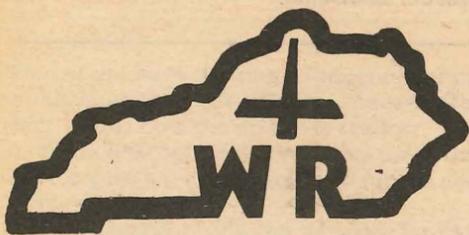




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## Arson suspected in fire at St. Matthews church; two persons arrested

Two young men of the St. Matthews community of Louisville were arrested Jan. 13 in relation to the Jan. 10 fire that destroyed the sanctuary of St. Matthews Baptist Church.

Warren R. Emrich, 20, and a 17-year-old were charged with arson and burglary. Emrich was also charged with two additional counts of burglary and three counts of wanton endangerment, reporting false fire alarms and impersonating a public servant.

The arrests followed an investigation by St. Matthews, Jefferson County and Louisville police and the Louisville Fire Department arson squad.

Radio and stereo equipment taken in the church break-in were recovered.

"It's a sad thing," sympathized Ruben Swint, St. Matthews' associate pastor for administration. "There is some relief that we know the answer but it's a sad answer."

## Sorrels, FMB reconcile; foundation launches fund

Paralyzed former Mission Service Corps volunteer Bob Sorrels and four members of Washington's Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church traveled to Richmond to tell Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks that "the hurt is gone" and to express "a strong desire for reconciliation."

"We felt we did not act as God would have us act, but out of our own frustration," Sorrels said of a conflict which followed a FMB decision not to provide long-term support for Sorrels.

He was paralyzed from the shoulders down in an automobile accident in April 1980, less than a week after he arrived in Nigeria to serve for a year as an accountant. The accident killed veteran missionary Bill Bender and Nigerian Baptist Seminary professor Titus Oluqafemi.

A group called "Friends of Bob Sorrels," including Bill Vickers and Barbara Cobb, who attended the meeting in Parks' office, sent letters to a number of Southern Baptist leaders criticizing the board's "inadequate" disability program for volunteers and urging Baptists to persuade the board to take remedial action for Sorrels.

The letters created widespread news coverage which quoted Sorrels as saying he felt "abandoned" by the board and its leaders.

"That resulted in a lot of misunderstanding, with people taking sides; none of us want that," Sorrels told Parks at the Jan. 5 meeting. "It doesn't bring glory to God for Christians to have bitterness and conflict over a difference of opinion. This is not a case of the good guys against the bad guys."

Walt Tomme, associate pastor of Capitol Hill Metro Church, and Vinton Koons, finance chairman, told Parks they felt Sorrels' needs could be best met by setting up a fund to raise support for his continued rehabilitation.

Koons said the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation, 1100 Seventeenth St. N. W., Suite 412, Washington, D. C. 20036, will administer the fund and receive contributions from those who wish to help Sorrels. Koons is president of the foundation's board of trustees.

"The fund is a good way to solve the problem," said Sorrels, 30, who now lives in Norman, Okla., and has long-term needs for support, special equipment and rehabilitation. Besides \$5000 already spent on his support in Nigeria, Capitol Hill Metropolitan Church has voted \$10,000 to buy him a special van, which the state of Oklahoma will equip.

## Top '81 news stories among Baptists voted

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles—preceded by furor and followed by seeming harmony—has been voted the top Baptist Press news story of 1981.

Editors of 34 state Baptist newspapers and personnel in five Baptist Press bureaus from around the United States were polled to determine their selections of the most significant Baptist news stories of the year.

The Baptist Press list includes stories of particular significance and newsworthiness to Baptists, and does not include other stories, such as nuclear energy, weapons proliferation or Reagan economics.

The 1981 annual meeting of the SBC was preceded by name-calling and in-fighting, which led some observers—both within and without the denomination—to predict a split might occur in the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Factions formed and rumors flew; meetings were held and divisions drawn in advance of the June meeting. For the first time in recent history, an incumbent president was challenged in what is usually an unopposed second term.

However, when the convention was over, Bailey E. Smith of Del City, Okla. had been reelected president, a long-standing doctrinal document had been reaffirmed and seeming harmony prevailed.

The second top news story of the year concerned the establishment of the American Christian Television System (ACTS), a proposed television network based on satellites and low-power television stations.

The system, announced at the beginning of the year by Jimmy R. Allen, president of the denomination's Radio and Television Commission, was still in the planning states when the year ended.

Simultaneously, the denomination's Sunday School Board worked to establish a satellite system to feed churches, associations, state conventions and others.

Lawsuits impacting various agencies was voted the third top story.

During the year, a woman secretary filed suit against the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Brotherhood Commission and three Brotherhood executives charging sexual harassment and seeking \$3 million in damages.

In the summer, a five-year-old lawsuit against the Baptist Sunday School Board by a former board personnel officer was settled when the BSSB paid Donald Burnett \$60,000 in damages.

A jury in a Nashville court awarded Burnett \$400,000, but the judge reduced the damages to \$60,000.

Two other Baptist entities—Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.—also went to court.

They were featured in federal Equal Employment Opportunities Commission disputes over employment records and practices.

Bailey Smith figured in the fourth as well as the first top story of the year. Smith made news in 1980 when he told a national political rally "God doesn't hear the prayer of a Jew," and later said he thought Jews "have funny looking noses."

The remarks led to widely publicized meetings between Smith and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. During 1981 Smith and a contingent of Southern Baptist leaders toured Israel under sponsorship of the ADL, and relations between Southern Baptists and Jews seemed on the upswing.

The other top 10 stories are

FIVE: Furor followed publicized remarks of Robert

Bratcher, one of the main translators of the Good News for Modern Man version of the Bible. Bratcher, of Chapel Hill, N. C., said in March belief in an inerrant Bible is either "willful ignorance" or "intellectual dishonesty." He later "resigned" from the American Bible Society, where he was research associate.

SIX: Leadership changes saw Abner McCall retire as president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., to be replaced by Herbert Reynolds; Duke K. McCall announced his retirement as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and A. Harold Cole stepped down as executive director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, replaced by Ray P. Rust, president of Anderson College. Also, James H. Landes of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Roy Gresham of the Maryland Baptist Convention and Franklin Owen of the Kentucky Baptist Convention announced their retirements, and J. Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, journal of the North Carolina convention, announced he will leave his post in 1982.

SEVEN: After a slight increase in 1980 statistics indicate Southern Baptists baptized fewer converts in 1981. Still, the statistics indicated Southern Baptists are baptizing an average of 1000 persons a day.

EIGHT: In January an intruder brutally murdered Ethyl Louise Robbins, 68, the wife of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor Ray Robbins, in her campus apartment. Nearly a year later, no suspects had been apprehended.

NINE: Southern Baptists continue their efforts to alleviate world hunger. The denomination's Foreign Mission Board sought ways to improve delivery of the funds and contributions continue to increase.

TEN: In February Gene Medaris resigned as editor of the Indiana Baptist, journal of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, after he was censured by the executive board. His censure and resignation were upheld by the board and, later, the chairman of the board, David Simpson, was named editor of the 9500-circulation weekly newspaper.

## Crescent Hill conference to focus on peace issues

"The Church as Peace Maker" is theme of a Kentucky Pastors Conference Feb. 9-10 at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.

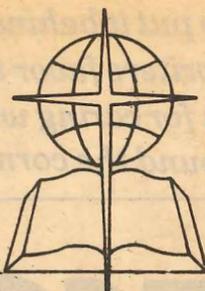
The conference is specifically planned to provide information on peace issues, to show the hope for peacemaking in society and to share models for preaching, teaching and organizing in congregations around issues. It is jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Council of Churches, Kentuckiana Interfaith Community and Louisville Area Council on Peacemaking and Religion.

Conference speakers include William Sloane Coffin Jr., pastor, Riverside Church, New York City; David Buttrick, professor of homiletics, St. Meinrad (Ind.) School of Theology; Walter Brueggemann, dean of academic affairs, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; and Glen H. Stassen, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A registration fee of \$15 including one luncheon should be sent immediately to Council on Peacemaking and Religion, 3940 Poplar Level Rd., Louisville, KY 40213. Make checks to "Pastors Conference, Council on Peacemaking and Religion."

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

### It's time to move on

Nothing displeases Satan more than harmony and unity among God's people and nothing delights him more than bickering and distrust among those serving the Lord. In recent years Kentucky Baptists have experienced an unusually delightful period of mutual trust and cooperation and nothing must be allowed to interrupt it.

Reaction in favor and not in favor of the recent executive board decision to purchase 21 cars for convention staff members in the Baptist Building is not to be discounted but surely it is not worth any injury to our fellowship and decline in our support of world outreach through the Cooperative Program.

Executive secretary Franklin Owen is convinced purchase of autos instead of mileage allowance is a good deal for Kentucky Baptists. When he presents all things considered before making the recommendation, he is convincing. He realizes, however, that understanding and harmony are far more important than any good business deal.

He wants to know and needs to know how pastors and people in the pews feel about this action or any other action of the executive board. This does not mean he should be overwhelmed by an avalanche of mail but actually he has

### Pastors/churches in trouble

by J. B. Fowler,  
Editor, Baptist New Mexican

I think I have never heard of so many pastors and churches in trouble. As I move about the state, it seems I am constantly running into some preacher brother who is facing serious problems in his pastorate or who has already resigned with no place to go. Sometimes, however, concerned laymen share the burden of their hearts, asking what can be done about their pastor? Sometimes, sadly, they tell me he has been asked to leave.

Why is this problem so widespread today? What are the factors contributing to it? How much blame must be laid at pastors' feet? How much blame must be laid at the feet of the laymen of the churches?

I am not wise enough to answer those questions and I am not sure anyone is. I could offer some thoughts on the subject, but they would only be guesses. Only the Lord knows all the factors involved.

But I do know this: it is difficult and costly to be a pastor. It takes an increasing toll, as the years pass, on the man, his wife and children. And church members are not often aware of this.

The parsonage family lives in a glass house. They are always under public scrutiny. In smaller towns and communities, the pastoral family has almost no privacy. They live under the constant pressure of being expected to conform.

No man who is in his right mind will pursue such a demanding calling unless there is a holy compulsion that burns unceasingly within his bosom. But no man who is in his right mind will refuse to yield to that calling when he knows God is working in his heart.

received very few letters so far. So persons having positive or negative feelings strong enough to affect their attitude and participation in our cooperative efforts should surely speak up.

On this matter not enough responses have come to reveal how the majority of Kentucky Baptists feel. Obviously many including all executive board members who voted agree that it's a plan worth trying. However, at least some pastors and church members are not convinced. Some of them don't understand and some who understand sincerely do not agree. These have a right to their views and a right to be heard.

Every expenditure of Kentucky Baptists' contributions is truly important but it would be easy for this purchase of automobiles for use by staff members to be inflated all out of proportion to its importance. After all, it's a long standing practice to provide transportation for convention staff members. All Baptist state conventions follow this practice.

Furthermore, a significant number of Baptist state conventions either purchase or lease fleets of cars for staff use and recommend the practice. So what's been done in Kentucky is neither novel nor revolutionary.

In commenting on this action a dedicated Kentucky Baptist layman who is an automobile dealer (not one who will be bidding on this fleet purchase) says purchasing is a better deal than leasing.

This layman also observed that once a matter has been thoroughly discussed, it should be left alone because the more it is stirred, the more damage is done. He is right and it's time to put the car purchase behind and move on together.

### Guest editorial

But back to the main thought I was pursuing: My lay brethren, when a pastor is forced to resign a pastorate without any place to go, getting back into a pastorate is overwhelmingly difficult. And that's a terrible penalty to pay—one that most often is greater than the offense.

When churches take things into their own hands to move a pastor, without sufficiently praying the matter through and waiting on the Holy Spirit to do his work, in one vote they can bring tragedy down upon the head and heart of a man who has spent years preparing himself for his divine calling.

I am not saying that undesirable situations in a church ought to be continued indefinitely. There are certainly times when the pastor ought to move. But what I am saying is that the church is the bride of Jesus and if the lay leadership will prayerfully wait on the Lord, he will rectify undesirable situations in the church without ruining a pastor's future usefulness.

Too many times, I am afraid, churches reach for the meat cleaver when the problem is no more than a tough hangnail and could be handled with the clippers. Patience, well lubricated by prayer and faith, is the better alternative.

Pastors ought to be careful about thinking they own the church and that their will and way is the law and gospel. But, also, churches need to be mighty careful in handling the man of God lest they mishandle him.

I am still one of those old-fashioned preachers who believes God deals in a special way with his servants and in a special way with churches that mishandle his servants. And it should go without saying that Jesus will deal with the pastor who plays rough with his bride.

## Baptist Forum

I like surprises like this!

Thanks for your very clear explanation (Jan. 6, 1982) of the division of funds that was made by our state executive board in December 1981.

For us to have \$874,186 to distribute at times like these is marvelous. Dr. Owen and some other wise leaders are to be commended. They have vividly illustrated what so many of us have been reporting to local churches. Namely, that our Baptist leaders on various convention levels are careful stewards. Our money is handled with careful Christian hands. With authorized abandon (through adopted convention budgets—adopted and authorized by our own church messengers in the annual convention meetings) our department leaders could have spent this money. Praise God for our Christian brothers who wisely distributed the loaves from their departments and, indeed, there's 12 baskets full left over!

In my way of thinking, these same stewards are leading a wise group of our locally elected executive members to distribute these resources. I'm so happy that a recent (1980-81) distribution formula was used. It thrills me to see our Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board receive 'extra' funds at a time it is really needed. Seminaries who've trained our more than 3100 foreign missionaries and almost 3000 home missionaries will have an opportunity to have much needed help so they may do a good job with our present 10,000 student enrollment.

How timely, indeed! Cumberland College is trying to remodel some newly purchased city school buildings, Oneida had a loss of a building to fire this year, Child Care program has new cottages to occupy and pay for, Western Recorder has new postage rates beginning Jan. 10, 1982, one of our churches needs to borrow \$10,000 of the newly distributed \$100,000 for church loans and some of our youth will receive help on costly college educations through WMU scholarships. Praise God for these funds and that these have been released at a time like this.

For me, all of the above (which isn't half of our wonderful Kentucky Baptist story) eclipses the purchase of automobiles.

I'm one of the Kentucky Baptists who didn't know we had this \$874,186. I didn't even know we were able to pay cash for so many of our needs. What a surprise! I like surprises like that! Do it again, convention leaders—we need nice notes for days like these.

David D. Aker, Somerset

### Big Bucks matter to those in pews

Let's be honest. Southern Baptists are a more affluent people today than we were 25 years ago. It is clear from our buildings that Baptists have money. As we read about denominational executives' retirement benefits, seminary expenditures, pastors' salaries and benefits for state workers we are surely dealing with Big Bucks.

There is nothing wrong with money. The manner in which it is used is very important. Baptists' denominational executives have an awesome responsibility. Southern Baptists are giving generously through the Cooperative Program. The way the Big Bucks are spent matters to each and every Baptist.

Having more should not cause us to become extravagant. We should use wise and prudent judgment in the handling of Big Bucks.

May Southern Baptists continue to lead the way in world missions and evangelism. Let's not grow so sophisticated and extravagant that we forget the mission of the Lord Jesus.

Bill Crosby, Shepherdsville

## Have your read 'Dawn'?

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



One of the most exciting experiences of my life has been helping to prepare for publication the book "Dawn Comes To The Mountains." It has been a dream of four years. Now the dream is reality.

Since 3000 copies came off the press the second week of December more than 2200 copies have been sold and orders are coming daily. A second printing is now being planned.

This beautiful book can be yours for \$11.70 including mailing and sales tax. Send your order to: Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972.

"Dawn Comes To The Mountains" presents 130 profound pictures of an eastern Kentucky settlement school, the isolated environs which fostered it, and the feuding mountaineers who built it. Oneida Baptist Institute was founded in 1899 in Clay County to counter the devastating family feuds which had persisted uncontested since the Civil War. A group of mostly illiterate farmers selected the Oneida valley at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Kentucky River for their experiment. Their story was told and read near and wide; but incredibly, a comprehensive pictorial account has been preserved.

Here is a visual record of mountain conditions and customs long before the changes effected by roads and coal. These dramatic scenes are part of a large but previously unpublished collection, made between 1904 and 1914. Accompanying this startling array of pictures, which have been carefully researched and identified, are excerpts from contemporary published accounts and interviews with some of the people pictured.

The foreword is by former Kentucky governor and state and federal appeals court judge Bert T. Combs, who attended Oneida and whose great-grandfather and grandfather were associated with the school's beginnings.

The following is a sample of many comments we have received on our new book: From a friend of Jewish birth in Vermont, who has never seen Oneida: "I don't know how to thank you for the book. It is beautiful. I particularly like the statement on page 117 'and the feuds died a natural death. . . . Peace can never be secured by drastic laws, battleships and big guns.' Jesus Christ was the most practical man that ever lived. How many of his followers fully understand this? Terrorism, so widely abhorred by the 'civilized' world, is but the poor country's nuclear arsenal. If we Christians don't really begin to follow Christ, Einstein will be proven right in saying if nuclear weapons are used in the next war the following war will be fought by throwing rocks and sticks at each other. Christ is the answer."

A Louisville lawyer writes: "I am greatly impressed with the high quality of the book. I am pleased that someone had the marvelous foresight to gather these wonderful photographs in such an appropriate manner."

From a Christian saint in Covington: "'Dawn' is a fascinating, thrilling story of what can be accomplished by dedicated people who depend on the Holy Spirit for leadership. I am thankful I can be a part of that continuing work with a contribution. Thanks again for your ready response to our request three years ago to help a boy in our church."

The president of a large Kentucky university writes: "'Dawn' does indeed provide an engaging account . . . and it is a publication of which you can be proud."

From a dear Christian sister in Richmond: "I have so enjoyed the book. Let me say of our visit to Oneida, I really saw the work of the Lord being done there. I am proud it is a Baptist endeavor."

## Clear Creek Comments

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



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## Ministering to the children of the 80's



### A shelter in the storm

Eldred M. Taylor,  
Executive Director

Confused and bewildered by several years of incestuous relationship with her father, a teenage girl in another state ran away from home. She came to the home of some relatives in Kentucky for shelter. However, the relatives, caught between the girl and her parents, could not cope with the situation. The girl, feeling helpless, overdosed and was hospitalized. At the time of release from the hospital, she needed a shelter until something could be worked out for her future.

Because of your Kentucky Baptist child care ministry there was a shelter for this girl. We call it Temporary Shelter. With such provision, we are able to take a youth on short notice and provide care for up to 30 days while something more permanent is arranged. In the above case, this young girl responded to our care in temporary shelter. She now has moved onto one of our children's home campuses and gives evidence of making progress. May God bless Kentucky Baptists for providing this kind of shelter when storms hit youth.

Temporary shelter is acutely needed in Kentucky because there are few suitable facilities for children who are in immediate need of a place to stay. Consequently, hundreds of children are placed in county jails, not because they have broken the law, but because there is no other place for shelter. The need for temporary shelter can arise out of a variety of circumstances. Sometimes it is caused by unresolved conflict between parents and child. Such emergencies can arise because of the sudden breakup of a marriage. When a parent has to be hospitalized and there is no one to care for the children, Temporary Shelter meets a real need.

Your child care ministry presently has one temporary shelter at Middletown and in a few days will open a second at Elizabethtown. Plans are developing for a third in the immediate future at Dixon in western Kentucky.

The support you give to Kentucky Baptist homes for children makes these provisions possible. When you know of a situation needing this kind of temporary/emergency care, call your child care board and we will give it immediate attention.

The columns on this page are paid space.

## Meet Cumberland

### College Student...



Kathy Ann Malcolm

Kathy Ann Malcolm's modesty becomes her, but is a mask for the quiet confidence that emerges as she tells of God's leadership and purpose in her life.

Kathy, 20 year-old Cumberland College junior majoring in English and music, wants to "...be a vital part of a growing church, working with both youth and music. I know it will be hard work, but I'll enjoy the sense of accomplishment and I'll be able to see results that are not temporal but lasting."

Kathy and her family moved to Southeast Kentucky from the sprawl of the industrial north after her father's retirement. Kathy first heard about Cumberland College from a college revival team. "I was impressed with their love for the Lord. I visited the campus and was impressed. I knew that I would be happy here and be able to make a place for myself."

She has indeed made a place for herself. She has been an active member and co-ordinator of Baptist Student Union revival teams, the BSU Choir, and is currently becoming involved in the BSU's Mountain Outreach. She is also a vital member of the Music Department's Cumberland Singers and the Chorale, which recently completed a tri-state tour, including Washington, D.C. She has participated in women's intramurals and works in the college's Work-Study program to help pay for her education. Even with this varied and harried activity she maintains a "B+" grade-point average. "My grades are very important, but loving and helping people are also important. I always find the time that I need."

For Kathy, Cumberland College has been a growth experience. "Cumberland College is a good environment in which to grow in all areas, especially spiritually and academically. There are so many people here who have encouraged and helped me to grow. Having others who are concerned has helped me."

Kathy says that the reason for her success at Cumberland College is simple, "The Lord wants me here."

We need others like Kathy.

President Taylor,

Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Kathy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, 40769)

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

**Burton is Tompkinsville FBC shepherd**  
Billy Burton began as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, Dec. 13. He moved to the church from the pastorate of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Burton is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. He has been pastor of several Kentucky churches.

**Hewett moves to St. Louis pastorate**  
John Hewett has resigned as pastor of Graefenburg Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, to become senior pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

The Florida native received his PhD in Christian ethics from Southern Seminary in December.

**Pence is Ephesus youth director**  
Lori Pence of Lexington has been called as youth director of Ephesus Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association. She began her work there in September.

**Quinn gets national music award**  
Gene Quinn, church music secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, recently received an award for the best

promotion of events and materials among state conventions during 1980-81.

The recognition came from the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department during annual December meetings for state convention program leaders.

**Johnson to direct Bethlehem music**  
William D. Johnson has accepted the call to be minister of music at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville.

Johnson has had similar positions at Central Baptist Church, Pineville, and Louisville Baptist churches of Lynn Acres, Little Flock and New Salem.

**Gregg leaves Blue Ball for Georgia**  
Randy Gregg resigned effective Dec. 27 as pastor of Blue Ball Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to accept the pastorate of Rowland Springs Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga.

Gregg was a December (MDiv) graduate of Southern Seminary.

**Hellier pastor Ratliff resigns**  
Pete Ratliff resigned as pastor of Hellier Baptist Church, Pike Association, effective Dec. 6.

**Arnold resigns Highland music post**  
Gary W. Arnold recently resigned as minister of music at Highland Baptist

Church, Louisville, after receiving the MCM degree from Southern Seminary Dec. 18.

Richard Lin, associate professor of church music at Southern Seminary, will fill the interim position.

**Carney is Concord pastor**  
Louisville native Steve Carney is pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Flat Lick. Carney is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

**Walnut St. has new activities minister**  
Billie Payne began Jan. 1 as minister of activities at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

She joined the church's staff as activities secretary in 1975 and later became interim director of activities.

**Illinois pastor moves to Marion**  
Rick Auxier has accepted the call to be pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, and began his ministry there Dec. 27.

Auxier, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, has been pastor of a church in Millstadt, Ill. and most recently at Streator (Ill.) Baptist Chapel.

**Finley takes national youth post**  
Dean Finley, campus minister for Campbellsville (Ky.) College, has been

appointed national consultant for youth evangelism for the Home Mission Board, effective Jan. 1.

Finley, who has been at Campbellsville since 1980, succeeds Dave Bennett. He has served as special consultant for national student ministries and as an at-large consultant in youth evangelism. He was youth director for churches in Kentucky and leader of the National Student Ministries share team in 1975.

A native of Springfield, Mo., Finley is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University and Southern Seminary.

**Fidler has dual role at Harrods Creek**  
Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, called Chicago native Mike Fidler as minister of music and youth.

Fidler is a church music student at Southern Seminary.

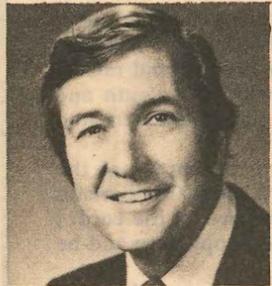
**Lewisport FBC calls Stallings**  
First Baptist Church, Lewisport, called Randy Stallings as pastor.

Stallings was a student at Clear Creek Baptist School and pastor at Pansy Baptist Church, Gulston.

**Barnett resigns Northside pastorate**  
Earl Barnett resigned as associate pastor of Northside Baptist Church,



Kenneth Chafin



Frank Pollard



Fred White



Claude Rhea

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# STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

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Frank Pollard, FBC, San Antonio, Texas  
Fred White, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
Harper Shannon, Huffman BC, Birmingham, Alabama  
Roy Fish, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas  
Harry Hunter, Mission Service Corps Volunteer,  
Henderson, Kentucky

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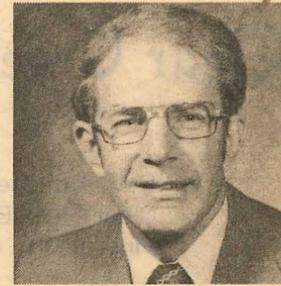
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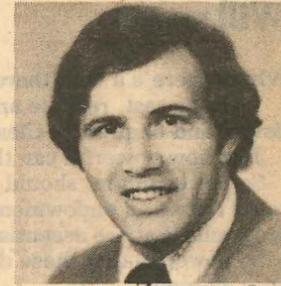
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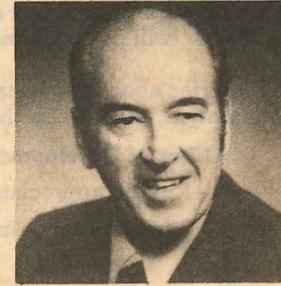
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**Valley View Mission calls Dorman**  
Clarence Dorman, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, has accepted the pastorate of Valley View Mission, Irvine.

Dorman is a South Carolina native.

**Pavy joins Williamsburg FBC staff**  
Ed Pavy became minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, effective Jan. 10.

Pavy was called from a similar position at Jeffersonton Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He is a Louisville native and has degrees from the University of Louisville and Southern Seminary.

**Maceo pastor earns doctorate**  
Guy M. Dean, pastor of Maceo (Ky.) Baptist Church, has been awarded a Doctor of Bible Theology degree from the International Bible Institute and Seminary, Orlando, Fla. Earlier he received a MDiv degree from Luther Rice Seminary and a BRE from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Shirley moves to Audubon post**  
Timothy W. Shirley began Dec. 1 as minister of youth and education at Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville.

Shirley moved from a similar position at Connally Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

**Hedrick is Bald Rock pastor**  
Harold Hedrick is pastor of Bald Rock Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

## Congregations

**Forest Park dedicates sanctuary**  
Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, dedicated a new 525-person capacity sanctuary Nov. 22. The sanctuary features a large stained glass window designed around the Southern Baptist Convention logo of the cross and open Bible.

Paul Welch is Forest Park pastor.

**Hillcrest has six-week hunger stress**  
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Frankfort, concluded a six-week emphasis on world hunger Nov. 20. Seventy-six "love loaves," banks supplied by World Vision International, were returned with a total offering of \$1037.88.

Half of the money will be given to the hunger relief program of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. World Vision International, a non-profit hunger and evangelism organization, will receive 50 percent of the offering.

Zane Travis, Hillcrest deacon, coordinated the six-week emphasis. Tim Owings is pastor.

**Louisvillians lauded as MSC volunteers**  
Jim and Joanne Markham of Louisville, Mission Service Corps volunteers to the Detroit, Mich. area, were honored by Westport Road Baptist Church at a reception Dec. 20 before departing for their field of service. James B. Lewis is pastor at Westport Road.

**Life-Gate opens Campbellsville mission**  
Life-Gate Baptist Church, Campbells-

ville, is opening a mission this month. Otis Skaggs is to be the mission's pastor.

Sunday school and worship services began Jan. 3. The McCubbin family of Munfordville, editors of Gospel Reaching Out newsletter, led the Jan. 17 services.

The Joymakers, a Campbellsville gospel music group, will be in concert at Life-Gate Jan. 31 with Buddy Lowe, superintendent of Green County public schools, and the Lincolnaires of Hodgenville.

**Morgantown FBC has dedication**  
Morgantown First Baptist Church dedicated its recently remodeled sanctuary Jan. 17.

**Bethlehem services on the air**  
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, recently began a weekly broadcast of evening worship services on WCII, a Louisville AM radio station with a country music format. The delayed broadcast is aired at 10 p.m. each Sunday.

**Forest Hills gets land for mission**  
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Pike Association, has acquired property on Slater's Branch to begin a mission church. A mobile chapel received from Feds Creek Baptist Church, also of Pike Association, will be moved to the mission site.

**Lebanon Junction cornerstone reset**  
An interesting part of the centennial celebration of First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, was the opening of a cornerstone originally set in 1926 and thought to contain information to the founding of the church in 1881. However, the contents of the cornerstone were damaged beyond use by water from the 1936 and 1964 floods.

Further research, however, revealed that the June 17, 1926 issue of Western Recorder had a detailed account of the contents of the cornerstone and a description of the dedication service.

The service was planned to be as much like the 1926 dedication as possible and the cornerstone was reset. In addition to the original contents, new materials were added to the cornerstone. Among these materials were a history of the church written in 1981, a current membership list and directory, the 1980 Nelson County Association minutes, a copy of the 1981 church budget and a copy of the November 1926 Western Recorder issue which described the dedication of the present building.

Rich White is the Lebanon Junction pastor.

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Jeff Day [c], pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, speaks with church members about recent renovations to the church's baptistry, pulpit, choir loft, balcony, heating system and pews. Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary met at Immanuel during the Kentucky Baptist Convention for a luncheon given by the church's senior citizens group.

## Missions

**McElfresh volunteers dentistry**  
Monte Gayle McElfresh, an Augusta, Ky. dentist, served two weeks in the fall as a volunteer dentist to Honduras for the Foreign Mission Board.

McElfresh is a member of Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church, Butler.

**Miss French home for furlough**  
Mary Jo French has arrived in Warsaw, her hometown, for furlough from the mission field in Peru. Her address is c/o James L. French, East River Rd., Warsaw, KY 41095.

Miss French was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

**Van Thompsons on Malawi field**  
Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980, Van D. and Mary Thompson are at Box 468, Blantyre, Malawi.

Thompson was born in Salt Lick, Ky. and raised in Mt. Sterling and Owingsville. The former Mary Hancock was born in McLean County and grew up in Calhoun.

**Hamptons begin Costa Rican service**  
Dennis E. and Elaine Hampton, missionaries to Costa Rica, have arrived on the field to begin language study.

Mrs. Hampton is the former Elaine DiCarmine of Louisville. Hampton is also a Louisville native.

**Oues return to Japan mission work**  
Takahiro and Lana Oue have completed furlough and returned to the mission field in Japan.

Oue, born in Kochi, Japan, came to the United States as a teenager and lived in several Kentucky towns. Formerly Lana O'Banion, Mrs. Oue was born in Larue County.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969. Their address is 1-16-2 Sakuragaoka, Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa-ken 239, Japan.

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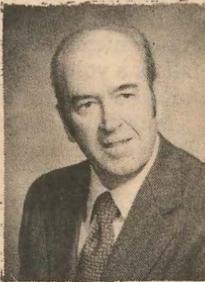
## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### JANUARY

- 22-23 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Cedarmore  
24 Baptist Men's Day  
24 and 27 Prayer Prayer for Bold Mission Thrust 82-85 and April Simultaneous Revivals  
25, 26 Bible Drill Conferences. 7 p.m.  
25—Fulton, Crutchfield Baptist Church  
26—Madisonville, Little Bethel Association Building  
25, 26 Area Evangelism Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen.  
25—Owensboro, Bellevue Baptist Church  
26—Bowling Green, Calvary Baptist Church  
29-30 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Kentucky Dam Village, Gilbertsville

## Frank Owen



### State missionary travel expenses

Our 1915 Minutes record approval of the purchase of a horse and buggy for a state missionary's travel. During recent years state missionaries have been paid at a mileage rate for driving their own vehicles. However, the Convention has continued to own some vehicles used by employees.

The mileage reimbursement plan on an employee-owned car can adequately reimburse the state missionary who must travel often and far. It can be a misfortune for those who must furnish vehicles for necessary driving, but fewer miles. Lower mileage autos don't produce enough reimbursement money to be replaced within the necessary trade-in cycle. The way to fully, exactly and only pay travel expenses for workers of greatly varied necessary driving distances is through employer ownership and payment of exact operational costs, instead of cents per mile.

Rapidly changing automobile prices (repairs and fuel) keep us confused. What is a fair and equitable mileage rate? A growing number of states and agencies are adopting the ownership plan and thus assuming complete responsibility and control.

Several years of study and learning from neighbor states have convinced us that in today's circumstances the long range costs of the two systems will be about the same, but the ownership plan more equitable toward all types of missionary employees. Even if we err in this cost estimate we believe the most equitable plan is best.

We decided to pay cash for this non-repeating initial change-over cost because we had the accumulated funds. (I explained this last week.) The large cash transaction affords great savings through low-bid, fleet pricing and we pay no interest. I've been amazed to find people who know both what we are going to buy and what we are going to pay. Our office doesn't know either of these answers yet.

Most of our state mission people need full size vehicles. The safety and safety of our people on long haul duty, including mountain roads in bad weather, is important. Most of them must be out on duty most week-ends also. Some haul much equipment for clinics, training schools, etc. Some haul state-approved workers and their luggage. Full size cars encourage staff and service personnel to ride together when schedules permit. Full size Diesel autos get comparable mileage with Compact gasoline cars. Their previous higher selling prices are tending to level off and future trading of Diesels for Diesels will tend toward equalization.

#### ADDENDUM

I wrote the above explanation a week ago. We print it here because we promised it last week.

However, I have been silently dragging my feet while trying to weigh how well our people understand and accept the action. I observe some confusion. This is to admit that I'm keeping it on hold until further notice. I haven't been asked to do this. I accept full responsibility. "The buck stops here." I made the original recommendation—believed in it—still do. Often things are different inside than they look from outside and communication with 739,000 Baptists is difficult. Sometimes the cosmetic thing is advisable (even if less equitable and more costly) just because the insider with all the information has an insurmountable task of communication.

I'm disappointed. Not personally—I have long said (and publicly) that I would not assign one of the vehicles to myself. I'm thinking of a dedicated missionary staff. They are faithful to hard, long-haul jobs—wee hours driving—weekends and all. We are obligated for all of each of their much time away from home expenses in safe and somewhat comfortable vehicles. However, more important than any of the above is good understanding and unity in our great fellowship. The project is on hold.

## Sunday School Lessons



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### JESUS DECLARES HIS MINISTRY

International Series

In this and subsequent lessons we shall be looking for the distinctive quality in the remarkable and memorable ministry of Christ.

**Luke 3:15-22** Various statements which John the Baptist made about Jesus Christ had stimulated the messianic hopes and expectations of those who heard them. Impressed greatly and favorably by what John the Baptist said and did, many began to wonder if he, the forerunner, might be the long-promised and long-awaited messiah. John the Baptist promptly denied he was the messiah and then declared he did not consider himself worthy to perform the menial service of fastening and undressing the sandals which Christ wore.

When our savior and lord approached John the Baptist and requested baptism at his hands in Jordan River, the latter was reluctant to perform that holy task. John the Baptist could not understand why the son of God would want to be baptized by him, a mere man. When he hesitated and expressed the thought that it was not obligatory that Christ be baptized, our lord expressed the purpose of his baptism, saying, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Thus he proffered his death upon the cross, where and when he would meet God's demand for perfect righteousness and thereby provide for man's need.

As Christ sank beneath the baptismal waters, he prefigured the death he was to die on the cross. As he arose from beneath the water he symbolized his resurrection from the dead. As Christ was coming out of the baptismal waters the heavens were rent asunder and the Spirit came upon him in a dove-like form, symbolizing peacefulness, meekness, gentleness, tenderness and love, those characteristics which would be obvious during his ministry and enduing him for the accomplishment of his mission. God the father spoke his approval of what had just taken place.

**Luke 7:19-23** For his bold and fearless reproof of Herod and Herodias for their adultery, John the Baptist was imprisoned in a fortress at Machaerus on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. While languishing in prison, the great preacher thought much of that one whom he had been privileged to baptize in Jordan River. Since Christ had not done all expected of him, John the Baptist was greatly perplexed.

In his discouragement John the Baptist did the right thing in sending two of his disciples to ask the Lord Jesus, "Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?" Knowing that these men could relate what they saw much better than what they heard, Christ gave them a marvelous display of divine miracles by keeping on with his ministry of healing. Before their eyes Christ cured many, not only because they were in need of healing, but also in order to prove his identity. Christ sent the messengers back to John the Baptist to tell him how he had healed the sick instantly and how he had raised the dead. These miracles, the like of which neither he nor they had ever seen, were unanswerable proof to John the Baptist that Christ was the messiah.

### THE CHRISTIAN AND SEXUALITY

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Present-day overexposure to filthy literature, pornography and sex-stimulating movies, all of which contribute to the lowering of moral standards and the rejection of moral restraints, makes it mandatory that Christians study the scriptures to learn the divine principles and guidelines for their lives in this realm, and then put them into practice.

**The conduct of the Christian—1 Corinthians 6:12-14** Paul denied the contention of those Corinthians who tried to justify their immoral practices by arguing that, since Christ had made them free, they were at liberty to do anything they pleased without blame. Paul denied they were at liberty to be immoral or to do wrong. Distinguishing between liberty and license, Paul said: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." By "expedient" he meant profitable or helpful to self or to others. Nothing is expedient that will bring the testimony of a Christian into disrepute. A Christian does not have permission to indulge in sexual immorality. A Christian does not have the right to exercise liberty to the point where his conduct would injure another.

**The claim of the Christ—1 Corinthians 6:15-20** Because Corinthian Christians lived in the midst of a people who practiced, approved and encouraged licentiousness, Paul here placed strong emphasis on the fact that the human body is not designed for indulgence in sinful practices, but that it belongs to Christ and, therefore, he has a just claim upon it and rightfully expects it to be devoted to him and his service.

Verses 19 and 20 direct our attention to three things which certainly merit our prayerful consideration and personal application:

1. A personal realization. "Ye are not your own." It is entirely possible for one to think he is his own master and to act as if he were by attempting to gratify his own desires and to go in his own ways. But, it should be evident to all that since no one has created, sustained or saved himself, he cannot be his own. If "ye are not your own," you do not have any right to follow your own wayward will to the injury of self, or of others, in the service of Satan.

2. A positive reason. "For ye are bought with a price." Christ has redeemed each Christian from the curse of the law, the wrath of God, the vassalage of Satan and the dominion of sin. Therefore, he does not belong to himself, but to the purchaser. Having paid for the possession with his precious blood, the purchaser has the right to control and use it. Ownership confers the right to control and use.

3. A persistent responsibility. "Therefore glorify God in your body." Some have the attitude, "I can do what I please with my body." But that attitude is wrong. When you misuse or abuse your body, you are misusing or abusing that which belongs to another. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit, the Christian is not free to act as he pleases, but he is responsible for living in such a manner as to glorify God. He can glorify God in and through his body by thinking of him, adoring him, declaring his perfections, praising him and obeying him.

# Baptist Forum

## Our national sin

Abortion is a national sin against God because it is done under a decision of the Supreme Court. It is a national sin because it is done with the approval of the government in blatant violation of God's commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13).

All of the people who are killed by abortion are babies who have two things in common—all are innocent, and all are defenseless. They have not committed crimes against anyone; yet more than a million of them are killed each year. They cannot speak for themselves, nor defend themselves, but they are denied their God-given right to live on earth.

A national sin brings the judgment of God upon the offending nation and our country is under the heavy judgment of God because of this abominable killing of unborn people. And things can never be right in America again while this killing of babies continues because "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (Ps. 19:9). God is a just God and he will do justice in this matter.

I challenge you to write to the President and to senators and representatives in support of a right to life amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will stop the killing of innocent babies. Just passing a law to leave it up to the states is not enough. It is a national sin and it must be permanently resolved by a constitutional amendment.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

## We are better because of him

Kentucky is a great state but it's a bit poorer today than it was last week. Kentucky Baptists include many great people but none greater than Edward R. (Jock) Reynolds who died recently in Louisville.

No you did not miss the passing of a noted Long Run Baptist, but a little known layman of Worthville who had been hospitalized at various Louisville hospitals over the last five years. Last week his body could take no more and the Father took him to where he is fishing in the River of Life instead of the Kentucky and Eagle Creek.

I tell you about him because he was of the kind who made Kentucky Baptists a great people. His name was never in your journal. He wasn't known outside his county. He did not become a Christian until his 30's. But, boy, did he make up for it!

He turned from a river life existence and the darkness of sin to an exemplary life for Christ and salvation. I knew him as a deacon and intermediate teacher during a student pastorate.

When I was his pastor and witnessing in the Worthville community I often had tales told to me about my members not living as Christians when I tried to get someone to come to Christ. I would say, "What about Jock?" The answer was always the same, "He's different." My final word was, "I want you to be like him. Receive Christ. He is the difference."

Edward R. Reynolds received him and lived for him and was a friend and example for every pastor to put in "the front window" since 1948. He lives on in my ministry and the many others he

taught and touched.

Hoyle T. Allred, Gastonia, N. C.

## A gift to newly ordained

This past year God-called men were ordained to the preaching ministry in our convention. It is a joy beyond words to share with you and my fellow Southern Baptists that a beloved layman in our dear First Baptist Church has made it possible for me to present a leather-bound edition of the Criswell Bible Study to each man ordained to the gospel ministry who would like to have one.

These Bibles are being made available to all Southern Baptist churches to present to their young preachers at the time of their ordination. A pastor or church need only to send a written request to me, W. A. Criswell, Box 10, Dallas, TX 75221.

We have no way to make this good news available to the churches, however, except through papers such as your own. If you could help us in this, we would be forever grateful to you.

May God bless each recipient with a fruitful preaching ministry, and may he bless the gracious donor as well.

W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex.

## Likes executive board action

It is somewhat disappointing to learn through Western Recorder that there is, or seems to be, a slight misunderstanding of the action taken by the executive board in regards to acquiring automobiles for staff members.

This matter was discussed at great length and was considered to be a sound business opportunity. I would think we should commend the board and show an appreciation of their good business judgment and foresight. I also feel the Lord had a direct hand in the decision as it was passed by a unanimous vote.

If properly explained I feel more would agree than disagree that the Lord's money is not being spent unwisely, nor does it compromise the spiritual values that the Lord has entrusted to us. In essence I feel it's a very sound business investment which should be more beneficial to Kentucky Baptists in general than to the staff members in particular.

It's a healthy situation to have differences of opinion in what we think, do, or say, even in what we read. Isn't it wonderful, however, that with all of the differences we can have a fruitful fellowship one with the other in Christian love as we strive to be one in the spirit? This is scriptural and well pleasing to the Lord. He can and will bless us if we will allow him to.

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## Calls for convention approval

I am glad the executive board has at last realized the need of state employees and are furnishing cars, adequate salaries and what have you. I can remember days when it was different.

I am serving as a supply pastor now. The church is located in the country with a small, active membership. This church gives a good portion of its income to cooperative work and gave over \$500 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Now this is my question. There are at least 60 percent of the country churches that are not well informed about our cooperative work. So, some are calling pastors who are independent at heart and they feel that more should be used at home. This recent act of the executive board needs to be clarified and documented, not by the executive committee, but by the convention, so doubts will be erased.

R. B. Hooks Sr., Bowling Green

## We saw bold missions at work

During the holiday season my husband and I had the opportunity to visit Taiwan at the invitation of the government of the Republic of China. Although the primary purpose of the trip was to find new markets for Kentucky's agricultural commodities, we had the privilege of spending a few hours one day at the Taiwan Baptist Seminary with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Hunker and another of our finest missionaries, Mary Sampson.

Mary radiates the joy found in carrying the Good News of Christ's love to the people of the Republic of China. Her eyes sparkled as she talked of the many Christmas greetings she received from the Mary Sampson Circles in Kentucky, and we shared news of mutual friends from home.

The Hunkers welcomed us in their home and there we met many of Mrs. Hunker's former students to whom she taught English. It became even more clear to us that our foreign missionaries not only dedicate themselves to teaching the Good News of what God's love

can do, but they also devote much of their time to improving the quality of life through education of the youth.

We also visited the Grace Baptist Church in Taipei. Because the church is located directly across from the university, they have a wonderful ministry for those young people. It is well-equipped, well-staffed and their only expressed need was for visual aid equipment.

Bill and I received a real blessing from those missionaries who are diligently carrying on God's work in the Republic of China. They all asked that we relay greetings to you, and that we continue to remember them in our prayers. It was a joy to see Bold Mission Thrust at work, and to know that the world grows smaller each day because of the fellowship of Southern Baptist missions in action!

Martha Layne Collins, Frankfort

## Hodgenville church to mark 200

I would like to use Western Recorder as a way to contact former pastors, former members, members no longer living on the church field and friends of South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, of our 200th anniversary as an organized church. In 1782 the church was organized under a giant oak tree in what is now our cemetery.

On Sept. 18-19, 1982 we are planning an anniversary celebration for this historic occasion.

We especially want to contact former pastors W. T. Smith (1948-52), Virgil Peters (1956-57) and the wife of Jim Bouchillion (1953-55), now deceased.

We look forward to hearing from you and that you will be here to help us relive those long ago days.

For more information, contact Virginia Sutherland, Rte. 2, Magnolia, KY 42757 or the pastor, Bob Simpkins, Rte. 1, Hodgenville, KY 42748.

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