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## Bell withdraws fellowship from First, Middlesboro

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Bell Baptist Association consisting of 55 churches in the Middlesboro-Pineville area disassociated itself from Middlesboro First Baptist Church in its 1981 annual meeting Oct. 16. The action was a climax to a year-long deliberation over a policy of the Middlesboro congregation that receives as members those of other faiths without regard to mode of baptism.

The difference between the association and the church first surfaced in the 1980 session of the association. At that time a motion was approved that the credentials committee of the association investigate reported charges of doctrinal deviation on the part of First Baptist Church and pastor John Pennington. The motion empowered the committee to seek a meeting with Pennington and other church leaders to ascertain the accuracy of the charges. The committee was also instructed to report its findings to the next meeting of the executive board of the association "at which time appropriate action" would be taken.

A meeting of the credentials committee with Pennington, the deacon chairman and cochairman was arranged. The committee concluded from the discussion the Middlesboro congregation had adopted a policy whereby a person could seek membership in the church upon previous baptism, regardless of mode.

A report to that effect was made by the credentials committee to the November 1980 meeting of the Bell Association executive board. Board members approved a resolution presented by the credentials committee at that time calling for postponing action until the 1981 annual associational meeting and recommending in the meantime a season of prayer for

divine guidance for First Baptist Church, the credentials committee and Bell Association.

Aug. 14, 1981 Wayne Morgan, chairman of the Bell Association credentials committee, addressed what was called a letter of inquiry to pastor John Pennington and Middlesboro First Baptist Church deacon chairman Charles Blakeman. The letter reviewed the association's action up to that point and asked if there had been any change in the membership policy of the church.

Aug. 17 a reply from Pennington and Blakeman said, "Our membership policy remains the same, as does our continued desire to be a member of Bell Baptist Association."

Pennington and other messengers from the church attended the first session of the 1981 associational meeting Oct. 16. They answered the roll call of messengers but a motion was made and passed that messengers from all churches except those from Middlesboro First Baptist Church be seated. In a subsequent action the messengers upon the recommendation of the credentials committee withdrew fellowship from the First Baptist Church.

The specific recommendation from the committee was "that the Bell Association of Baptists disassociates itself from the First Baptist Church of Middlesboro until such time as that congregation elects to realign itself with the doctrinal stances of member churches of the Bell Association of Baptists." In the same motion the messengers committed themselves to continued prayers for First Baptist Church and for the day when unity and harmony between the association and the church may return.

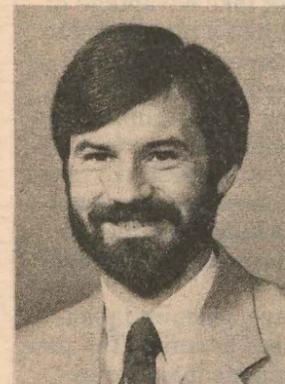
In a statement made to the association First Baptist Church pastor John Pennington said he did not be-

lieve the church had strayed from Baptist principles in their membership policy knowing "our Baptist forefathers in England stressed 'believers' baptism rather than the mode. Our policy is that we receive as members any Christian who has received believers' baptism regardless of mode. We do not sprinkle or pour in our own baptismal services but shall continue to immerse all requesting baptism."

Pennington called the membership policy of First Baptist Church an attempt to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He said "we have earnestly sought to know his will and believe he has led us in this way because it is a way we can minister to as many people as we possibly can in the name of love."

Jim Cox, pastor of West Pineville Baptist Church and moderator of the association during the 1981 sessions, said he did not want to make any comment that would further irritate the situation. He gave assurance there were no ill feelings toward the First Baptist Church and pastor Pennington but the action was felt necessary by association messengers because the church refused to change its policies which were in direct conflict with the doctrinal position of the association.

## Foreign, Annuity boards claim ex-student staffers



Webb



Furr

Two former Western Recorder staff writers have been named to denominational communications positions with separate SBC boards.

William R. (Bill) Webb, 31, who served at Western Recorder from May 1978 to June 1979, has been named a staff writer in the News and Information Services Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

H. Ray Furr, 27, a Western Recorder staffer from December 1979 to December 1980, was elected associate director of public relations at the Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex.

Both young men were journalism students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, from which Western Recorder staff writers are drawn. There have been 22 such students in the program since 1973. Upon graduation, many have continued into responsible communications posts within the denomination.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Webb is a graduate of Southern Illinois University. He was a reporter for the Mt. Vernon Register-News for five years before entering seminary. He and his wife, Susan, are parents of two sons.

Furr was born at Wisner, La., and is a graduate of Louisiana Tech, Ruston. He was a relief houseparent at Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown while in seminary. He is married to the former Jeni Cook of Enid, Okla.

## Convention calendar: there'll be plenty to do, see during KBC week at E'town Nov. 9-12

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention may be the principal attraction of KBC week each year, but it doesn't stand alone by any stretch of the imagination. Immediately before, as well as during the convention itself a host of auxiliary groups will be meeting, eating and sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is a listing of these activities as reported to Western Recorder.

### Monday, Nov. 9

- 11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Officers' Luncheon—Jerry's Restaurant, Radcliff
- 12:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff
- 1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff
- 1:30 p.m. KBC Executive Board—Chapel, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
- 1:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference—Main Auditorium, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
- 2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff
- 5 p.m. Western Recorder KBC Press Team Dinner—Briarpatch Restaurant
- 6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Banquet—Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff
- 6:15 p.m. Kentucky Fellowship of Directors of Missions Dinner—Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale
- 6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Banquet—Holiday Inn South, Elizabethtown

- 7 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference—Main Auditorium, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
- 7:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff
- Tuesday, Nov. 10
- 9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Choir Room, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
- 9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference—Main Auditorium, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
- 10:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention—Main Auditorium, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; other sessions: Nov. 10, 1:45 and 7 p.m.; Nov. 11, 9 a.m., 2 and 7:05 p.m.; Nov. 12, 9 a.m.
- 12 noon Annuitants' Luncheon—Holiday Inn North
- 12 noon Kentucky Baptist Youth Directors Fellowship Luncheon—Briarpatch Restaurant
- 5 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society Meeting and Dinner—Memorial United Methodist Church
- 5 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship—Holiday Inn North
- Wednesday, Nov. 11
- 7 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist School Breakfast
- 7 a.m. Georgetown College Breakfast—Holiday Inn South
- 12 noon Southwestern Seminary Luncheon—Immanuel Baptist Church
- 12:30 p.m. Southern Seminary Luncheon—Holiday Inn North
- 5:15 p.m. Chaplains' Dinner—Cardinal Inn
- Thursday, Nov. 12
- 7 a.m. Campbellsville College Breakfast—Holiday Inn North
- 7 a.m. Cumberland College Breakfast—Holiday Inn North

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

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## Daley Observations

### Why are retirement benefits for Baptist ministers so small?

Why is the retirement outlook for so many Baptists so bleak? Why has a thriving, successful denomination not made provision at least for the physical necessities of retiring Baptist ministers? Why have the churches they served not provided their ministers respectable retirement benefits?

Everyone would not agree on the answers to these questions but here are some of the reasons. Earlier retirement plans offered to churches and ministers were designed for an economy unlike that of today. What then appeared to be adequate as retirement income is totally inadequate today. A large majority of churches and pastors did not take advantage of any plan and those who got into a plan failed to upgrade their plan as the economy changed.

It is not that some Southern Baptists did not think of this need for retiring Baptist ministers. The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was chartered in 1918. Its first two plans offered in 1918 and in 1930, however, were not widely accepted. The first somewhat effective plan was begun in 1938 when state Baptist conventions began to take part.

The 1938 economy, however, inspired planning for only small retirement benefits. The plan called for small annual payments into a retirement fund over a period of 25 years in order to have a retirement income of \$2000 a year. The maximum salary on which contributions to retirement were made was \$4000 which, believe it or not, was a high salary for pastors in 1938. Indeed, in 1938 in South Carolina, which started the first state convention-supported plan, only three pastors in the plan received salaries above \$4000.

Though the \$4000 annual salary on which to base retirement benefits seemed adequate in 1938, it soon became woefully inadequate. But somehow the \$4000 figure became fixed in the minds of many and when salaries exceeded \$4000, the payments into annuity were made only on the first \$4000. Consequently, more than half the churches and pastors participating in the plan today are doing so on this \$4000 salary basis.

This explains why monthly checks of Southern Baptist annuities are so small. A minister participating on this basis for 25 years can expect only \$2000 annual retirement pay or \$166 a month. That won't pay the medical bills for some retirees to say nothing of housing, utilities, food, etc.

The Annuity Board has been fully aware of the

inadequacy of these early plans and has closed them one after another in order to offer better plans. Presently the recommendation is for churches to contribute to retirement plans at least 10% of the total salary of every staff member. Even this is rapidly becoming inadequate though most churches haven't arrived at the 10% figure.

One of the main reasons retired Baptist ministers' annuities are so low is that they are based on the actual contributions paid into the plan. Old Plan A called for a total payment of only \$50 a month from the minister, the church and the denomination. One puts little in, one gets little back. It's that simple.

A question often asked is why Southern Baptist annuity is not like Social Security. Those who got in only a few years before retirement still drew as if they had been in all or most of their working life. This is called prior service credits. In this plan retirees are being paid with contributions from others, namely younger workers. The difference between what is paid in and what is promised in benefits is known as unfunded liability.

The Annuity Board tried such a plan in 1938 but it created a crisis because young pastors did not join in sufficient numbers to fund the amount drawn by the retirees. The board discontinued prior service credits in 1942 and ever since then each participant's contributions is credited to his or her account and retirement benefits are based upon the member's actual contribution. This avoids any unfunded liability.

The point now is that for whatever reasons can be offered, retirement benefits now for Southern Baptist ministers are painfully inadequate. The Annuity Board is dedicated to offering churches and ministers a more adequate plan. Let's hope churches will be ready to take advantage of such a plan.

#### Guest Editorial

### I am proud to be a Baptist

by Duke K. McCall,  
President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
and President, Baptist World Alliance

I am proud to be called a Baptist! Baptist! Baptists did not choose their name. It was given to them by their enemies.

The name "Baptist," like the name "Christian" which was first applied to the followers of Jesus at Antioch, was intended to distinguish those people who lived and worshiped differently. I am proud to be called a Baptist!

I am proud of what others have said about Baptists' faithfulness in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The great Methodist historian, Dr. Frank S. Mead, said, "They (the Baptists) have the strength of numbers . . . That represents power. Power to grow. Power to do things . . . The world has done its best to stop them; we can trace their history more readily in the bloody footprints of their martyrs than in the ink of their historians. We have tried to shame them by whipping them and they have made us ashamed of our whipping-posts . . . Addlepat world! You tried to stamp them out and all you got for it was to have them leave their stamp on you!"

The testimony of Cardinal Hosius, the pope's representative at the Council of Trent in 1524, explains Baptists' growth: "If the truth of religion were to be judged by the readiness and boldness of which a man of any sect shows in suffering, then the opinion and persuasion of no sect can be truer and surer than that of the Anabaptists since there have been none for these twelve hundred years past, that have been more generally punished or that have more cheer-

fully and steadfastly undergone and even offered themselves to the most cruel sorts of punishment than these people" (Hosius, Letters "Apud Opera," 112-113. Baptist Magazine CVIII, 278. May 1826).

I am proud of our Baptist heritage. I am grateful for men like Statler, who, before his tongue was torn out and his body burned, wrote his confessions in which he demanded for himself and for all others the right of a free conscience.

Then there was Feliz Mantz, who, in 1523, for the crime of believer's baptism, was sentenced to be drowned. Led through the streets of Zurich, he preached to the people as he went. His old mother and brother, brushing away their tears, walked by his side exhorting him to suffer bravely for Jesus' sake.

George Wagner, as he was burned at the stake, cried through the flames, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!" There was Obediah Holmes, who for the crime of reading the Bible to blind William Witter, was whipped by Massachusetts authorities until his body was such a welter of sores that he had to sleep on his hands and knees for two weeks.

I am proud to be a Baptist because of what we have done in the field of education. I am proud of Baptists like Henry Dunster, the first president of Harvard; of John Clarke, who in 1675 was among the first to advocate a free public school system.

I am proud that Baptists established Vassar and Judson, the first colleges for women; that it was a Baptist college, Brown University, which first provided "full, free, uninterrupted liberty of conscience."

I rejoice that Baptists have been in the forefront of religious education with men like Deacon William Fox, who stands at the head of the Sunday school movement; Deacon H. A. Howland, who organized the first Primary department; Mrs. Juliette Dimmock, who started the Cradle Roll; and B. F. Jacobs, who was foremost in initiating the International Sunday School Lessons.

I am proud of Baptist pioneering in missions. William Carey, an English Baptist, rediscovered Christ's commission and became the father of modern missions.

The first missionaries from America were Judson and Rice—who became Baptists on the way to India. Joshua Marshman translated the Bible into the Chinese language. Francis Mason gave the Karens their first version. Nathan Brown provided the translation for Japan and Amos Lyman Jewett rendered a similar service to the Telugus. Joseph Hughes, another Baptist, organized the British and Foreign Bible Society.

I am proud to be a Baptist because of what we believe. We accept the Bible as our all-sufficient guide to faith and practice.

It is reported that at the Council in the Vatican when the College of Cardinals had at last passed the doctrine of the infallibility of the pope, in 1870, Cardinal Manning, in the excitement of that moment, jumped up on a table and swung the document around his head, crying, "Let all the world go to pieces; we'll reconstruct it on this paper."

Without denying anyone else the right to believe what he pleases and to act as he pleases, we Baptist say, "The whole world will go to bits unless it is constructed on the revelation of God in his holy Word."

I am proud of our Baptist faith in the Word of God and in the power of the Spirit of God to guide men into an understanding of the truth. We have no ecclesiastical hierarchy to enforce uniformity. We need no creed to coerce the faith of men. Our unity is not that of artificial uniformity in the acceptance of humanly revealed dogmas but of loyalty to divine revelations.

I am proud to be a Baptist who believes in the authority of the Bible and the competency of the soul of man in matters of religion. I am proud to be a Baptist who not only demands for himself but also recognizes for others the right of a free conscience and the responsibility for personal decision to trust Jesus Christ as Savior, Redeemer, and Lord.

I am proud to work with my fellow Baptists who recognize the necessity of uncoerced cooperation in the spread of the gospel to save a lost world.

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# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

**Fox accepts Concord pastorate**  
Walter Fox has accepted the pastorate of Concord Baptist Church, Flat Lick.

A first year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Fox is from Hendersonville, N. C.

**Perry completes Pa. interim**  
Edwin F. Perry, 1802 Knollwood Rd., Louisville, has recently completed an interim ministry as pastor of North Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Perry, former pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, was honored on the last Sunday of his ministry by the congregation with a reception following the evening service.

**Crandall moves to Georgia position**  
Jim Crandall resigned as minister of education at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, to accept a similar position at First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga.

A graduate of Southern Seminary, Crandall is originally from Brunswick, where he earlier served the same church as minister of youth and activities.

**Pastor-policeman takes chaplaincy**  
Marshall Eastham, state policeman and pastor of Dunbar Hill Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has resigned the church to be a state police chaplain.

**Health forces Milby's resignation**  
Ervin Milby Jr. recently resigned as pastor of Summersville (Ky.) Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, because of poor health.

Sunday, Oct. 4, was his last at the church.

**Cocanougher takes Maysville post**



Truett Cocanougher has accepted the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Maysville.

Cocanougher was formerly pastor of Reid Village Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling.

**Grammer serves Audubon 20 years**  
Finis T. Grammer was recognized for serving 20 years as custodian of Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville.

**Lamb to lead Sonora music, youth**  
Thomas Lamb is minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Sonora. Lamb is a student at Southern Seminary.

**Missionary takes Valley View post**  
William Steeger, former missionary to South Africa, has accepted the pastorate of Valley View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Steeger has been the church's interim for several months.

**Cecilia calls Harry to dual ministry**  
Greg Harry has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Harry is a church music major at Campbellsville College.

**Fern Creek calls education minister**  
Danny Byers, a second year religious education student at Southern Seminary, is minister of music and education at Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.

Byers is a North Carolina native.

## Ordinations

**Bullington ordained to ministry**  
Archie Bullington was ordained to the ministry Sunday, Sept. 27 by New Bethel Baptist Church, Allen Association.

Pastor Durwood Garmon was moderator.

**Hardmoney ordains Nance**  
Will Ed Nance, recently called to the pastorate of Good Hope Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, was ordained to the ministry Sunday, Oct. 4 by Hardmoney Baptist Church.

**Forman is Immanuel's youngest deacon**  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, ordained Gary Forman as deacon Sunday, Oct. 11.

Forman is the youngest deacon to be ordained by Immanuel in its 20-year history.

Forman's father, Ken, director of missions for Bracken Association, participated in the service.

Malcolm Lunceford is pastor.

**Wisdom ordained at Sparksville**  
Larry Wisdom, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, was ordained at Sparksville Bap-

tist Church, Sunday, Oct. 11.

Leo Curry preached the ordination sermon.

**Allendale ordains its pastor**  
Allendale Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, ordained its pastor Kenneth Kerr to the ministry Sunday, Oct. 4.

Ancil Durrett preached the ordination sermon.

**Mt. Freedom ordains Harrison**  
Wilbert Harrison was ordained to the ministry Sunday, Oct. 11 by Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore.

H. B. Kuhnle is interim pastor.

**Mrs. Parker to be ordained deacon**  
Jane Parker, recently elected deacon of Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, will be ordained Sunday, Nov. 1.

Leonard Adams, Ed Garrett, Bob Matthews and Wayne Parker were also elected church deacons.

**Valley View ordains three deacons**  
Valley View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, ordained Ray Brown, Wayne Rowan and Kenneth Woodring as deacons Sunday, Oct. 18.

## Congregations

**Davis celebrates 20th anniversary**  
Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, celebrated its 20th anniversary Sept. 27. Activities included displays, games, supper and an out-of-doors worship service.

James Bridges is Davis' pastor.

**Mrs. Hendrick recognized for service**  
Eva Lewis Hendrick was honored Sunday, Sept. 27 for working 57 years as organist and pianist of Cloverport Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association.

Mrs. Hendrick, who began her service to the church in 1924, was recognized at the morning worship service and was the guest of a reception that evening.

Truman Johnson is Cloverport's pastor.

**North Fork celebrates 180 years**  
North Fork Baptist Church, Franklin Association, recently celebrated its 180th anniversary.

Paul Horner, pastor of the church from 1937-39, offered the morning message. Frank Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, preached at the afternoon service.

Bob White is the church's pastor.

**Spears Mill starts building**  
Spears Mill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, recently broke ground for an educational building.

Michael Young is pastor.

**Sunday school teachers honored**  
Buck Brove Baptist Church, Salem Association, recently recognized two of its Sunday school teachers for "dedicated service."

Thelma Rose Shacklett and Robert Coign received plaques for 50 and 49 years of teaching respectively.

**Mrs. Hayden has 25 perfect years**  
Mary Hayden was recently recognized by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church,

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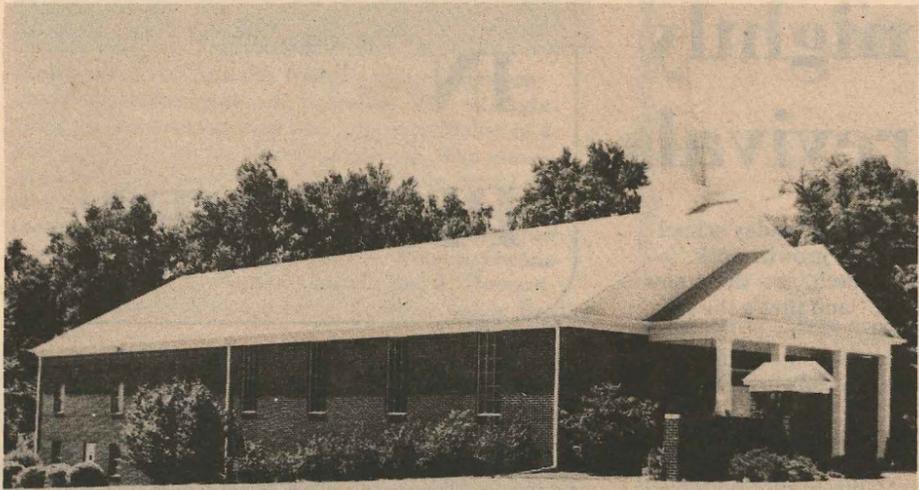
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#### Sinking Spring marks 150th year

Sinking Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary in August.

The church was organized in 1831 in the home of William Adams by eight

women and four men, with the aid of two Tennessee preachers.

The church's present building is its sixth in 150 years.

Billy G. Turner is pastor.

Daviess-McLean Association, for her flawless 25-year Sunday school attendance record as both a student and teacher.

#### Paducah men lead in Zambia

Earl L. Shoemake and Elmer L. Crouch, both of Paducah, were among the pastors and denominational workers from Arkansas, South Carolina, Florida, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska and Kentucky who participated in a two-week stewardship emphasis in Zambia.

The group was overseas Sept. 18 through Oct. 4.

#### Bethlehem services on TV

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, began a television ministry recently.

The church will tape the Sunday morning worship service for replay that evening on the local television station.

Gary Ervin is pastor.

#### Stamping Ground buys van

Stamping Ground Baptist Church recently bought a van for church group transportation.

The church voted Oct. 4 to provide the balance of the \$4000 purchase price above \$2750 already donated.

#### Ford to direct Ga. colleges foundation

J. T. Ford, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Sturgis, recently left the vice presidency of Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland, Ga., to be executive director of the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

First Baptist Church, Paducah, recently honored Ford on the 40th anniversary of his ordination there.

#### Rineyville is building annex

Rineyville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, is adding an education and recreation annex to its building.

Raymond Ward is pastor.

#### Laurel County groups reach 150th year

Two groups of churches in Laurel County celebrated their 150th anniversary in October.

The Laurel River Association of Kentucky Baptists and the Laurel River Association of United Baptists were founded in 1831 when five Baptist

churches in the southeastern section of the county organized the Laurel River Association of United Baptists.

The total membership of 153 in 1831 has grown to more than 66 congregations and 12,801 members in 1980, the last date for which statistics are available.

### Revivals

#### Carter leads Pleasant Hill services

Jerry Carter was evangelist for the Oct. 19-25 revival at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

George Baker is pastor.

#### Harlan has youth weekend revival

Harlan (Ky.) Baptist Church had a youth weekend revival Oct. 2-4 led by Jacksonville, Fla. evangelist Jerry Drace.

Four professions of faith, 21 rededications and two transfers of letter were reported.

The church combined its revival with a limited area Sunday school action enrolment campaign. Sunday school enrolment increased from 517 to 582 and attendance increased from 218 Sept. 27 to 258 Oct. 4.

The campaign was planned by Barry Quillen, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School and part time minister of education and evangelism.

Roy Carlton is pastor. Pat Carlton is director of youth.

#### Casey leads Mt. Gilead revival

James E. Casey Jr. was evangelist at the Sept. 27-Oct. 4 revival at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

One profession of faith and one rededication were made.

J. V. Mullen is pastor at Mt. Gilead.

#### New Hope has lay-led revival

Laymen from New Salem and Summersville Baptist churches, Russell Creek Association, recently led a weekend revival at New Hope Baptist Church of the same association.

One rededication resulted.

#### Decisions made at Antioch revival

Doug Dortch, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, reported five additions, several rededica-

tions and excellent attendance at the church's recent revival.

#### Fairview has revival services

Jim Watt Jr. of Hawesville led the recent revival at Fairview Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Rick Domerese is pastor.

#### 15 decisions made at Williamstown

Williamstown Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, reported four professions of faith, seven additions by letter and three rededications as a result of its Oct. 4-11 revival.

Charlie Rice of Oak Ridge, Tenn. was evangelist. John W. Keith is pastor.

#### Popular Springs reports October revival

Popular Springs Baptist Church, Casey County, was in revival Oct. 5-11, resulting in 31 rededications and four professions of faith.

Dan Flannery was evangelist. Doug Wesley is Popular Springs' pastor.

#### Lyndon promotes gospel for deaf, too

Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, had a revival for the deaf and hearing Oct. 23-25 led by Robert Landes, missionary to the deaf for the Illinois Baptist State Association.

The church also sponsored conferences for the deaf and hearing that weekend about techniques of sign lan-

guage, reverse interpretation and witnessing to the deaf.

In an effort to "totally communicate the gospel," all aspects of the services including sermon, music and prayers, were spoken and signed. Landes signed as he preached.

Landes and his wife are the parents of a deaf daughter and a hearing son.

Hugh Goldsby is Lyndon's pastor.

#### Buck Grove revival reaps 35 decisions

Russell Clemons of Leesburg, Fla. was evangelist for the recent revival at Buck Grove Baptist Church, Ekron.

Thirty-five decisions were made during the week.

Jerry Douglas, of Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, was music evangelist. James G. Merritt is pastor.

#### Union City reports September revival

Union City Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, was in revival Sept. 20-27.

Ralph Benningfield, a former pastor at Union City, was evangelist.

Ten professions of faith resulted and one person joined the church by letter.

William R. Smith is pastor.

#### Sherman conducts Morehead revival

First Baptist Church, Morehead, was led in its recent revival by evangelist Jack Sherman.

R. D. Baker is pastor.

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# When we go, they come

## Old adage draws 1300 nightly to one of state's largest revivals

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

You've heard it said that Baptists think too often in terms of numbers, numerical growth and statistics.

But statistics and numbers often represent people. And numbers don't lie.

When those numbers top 1300 adults and young people attending a Southern Baptist revival each night for six consecutive nights, they really deserve to be highlighted.

The attendance, in fact, was so overwhelming that the auditorium of Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church overflowed several nights, with chairs in the aisles, in the vestibule and twice in an auxiliary auditorium. On those two occasions, as many as 2000 participated in the auditorium or via closed circuit TV. This was in addition to 300 preschoolers and children who participated in planned simultaneous teaching experiences for their age groups each night, elsewhere in the host church.

Granted, it wasn't a one church experience, but a cooperative effort of nearly 50 congregations in Northern Kentucky Baptist Association. But the figures probably indicate the largest sustained joint revival attendance in Kentucky history just the same.

### A Sunday school meeting

Labeled a Sunday school revival, the end-of-summer event focused on outreach, witnessing, enlargement and growth by building a strong (or stronger) Sunday school in the association's churches. A former Kentucky minister of education now living in Herrin, Ill. who spends full time leading campaigns all over the nation was resource person and speaker for Northern Kentucky's Sunday school revival.

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*Pastors, people—whole churches—became stronger as they clarified their commitments and went out to reach the lost in what may have been Kentucky's best attended revival*

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Leon Kilbreth preached for an hour each night, and when he was finished, "you really didn't want it to end," said George A. Jones, executive director of the association.

"Leon's a character," Jones declared. "He's full of wit, sharp and zealous. His preaching and exhortation is strong. He does not ridicule with his humor, and preaches with vigor."

Jones said Kilbreth uses the basic formula for enlarging the Sunday school developed by an early Baptist Sunday School Board exponent, Arthur Flake. "It's an old formula but with up-to-date methods," noted Jones, and is "extremely motivational."

Herb Meadows, a North Carolina musician, accompanied Kilbreth to Florence to sing and lead music for the week. He frequently travels with Kilbreth for such revivals.

### Impressive results—from every corner

On the invitations issued nightly by Kilbreth, the association's pastors lined up across the front of the auditorium to greet their members as people streamed down the aisles. In addition to the amazing attendance figures, here are some of the other results of the week-long experience:

- Jones claims he saw two churches reunite during the week. "The week before, they were trying to fire their pastors," he allowed. "That week, they put their arms around them and loved them and began to work together for the first time in a long time."

- Jones believes at least 200 new Sunday school

departments and more than 300 new Sunday school classes were started as part of new growth work. Jones, interim in a very small church, saw three new classes begun in one day there, "and that's the rule, not the exception," he reported.

- More than 1200 prayer partners signed up in advance of the revival crusade to lend powerful impetus to the week.

- Hundreds of public decisions resulted in the churches of Northern Kentucky Association immediately after the revival. For example, Amity registered 24; Elsmere, 14; Fairlane, 35; Greenview, 22; Sand Run, 15; Hickory Grove, 150; Big Bone, 33; Erlanger, 26; Florence, 35; Ludlow, 15; Trinity, 13; Ft. Mitchell, 41; and Main Street, 28. These were typical figures, and only a sampling from the nearly 50 churches participating.

- Jones said "even some pastors got their personal calls clarified—certainly, for some, their calls for outreach and witnessing were confirmed."

- As a result, Jones confidently attests that "Sunday school is going to be Priority 1" in Northern Kentucky Association in the new church year.

### How the pastors responded

Keith Blair, pastor of First Twelve Mile Church, observed, "Twenty-three of our members attended every service of the revival. Sunday, Sept. 6 we had over 40 persons make a commitment to serve the Lord."

"The revival didn't stop at Florence—it continued on at Wilmington. Our people brought back the spirit of excitement to our church," remarked Bill Hounshell, pastor at Wilmington Baptist Church.

Lee Gussler, pastor at Sand Run Church, averred, "It was just the boost we needed! Every one of our teachers will be out visiting this week. Our teachers and many of our members are now committed to prayer, reaching out and winning the lost."

"Piner Church has experienced revival," said Doug Martin, pastor. "We have started five new Sunday school classes and 12 soul winning teams. Our teachers are now committed to visitation and we will begin a bus census to canvass our community in order to revitalize our bus ministry."

### A year in the making

Jones advised that the revival was in the planning process for a full year, and was the result of much prayer on the part of several committees as well as the whole association. He said financial arrangements were completed in advance, and no offering was taken during the meeting. Honorariums and expenses were agreed upon and estimated months before the actual event, and a budget set which included promotion and advertising. Churches were asked to underwrite the cost of the meeting out of their own budgets, so "we had cash in hand" when the meeting took place, said Jones. "It's the only way to go."

He also mentioned that, while Kilbreth is "on speaking terms" with independent Baptists, he fully understood this was a Southern Baptist meeting. "He never criticized our programs and work," Jones assured, "but sought to build up all that we had done and were doing. I think a good understanding in advance helps create such positive results."

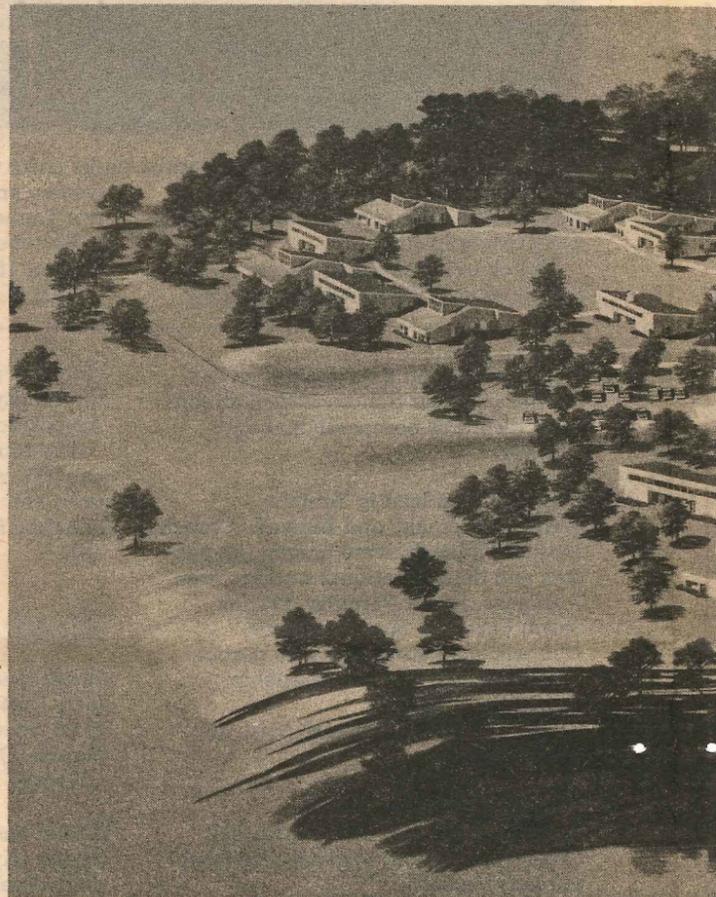
Jones said the effect of the revival carried over to the association's annual meeting this fall. "It was spirit-filled with evangelistic fervor," he said. "We could tell revival was there."

Asked if a similar venture will be held in the future, Jones replied, "There's no way not to. I'm not sure just what we'll do next, but we'll be doing something, to be sure."

He concluded by saying, "If we reach our (denominational) goal in this association of 8.5 by '85, we'll have to add 6000 new members to our Sunday schools."

But then, with a twinkle in his eye, Jones—ever the eternal optimist—reported, "We may reach that one in 1981."

## BAPTIST NEWS IN PICTURES



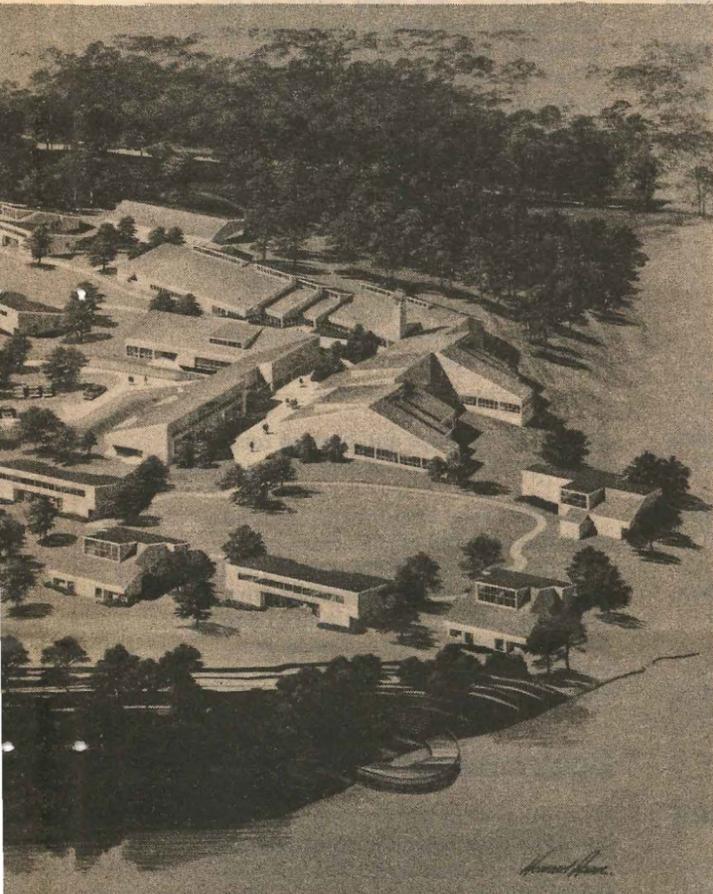
An artist's rendition shows how a new \$8.6 million orientation center for Southern Baptist foreign missionary personnel will look when completed in 1984. Family housing [left and near right] calls for two to four families having separate living space but sharing a common activity room in each house. Educational buildings, chapel, clinic, a children's school, recreational facility, dining hall and



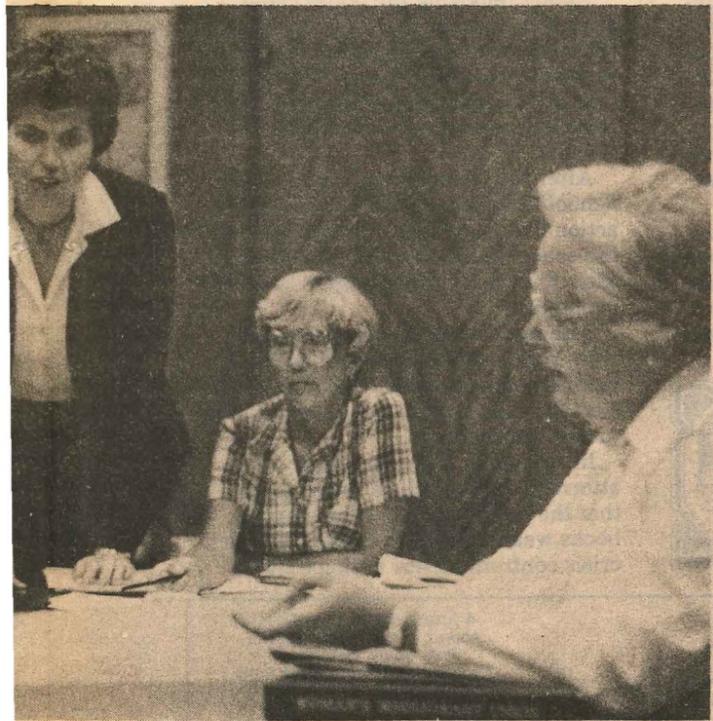
A relocation committee for the SBC Woman's Missionary Union makes plans to move national WMU headquarters to a new site in the Birmingham, Ala. area [l-r]: Mrs. James Lowry; Mrs. Edwin Howard; Mrs. Robert Dent Sr.;



Members of the Annuity Board's church pension study committee gathered in Dallas, Tex. to begin work on the development and implementation of a new pension plan for church employees. The plan is expected to be recommended to Annuity Board trustees for approval in January 1983. Kentucky committee members include [l-r] C. R. Daley, Middletown, Western Recorder editor; David A. Nelson, Owensboro, pastor, First Baptist Church; and J. Howard Cobble, Elizabethtown, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church.



administration offices are in the center. The facilities will be used year-round for career missionary orientation, journeyman training, orientation for volunteers going overseas for longer than 4½ months and debriefing for missionary families coming home for their first furlough. It is located on a 233-acre tract near Richmond, Va. Ground breaking is scheduled in May 1982.



Dr. Dorothy Sample, president, WMU, SBC; Mrs. J. Frank Gilreath, recording secretary, WMU, SBC, and relocation committee chairman; and Miss Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, SBC.

# Distressed

## State Baptist pastors cope with demands of long hours

by Glenn W. Mollette, State Correspondent

The pastor who stays on top of things has his work cut out for him. His job normally requires him to prepare for three weekly worship services. This means anywhere from 10-16 hours of study and preparation and often more. If the pastor also teaches Sunday school, this could add two to five hours' additional study and preparation to his schedule.

Baptist pastors do more than just preach, however. Part of their responsibility is visitation. Often this requires travel to several hospitals, nursing homes and the residences of shut-ins as well as homes of those who attend faithfully. Of course, any pastor could spend limitless hours in this type activity.

Any sane thinking man knows he must pace himself and can only visit so much. However, with just limited visiting, a pastor can readily spend 15 hours a week in this ministry.

But this is not all that is expected of today's pastor. Many church members seek private meetings with their pastor in order to receive counsel. Any pastor who is willing to counsel can easily spend five hours a week doing so and this number of hours is a conservative figure.

Then there are prospects. Many pastors want to meet new people, introduce them to the Christian faith or talk with them about church membership. Even a rural pastor can spend six hours a week, and usually more, engaged in this activity.

But who keeps the organizational and administrative life of the church flowing smoothly? In most churches the pastor has this duty. Thus, at least five hours a week can be devoted to this cause.

Now let's add it all up. Fifteen and 15 are 30, add five and then six more for 41 hours plus five for a conservative figure of 46 hours.

Someone is probably saying, "I know my pastor doesn't put in that many hours a week." He probably doesn't; chances are he puts in about 56 hours a week. Considering the evening telephone calls, the crisis situations which demand that he rush to a hospital or someone's home on his day off or during the night; and adding the funerals and all the committee meetings, the pastor has his hands full. This number of hours doesn't take into consideration his duties on Sunday, either.

Thus, the pastor is thrown into the dilemma of trying to fit everything in. Of course, not all pastors spend the same number of hours doing the same things. Yet the pressures to get everything done is upon every pastor.

What about family life? When does the pastor spend a day with his family?

All of these demands create a potential health hazard known as stress.

The Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville has become concerned at this point. Articles have appeared in Church Administration magazine dealing with the matter and seminars are occasionally offered to help pastors deal with stress.

C. Vernon Cole, director of Church Training for Kentucky Baptists, observed that the church administration section of the Kentucky Baptist Convention sponsored seminars on stress at the Pastors-Wives' retreat at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly last August.

Last summer the Nashville department offered a seminar on dealing with stress as a part of Bible preaching week at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

How do pastors deal with stress that is caused by so many demands? How do they get the best of their

work load before it gets the best of them? What tricks if any, does the Kentucky pastor have in his bag to provide a way of dealing with stress?

Several Kentucky pastors offered their opinions on the subject.

Jerome Browne, pastor of Lexington's Rosemont Baptist Church, observed that there is always more to do than can be done. "All of us (pastors) usually work under pressure," Browne commented. "When things begin to get overbearing, I have to back off and talk to the Lord about the situation."

Browne noted that being with several pastoral friends with whom he could be at ease helped him deal with stress.

"Preachers don't often cultivate friendships with other pastors. This is unfortunate because fellow pastors can help one another share the load," stated Browne.

Charles Milam, pastor of Paintsville's First Baptist Church, has three simple methods to overcome stress: 1. Playing golf; 2. Riding a motorcycle around the countryside; 3. Shooting a pistol. Shooting a pistol?

"A couple of my deacons and I went out today and had some fun with our pistols. It's a good way to relax," chuckled Milam.

Jack E. Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenup, believes pastors must discipline themselves not to worry. Edwards pointed out, "The pastor who carries all of the congregation's problems upon his shoulders while trying to be a shepherd will crumble from stress. Pastors must serve as counselors and listeners but the problems must be placed in God's hands."

Edwards, recognizing that stress can conquer the pastor if he doesn't conquer it, stated, "If you could worry and it would change the situation, then worry all you can. But if you worry and it doesn't change the situation, learn to stop worrying and replace it with faith and concern."

Dick Allison, pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church, said several things worked for him. "Vigorous exercise, such as swimming or a brisk walk makes me feel better," expressed Allison. He also shared that getting out and being alone or just getting with a friend and letting off steam have also been successful methods for dealing with stress.

Another pastor, who asked that his name not be disclosed, reported he had once been on the verge of a nervous breakdown and divorce. "After leaving two churches because of tense and stressful pressures, I learned from a friend the value of a day off," he acclaimed.

"During my previous pastorates I felt like I was sinning if I wasn't studying or on the run all the time. However, now I realize I was sinning by not taking a break."

This pastor continued by saying he takes two days off every week and soon he will be taking three weeks' vacation instead of two.

"Jesus had to get away from the crowds and be alone. Pastors are no different. We need a break, also," he pointed out.

This pastor observed that the last three years of his ministry had been the best and most fruitful because of taking time off.

These are some ways Kentucky pastors deal with their work loads, headaches and other pressures of ministry which often produce stress. Not everything works for every pastor. However, every pastor should seek to discover something that works for him.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Foreign board appoints 33

The Foreign Mission Board named 33 new missionaries at its October meeting, including Randall Parks, son of board president R. Keith Parks.

Parks, 27, a Texan, and his wife, the former Nancy Halbert of Texas, will join two other couples in Egypt, where Southern Baptist fraternal representatives were granted permission earlier this year to live in the country and assist Egyptian Baptists in church development.

## Foreign student retreat set

Richard B. Cunningham, professor of Christian philosophy, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be principal speaker at the annual Kentucky Baptist international student conference Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg.

The program, built around the theme "Every Person's Quest for Life," includes three addresses by Cunningham.

Other facets of the weekend retreat include small group discussions, music, recreation, a worship service and an international talent celebration.

The conference is sponsored by the KBC Student Department, Don Blaylock, director.

## He's counting \$, chickens

Any hankerin' for a Chick-fil-A sandwich better come Monday through Saturday.

Sunday cravings cannot be satisfied because the fast-food chain's president is Truett Cathy, a Southern Baptist who refuses to open that day.

Business writer Jim Thompson of the Louisville Courier-Journal said the Georgia-based chain of over 200 restaurants is probably the largest fast-food operation in the United States closed on Sunday, a day many competitors find almost as profitable as Friday or Saturday.

"If a poll were taken and everybody

were honest, you'd find more stores of all kinds would choose to be open only six days," Cathy told Thompson. "Penney's, for example, was not open on Sunday as long as J. C. Penney (the founder) was alive.

"We feel the spiritual development of the individual is important, as well as the company," said Cathy.

"He's a fantastic businessman and Christian," said church secretary Pam Kirkland. "His family is his top priority. He is very successful in business, but business isn't always first in his life."

Cathy, who founded Chick-fil-A, occasionally leads the Monday devotional periods for his staff at company headquarters in Hapeville, a small town near Atlanta. Outside speakers, ranging from popular athletes to ministers, often are brought in.

Cathy said many merchants ask him how he can be open only six days when many mall contracts demand that stores be open seven.

"I just scratch out that part," he said. "If they want my shop, fine. If not, there are others who do."

Cathy teaches a teenage Sunday school class at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga., where he is a popular member.

## Louisiana exec on mend

Robert L. Lee, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, continues to improve from recent surgery.

Lee was admitted to Rapides General Hospital Sept. 25 because adhesions from previous surgery caused intestinal blockage.

Following surgery, pneumonia set in and treatment was complicated by Lee's allergy to penicillin. Alternate medication has cleared up the pneumonia, but physicians are continuing to treat Lee for a stubborn postoperative infection.

## Agency names first female

Barbara Conner, a 15-year employe of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, has been elected to the commission's professional staff.

"This is a first for us," said A. R. Fagan, the commission's executive director-treasurer. "We have never had a woman in a professional staff position in this agency."

Mrs. Conner was named publishing supervisor, replacing Paul M. Darden, who resigned.

The selection was one of three staff shifts in the agency. Harry G. Bonner, who recently joined the staff in the endowment capital giving division, was elected assistant executive director-treasurer, and Charles D. Vanderslice, a consultant in the Together We Build program for three years, was named special consultant for institutional fund raising.

Mrs. Conner, a former teacher in elementary and high schools, has been a secretary and editor with the commission. She is a native of Tulsa, Okla., and is married to Ray Conner, director of the Church Recreation Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

In her new responsibilities, she will be responsible for the editing, design, printing and distribution of all materials produced by the commission.

## Kentucky's the leader

Kentucky is the top-ranking state in number of new Woman's Missionary Union organizations since WMU launched its national enlargement plan last March. Twenty-one new WMU's have been organized.

Other top-ranking state conventions are Florida and Mississippi with 19 each and North Carolina with 17.

Called New WMU, the plan's objective is to begin new WMU organizations in 11,604 Southern Baptist churches which report none. The project is sponsored jointly by national and state WMU's. It will culminate in September 1983.

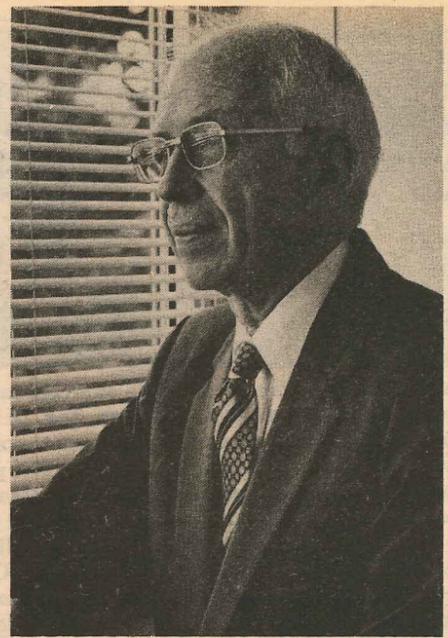
## The heat's on for missions

An Alabama church, faced with fixing an air conditioner or catching up with mission gifts, picked missions.

In June 1980 the air conditioner in First Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala., went out. The church was \$5600 behind its budget receipts and \$8200 behind in what it had planned to give to missions through the Cooperative Program.

In a business meeting members decided not to borrow money for an air conditioner unless they also were committed to catch up in mission gifts. A member offered to loan \$12,000 interest free for the air conditioner if the church would commit to borrowing the Cooperative Program money if it had not caught up by December.

"That short, hot summer drew our people together around the Cooperative Program as our commitment to Christ rather than comfort," pastor Buddy Nelson explained. "We didn't suffer a



J. D. Hughey has many plans for his retirement, but sitting on the sidelines of Baptist work is not among them. When he retires Dec. 31 after 18 years as director of Southern Baptist work in Europe and the Middle East, he will teach for a semester at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He taught there for 12 years before assuming administrative duties at the Foreign Mission Board in 1964 after 20 years' missionary service. During Hughey's tenure as area director, Baptists have begun work in 10 countries in his area.

drop in attendance and budget receipts increased 23 percent above the previous year."

It didn't take long for the church to reap the benefits of the commitment. Within three months from the time they purchased a new air conditioner the unit was paid for in increased giving by the membership. Gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program are also up to date.

## Book censure to be tested

The authority of local school boards to ban what they consider objectionable books from school libraries and classrooms will be tested in the U. S. Supreme Court.

The court has been asked to decide if a Long Island school board violated the constitutional rights of students by banning books containing sexual terms, profanity and disparagement of religion.

Action removing the books came after some school board members attended a meeting sponsored by a conservative watchdog group. They convinced a board majority to thoroughly review books being used in their schools.

After the Island Trees Union Free School District took the censorship action five years ago, five students took the school board to court arguing that their First Amendment rights had been violated.

Although a federal district court in New York upheld the school board, a federal court of appeals reversed and sent the case back to the lower court for further proceedings.

In appealing to the Supreme Court attorneys for the school board argued that the board's action removing the books was in response to the "moral crisis confronting our nation today."

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# Christian Education

## Seminary at Cumberland

Cumberland College, in cooperation with Southern Seminary, plans to offer seminary-level religion courses on the Cumberland campus, according to the college's president, James Taylor.

"These courses are being presented primarily to give Cumberland College graduates and others in the area surrounding the college a more in-depth understanding of the Bible, of the area of preaching and of counseling," said G. Willard Reeves, chairman of the college's religion department.

A faculty member from Southern Seminary will travel to the Cumberland campus each week to teach one of the classes, while a member of the Cumberland College staff will teach another.

## Corrells offer largest grant

Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has received its largest single contribution ever in a presentation ceremony at Somerset Lodge.

The school received \$120,000 from Ward, Blaine and Ray Correll of Correll Enterprises.

Accepting the donation at a dinner meeting attended by more than 200 ministers and other guests was Clear Creek president D. M. Aldridge.

In return for the gift Aldridge said the school's new church music building will be named in honor of the Corrells.

## Pastors to discuss finances

Baptist pastors will meet to discuss pastors' financial concerns at Georgetown College's Baptist Pastors' Fellowship Friday, Dec. 11.

Ernest Mosley, executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association, will be the featured speaker.

Brooks Faulkner, supervisor of the Sunday School Board's career guidance section and former pastor, will direct a similar fellowship on pastor "burn-out" Mar. 12 at the college.

James Highland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, is chairman of the fellowship planning committee.

## C-ville has fall revival

"Put on a Happy Faith" was the theme of a campus revival at Campbellsville College Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Don Blaylock, director of the Student Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, was guest speaker.

"A campus revival is where Christians on campus become more Christ like," said Blaylock. "It is also a time in which they learn to share their faith openly with those who aren't Christians."

Music was provided nightly by "Forever His." The group also presented a concert Sept. 30.

## Doty photos on exhibit

The photography of Robert Doty will be on exhibit in Campbellsville College's fine arts center gallery Nov. 4-24.

Doty, professor of literature and languages and chairman of the college's Humanities Division, has emphasized nature and ways color may be used

artistically, as well as architecture and three dimensional art forms in his prints.

A teacher at Campbellsville since 1973, Doty has degrees from Georgetown College, Southern Seminary and the University of Kentucky.

The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## 'Menagerie' to be on stage

"The Glass Menagerie," a classic Tennessee Williams play, will be presented Nov. 12-14 at Campbellsville College, according to Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech and director of the play.

Members of the cast are: Ricky Hawkins, a Glasgow freshman as Tom; Bev Tinch, a sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind. as Laura; Suzanne Mobley, a Campbellsville junior as Amanda; and Brad Johnson, a senior formerly of Evansville, Ind. as Jim.

The production will be in Alumni Chapel.

## Campbellsville shows art

Myrtie Abbott Parsley is exhibiting acrylics done in abstract expressionism and realistic styles in the Campbellsville College fine arts center gallery during October.

Mrs. Parsley, a Campbellsville artist originally from Monticello, teaches art at Green County High School. She has been president of the Fourth District Art Education Association.

The exhibit is open during regular gallery hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Revival touches college

More than 100 decisions resulted from Cumberland College's recent campus revival.

Led by evangelist Bud Spencer, foreign missionary to Okinawa, Japan for 30 years, and J. Robert Bradley, director of church music for the National Baptist Convention, 14 students made professions of faith, 45 made rededications, 15 offered themselves for full time Christian service and many others wanted to become more involved in Christian work while in college.

"Reaching our Campus for Christ" was revival theme.

## Rose shoes Clear Creek

Dale Rose, pastor of Big Sinking Baptist Church, Monticello, recently delivered a load of shoes for 150 student families of Clear Creek Baptist School.

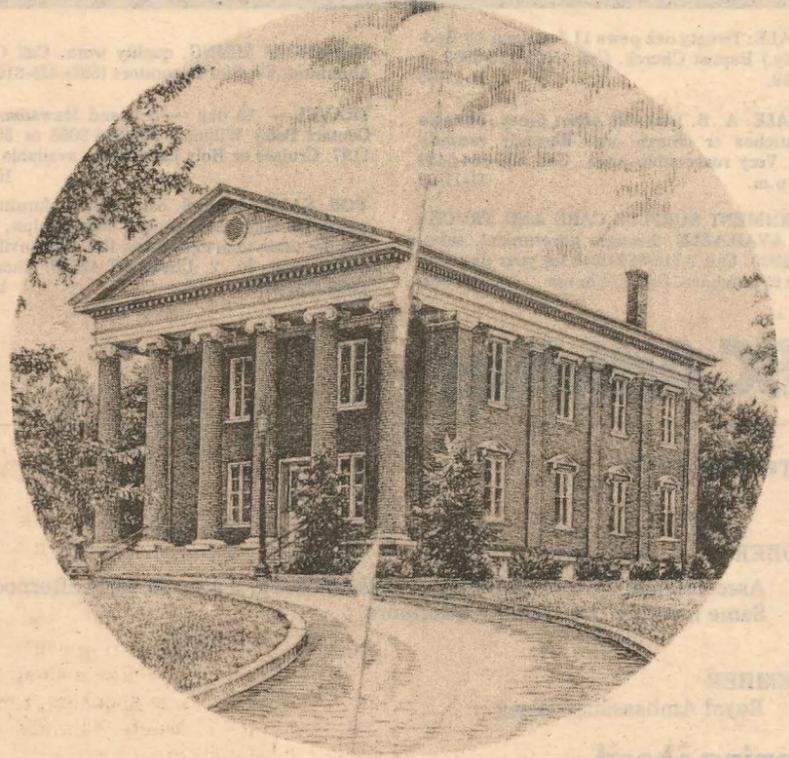
Rose was accompanied by alumnus Noble Cobb, pastor of Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, and Larry Humble.

## Georgetown women meet

The Woman's Association of Georgetown College met Oct. 20 in Lee E. Cralle Student Center.

The program featured Steve Collins, son of Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins and a senior at Georgetown College. He discussed Kentucky heritage.

Georgetown's Woman's Association was organized in 1897 to foster the interests of the college and to provide scholarships for students.



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1-7 Royal Ambassador Week

### Planning ahead

9-12 Kentucky Baptist Convention meetings. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church

9-10 — Executive Board Meeting, Religious Education Association;

9-10—Music Association Meeting, Pastor's Conference

10-12—Convention in session

15 American Bible Society Day. Suggestions available from The American Bible Society, Box 5656, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017

15-18 Foreign Missions Study. Books available from Baptist Book Store for each age group. Theme: "French Speaking West Africa"

#### PROGRAM CHANGE: JANUARY BIBLE STUDY PREVIEWS

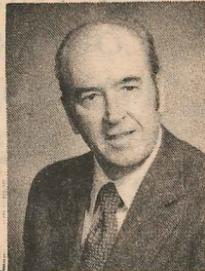
January Bible Study Preview programs listed in the 1981 Baptist Diary have been CANCELLED. Each association has been asked to plan and conduct its own Bible Study Preview. The Sunday School Department is cooperating by offering financial assistance toward honorariums, materials and travel expense for the Bible teacher or conference leader.

22 Child Care Day

26 Thanksgiving

30-12/1 State Executive Board Meeting. Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building

## Frank Owen



### The unseen facts

The intent of this message is to warn ourselves against too caustic personal criticism with less than full knowledge of circumstances. From Indian lore, I believe, comes the saying "Don't criticize another who limps until you have walked a mile in his moccasins." We more often say, "Don't criticize the fellow who limps until you have felt the tack in his shoe."

The following circumstance occurred during my years as a pastor: We had a black guest soloist in our choir who wore a full beard. This was years ago when one rarely saw a black person in a then white church choir. Beards likewise were just beginning and still perceived often as deliberate symbols of rebellion against the "system."

Our church, at that time, had one black family in its membership (also most unusual then). The young parent couple were students from Africa.

Surprise! Everyone in the congregation seemed to appreciate the bearded black soloist except the one black couple. The husband often lingered to chat with me. We were friends of mutual trust. In courteous, but clear manner he questioned our honoring the guest whose beard he saw as a deliberate "badge" of anarchy. (Some so viewed it in those days.)

I explained to the young critic that our guest was an actor in the cast of an ongoing, nearby dramatic production. The beard was part of his costume depicting an entirely different period of history.

Now, fellow readers, before you unduly chastise the man who criticized the beard, let us examine the tack in his shoe. The young man's uncle held the highest office in his African homeland and was the provider for his nephew's American education. This beloved uncle had recently been assassinated by a member of a bearded anarchist group. The young family was thereby left in want in a foreign country without support.

It surprised the young student to learn the perfectly benign explanation of the singer's beard. It probably surprises the reader to learn that the critic was walking on a tack that somewhat explains his limp.

Jesus said "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matthew 7:1

'To start, strengthen churches'

## Salem invests in Ohio mission



by Theo Sommerkamp

A Kentucky church with a history dating to 1811 is sponsoring its first mission ever—and it's in Ohio.

When Salem Baptist Church, near Shelbyville, voted to sponsor a new congregation, it did so enthusiastically.

The sponsor church is investing about \$1000 a month in a namesake chapel recently launched in Nelsonville, Oh., 65 miles southeast of Columbus.

A native Ohioan and his wife, also native Buckeye, are church planters in Nelsonville, a community of 5000 along US 33 between Logan and Athens.

Jerry Lewis, a native of the Gallipolis area, and a "son" of Summit Church in a rural-suburban community 15 miles east of Columbus, is pastor of the new mission. His wife, Mary, who also comes from the Summit Station community, is children's teacher in Sunday school at the new mission, named Salem.

Attendance at the mission, begun last fall, runs from 15 to 25 each Sunday morning. It uses the Odd Fellows Hall, renting the bingo-game room for \$75 a month.

Except for the stack of mounted cards used to call numbers, the unusually large number of long foldaway tables and an ashtray of cigarette butts missed in the post-game cleanup, a Sunday worshiper would never know the same room accommodated a bingo game Friday night.

Nelsonville, once a thriving coal center, has lost this dominant industry. Many residents work in Athens, the county seat, or other towns nearby. Tourism accounts for some revenue.

It has one other Baptist church, a congregation of several dozen black Baptists. The United Methodist Church, located at a main highway intersection, has the most prominent building.

"We have wanted for a long time to establish a mission in Nelsonville," said Cliff B. Coleman, director of missions for Scioto Valley Association, in whose area Nelsonville, Athens and Gallipolis are located. He's counting on Lewis.

Although Bible study groups under Southern Baptist leadership have existed briefly in the past, this is the best supported and most substantial effort to establish a congregation in Nelsonville, state convention leaders believe. Two older women now attending the mission had taken part in the Bible study fellowship, Lewis said.

A main task for the 42-year-old pastor is enlisting men and boys. The only male present for services other than the pastor is the infant son of one of the women.

Lewis intends to survey the community, meet a lot of people and "concentrate on getting a good Sunday school started. Then we'll get the men to come," he said.

A survey taken by summer student missionaries about two years ago is being used, plus information gained more recently by Lewis and others who have come from time to time to help, but more data is needed.

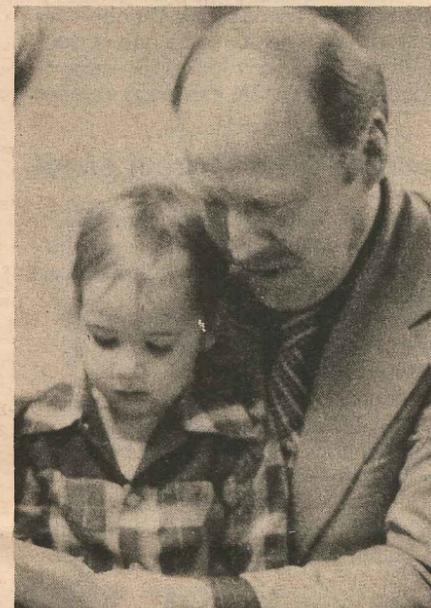
Salem Chapel recently completed a week's revival under T. J. (Jack) Tichenor, president of the state convention. Services each night were in the Odd Fellows Hall, except Wednesday and

Friday.

Wednesday night prayer meetings are in the Lewis home about a mile from the rented hall. Friday night the revival service used the American Legion hall.

The Kentucky-Ohio link has special meaning for Mrs. Tichenor, since the Shelbyville sponsor is her home church.

Salem Church in Kentucky has indicated it will supply funds for the Nelsonville development for at least five years, Lewis said.



Pastor Jerry Lewis

Of the \$1000 a month, \$700 goes toward salary and benefits for the mission pastor. Salary supplements also come from the state convention and SBC Home Mission Board.

Salem pastor A. J. Hensley and two members of the Kentucky church came to Nelsonville during the revival to help continue the community survey.

An abandoned church building is available in Nelsonville and the possibility of leasing it is being considered. Should the lease be negotiated, the church building will need a great deal of repair work before it can be occupied.

While vacant the building has suffered from vandals and the elements. Windows are broken, the sign is in disrepair and other things need attention.

A building-repair crew from the mother church would need to help restore the structure for use.

Lewis uses his orange 1971 Volkswagen—the family's only car—to bring several people to church every Sunday. This means one trip to bring his wife and 15-year-old daughter, Jodie, to church, then a second trip to pick up worshipers who need transportation. Two trips are necessary after the service.

Sister churches have helped already in other ways. During a revival the choir from First Church, Logan, sang Monday night and the choir from First Church, Etna, sang Tuesday night. The Etna church donated some robes toward the day when the Nelsonville group will have a choir. Right now it needs a pianist—it has a piano.

Lewis looks forward to speaking in mission conferences in the South to urge well-established churches to follow the Kentucky example and underwrite some expense of new work in Ohio.

# Oneida Journal

Barkley Moore, President  
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# Clear Creek Comments

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## Precious memories

As I sit in our daily chapel worship each morning I look into the faces of over 400 boys and girls and 33 teachers. I want to impress their images indelibly in memory as each will live forever in my heart.

My mind races back across the years to the old Marvin Hall Chapel. It is my first chapel service. I'm an excited little six year old, my first day of school in Oneida's primer class. My little legs dangle well above the floor. I can still hear the song we sang so often in those years: "Sing and smile and pray, night will turn to day; if you'll only sing, you'll sing the clouds away . . . smile the clouds away . . . pray the clouds away."

I can hear old Bro. Melvin Davidson praying. My mother heard him pray when she was my size, my age, in that same holy place. That room was hallowed by the prayers and tears of many of God's saints over many decades.

Precious memories. How they linger. How they flood and haunt the soul.

It is the spring of 1963. The sun shines through the large windows of the old chapel. An eager, freckled, serious face is upturned intent on the words of the speaker. I am the speaker. I'm back working at Oneida having left my law studies at University of Kentucky. Later I write of that young man: "Wesley Francis Underwood, better known as Buddy Underwood, received Oneida's highest honor at commencement. Buddy attended Oneida one and one-half years on a full scholarship. In this relatively brief time his Christian witness on our campus earned him the respect and affection of both students and staff. So outstanding was he that he was unanimously selected by the faculty and staff, each voting by secret ballot, as deserving of Oneida's highest honor.

"Buddy's regular Oneida chore was to get up between 4:30 and 5 a.m. to help with the milking. He not only did this faithfully thus going the required mile but went the second and third mile in hours spent in painting the boys' dorm and doing many other jobs which he was not required to do. He saw they needed doing and did them competently and cheerfully."

Buddy later wrote: "I think of the old English class where I learned to say "sneak" and not "snuck." I think of the algebra class where I soon learned not to rear back in my chair and to keep my feet off the chair in front of me. I often remember the beauty of the mountains in the spring and fall. Every Sunday morning as the nearby church plays its chimes I remember the many mornings at Oneida I woke up and went to church to those same familiar sounds.

"I remember the forest fires we fought, and the morning when I had to milk and it was so cold I did not think the cows could possibly give milk. I remember the time I peeled a potato in the toilet and how it took the maintenance men two days to unstop it.

"There are so many things I remember. But of all the things I owe Oneida, the most outstanding is the fact I was able to go even though I did not have the money to pay for the tuition and other things. Oneida made a way for me as it did so many others. The school holds a very big place in my heart and my heart is bigger because of it."

Buddy married an Oneida classmate, Kay Atto, and they have a fine Christian home in Loveland, Oh. They remember our work generously from time to time as Buddy is a successful businessman. The Underwoods are dividends on investments well made.



## Ministering to the children of the 80's



### Thanksgiving

Eldred M. Taylor,  
Executive Director

November is Thanksgiving month! After an extremely hard winter, heavy loss of lives and a good, productive summer, there came a bountiful harvest for the Pilgrims. Instead of dwelling on all of their hardships, they focused on the goodness of God. Because of their gratitude for life and a bountiful harvest, they held a feast and time of festivity. The main purpose of the whole affair was to give thanks to God for all his blessings.

If the Pilgrims, with so little could be so lavish in their thanksgiving, surely we in the year 1981, with so much, ought to be even more lavish in our thanksgiving. But how does one give thanks? It can be said with words and shown with deeds. Thanksgiving is expressing our thanks to God. Have you thought about some of the many things we Baptists have for which we should be thankful? Let me list some of our blessings:

1. We live in a free land and may worship God without hindrance. Recognizing that many do not know the Lord we can make a Thanksgiving offering to help those who are lost.

2. Do you have a home and loved ones who care about you? Many children find themselves without a home, unloved and unwanted. These are the type children your child care program is prepared to help. However, we can only help them as you support this work with your gifts.

3. As you thank God for home, family, friends, church and material blessings, give expression to that thanks with a liberal Thanksgiving offering for your Baptist child care ministry. Remember, we are giving Christian care, Christian love and Christian example to hurting, abused, bruised children who have no one else to care for them. Make your most liberal, most sacrificial, most thankful gift for child care this Thanksgiving.

## Did Jesus have a will?

We live in a day when it is both fashionable and wise to have a will prepared so that our estate, however meager it might seem, may be handled as we desire. One would assume that this is a modern development but nearly 2000 years ago Jesus made a will which was witnessed by four persons: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Another person, the writer of Hebrews, states that the will became effective upon his death (Heb. 9:17).

However, in order to qualify according to the terms of the will, one must meet certain qualifications. Specifically, they are that a person must repent of sin and trust him to provide a legacy.

When these qualifications are met the following things are provided:

1. A mansion in heaven. John 14:2-3
2. Peace that passes all understanding. Phil. 4:7
3. Provision for all needs. Matt. 6:28, 31
4. Whatever is required to pay the debt of sin. Rom. 6:14

As in any legal will, it was necessary for Jesus to die for it to become effective. When he died the resources were made available for all who qualified.

Yes, Jesus had a will and he remembered you in it.

Do you have a will? If not, we would be happy to talk with you about preparing one.

For information on preparing a will that will honor Jesus, write Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to visit our campus this fall when the trees are ablaze with color.

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## Meet Cumberland College Student



### Phil Taylor

Phil Taylor is an inspiring young man. He is President of the Cumberland College Ministerial Association and was recently nominated for Kentucky State Baptist Student Union President. He has served as interim pastor for two Williamsburg area churches and was recently awarded his licensure as a Baptist minister from Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

Five years ago, as a 16 year old, Phil felt himself surrendering to God's call to the ministry. He committed himself to God, "...to whatever and wherever He calls me. My call is to be a pastor. I love congregations and challenges. I love being in the pulpit doing all that I can for the Lord."

Phil does a lot, even conducting revival excursions into the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee and on into Ohio.

Phil says that Cumberland helped him grow and mature, "My professors at Cumberland have given me knowledge and have set examples with their own lives. I get a warm feeling when I think about all the things Cumberland does for its students."

Phil has grown and shall continue.

There are many others we want to help grow.

President Taylor.  
 Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Larry.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, 40769)

# How Shall They Hear?

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
November 29 to December 6

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering National Goal: \$50,000,000

Total Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil: 268  
Total Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allocated for Brazil: \$2,095,379  
Total Southern Baptist missionaries in the world: 2,595  
Total number of countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries: 95  
National Christmas Offering Goal: \$50,000,000

*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?*

*Romans 10:14-15.*



This child lives in Nove Engeho, a ghetto in the Rio de Janeiro area. He's heard about Jesus through a children's club led by Southern Baptist missionary Frances Bumpus. Through these and other Christian activities, he and his family encounter hope for living.

## Benevolence Ministries



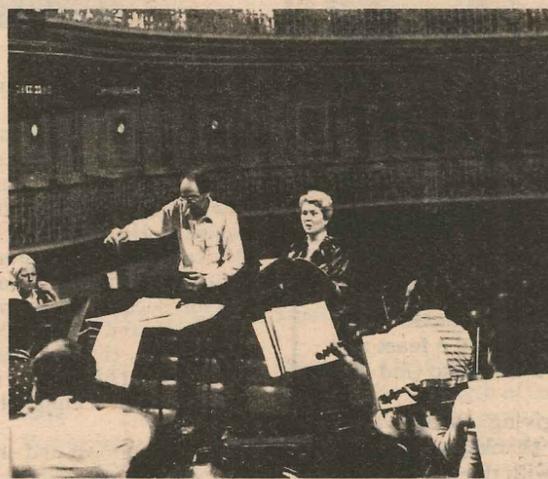
Don Johnson (left) is a Southern Baptist missionary pilot as well as evangelism director for the Belem area. Last year, he carried more than 500 people, including seminary students like these shown with him, to remote preaching points.

## Evangelism

Photos by Don Rutledge, Foreign Mission Board

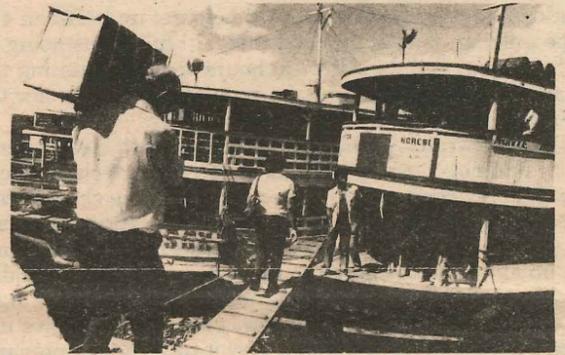


How shall they hear in Brazil, a nation of 122 million people?



Fifteen members of the Recife symphony choir have become Christians since Southern Baptist missionary Fred Spann became director. Spann and missionary soloist Mary Lois Summers are shown here practicing for a concert in the Isabel Opera House in downtown Recife.

## Music



Sometimes the only way to get the gospel to villages is by boat. Missionary Lonnie Doyle loads a boat to take Sunday School literature to a community 500 miles up the Amazon River from Manaus.

## Christian Literature



Missionary Dale Carter (left) manages farming and ranching operations of the Baptist Institute of Corrente. Through the institute, Brazilians have learned how to grow crops more efficiently. They have also learned about Jesus Christ.

## Agriculture

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