans. It's not easy in Morokweng, Bophuthatswana, either.

Miss Roberson lives in a four-room block house with bare concrete floors and no electricity. She has telephone service, but only from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday when the community store is open. Her mailbox is a shipping crate at the same store and is shared by the whole community.

She sees 60 to 70 patients a day during regular hours at the government clinic she runs. Then she shares after-hours emergencies with her assistant, Sindolfa Matebele. Many times she opens her home to sick patients who have nowhere else to go.

Often she has to perform medical procedures that only doctors do in the states. Last fall, she delivered six babies in one night. Her clinic only has two beds; so she had to put four of the mothers on the floor.

On Saturdays she holds a youth club which 60 to 90 children attend. Then once a month in her front yard she shows a Christian film, followed by a sermon by a fellow missionary. When time permits she also likes to visit in the homes of her patients and of the children in the club.

Like other Christians, it's not easy for her to always do the things she thinks she should. When they first opened the clinic, she and Matebele worked until 10 p.m. and still had to turn people away. She said it wasn't easy "turning people away in a manner that honors him (Christ)."

She has to struggle for patience when people don't follow the directions she gives them or when parents bring in children who have been suffering for days. She struggles to do what's honorable, but admits, "I don't feel love" toward those parents.

It is also difficult for her to deal with people who wait until closing time or early morning hours to come to the clinic. Tears glisten in her eyes as she relives one experience when she says she "let the Devil get the best of me."

A family that had caused her much trouble and had faked being ill brought in a 22-year-old girl late one night. For Miss Roberson, the day had been long and rough; she had just gotten back to bed after delivering a baby. Knowing the family's history, she halfheartedly examined the girl. She criticized the family for waiting so late to bring her and told them she would call the ambulance the next morning to take the girl to the hospital.

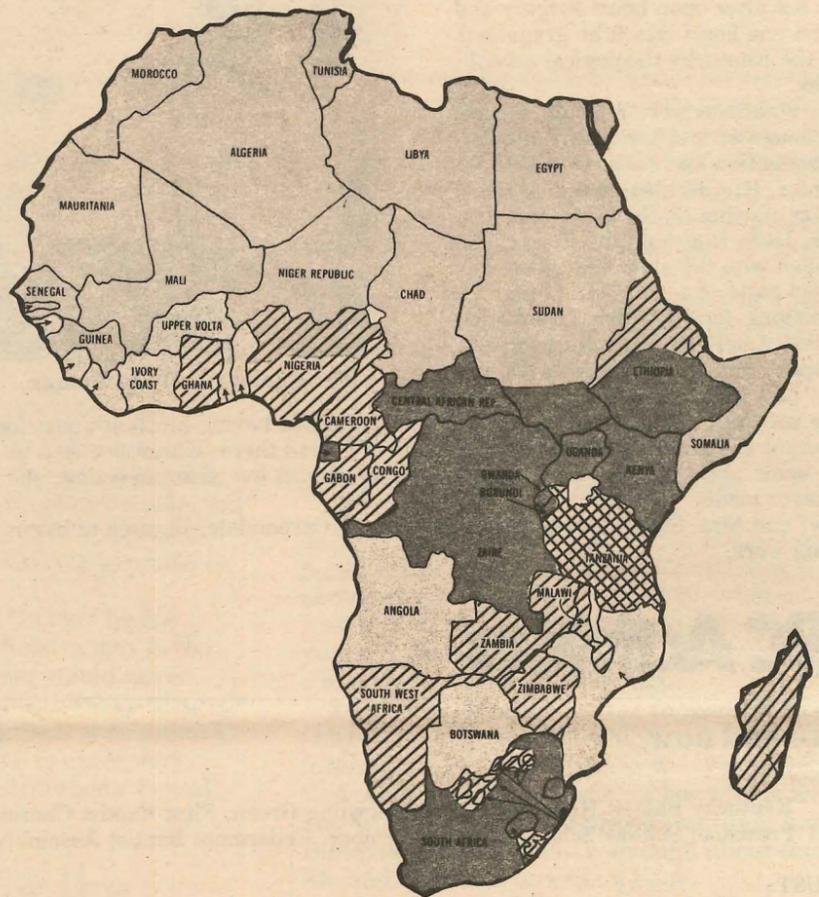
"I didn't even mention the Lord's name," she confesses. The ambulance came, and Miss Roberson again showed little patience.

When the hospital called the following day to report the girl had died from severe anemia, Miss Roberson was appalled.

"I went to the family and apologized, but I couldn't do anything for the girl. I had been so cruel," she recalls tearfully.

It's not easy being a missionary. "Geography has nothing to do with spiritual growth," she declares. If she is a good Christian, it's not because she's in Africa; it's because she works at it wherever she is.

People need to pray for missionaries, she pleads. "The battle is on 24 hours a day."



Carolyn Roberson leads a youth club of 60 to 90 young people in her home every Saturday afternoon. The Southern Baptist missionary nurse runs a clinic in

Morokweng, Bophuthatswana, 90 miles from the nearest Americans and three hours away from the nearest missionaries.

