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## Abbreviated SBC; harmony expected at Superdome site

An abbreviated Southern Baptist Convention program June 15-17 in the Louisiana Superdome seeks more of the harmonious spirit that pleasantly surprised participants in the 1981 meeting in Los Angeles.

Program committee chairman Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., said his committee felt a "keen commitment to continue the spirit the convention had in Los Angeles and to build from that point."

Of most interest will be the election of a president to succeed Bailey Smith, who will have reached his constitutional limit of two one-year terms. Smith, who has had an eventful presidency, survived an unusual mid-term challenge last year and rallied the convention to harmony.

Messengers, elected by any of the 35,600 Southern Baptist churches, will vote on a \$106 million budget for 1982-83. Other business, the presidential election, evangelistic rallies and a convenient geographic location in New Orleans are elements expected to draw 15,000 registrants and up to 25,000 participants to this year's meeting.

"The spirit of the committee was very positive and prayerful," said Fuller, in his first year on the program committee. "I'm not just saying that to be 'appropriate.' There was a real effort to keep the convention focused on its course of missions and evangelism.

"The exaltation of Christ kept coming up over and over again. We want to exalt Christ and not just a position regarding him."

Fuller said there was "very little" polarized communication to the committee this year by elements in the convention wanting influence on the program. He did say, however, he believes the spirit of the Los Angeles meeting will be tested.

An abbreviated program, with no Thursday evening session, is the result of a resolution passed in Los Angeles that the 1982 meeting make a definite evangelistic thrust in New Orleans. SBC Pastors' Conference president Ed Young, with SBC president Bailey Smith, initiated a Bold Mission Thrust rally, with evangelist Billy Graham as principal speaker, on the Sunday evening preceding the SBC meeting and a youth evangelism rally the preceding Saturday. The Graham rally is expected to draw 25,000 to the Superdome June 13.

The evangelism rallies are actually separate from the SBC meeting itself. In a graphic display of cooperation, SBC-affiliated groups that traditionally meet on Sunday and Monday before the convention have arranged their Sunday evening sessions to be able to participate in the rallies. Rally planners started it late enough to allow the groups some meeting time beforehand.

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## Paducah area pastors lead fight to prevent theater-type gambling

If they can do it to Paducah, they can do it in every city in Kentucky.

This was the feeling of Baptist pastors of West Union Association expressed in an emergency meeting Feb. 18 to discuss what could be done to stop legalized gambling from coming to their city.

Ten days earlier the local newspaper contained a story that threw the whole city into shock. The newspaper explained how the Kentucky legislature would be voting on HB 143, a bill that would allow off track betting to come to Paducah.

The article went on to describe how a giant screen in a 2000-seat theater would televise live races from different tracks across the state, and viewers could place bets on the horses running at the various tracks.

In spite of icy roads on the following Saturday morning, Christians packed

city hall to voice their opposition to gambling in Paducah. On Sunday Baptist pastors encouraged their congregations to sign petitions and call their representatives opposing House Bill 143. Two thousand signatures were secured and Christians flooded telephone lines to their representatives Sunday afternoon and throughout the week. Two state representatives in the area that had been for the bill were persuaded to join forces with the Christians in opposition to legalized gambling.

Wickliffe First Baptist pastor Bruce Wills contacted the state office in Middletown asking for assistance. He explained the urgency of the situation. Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley agreed to hold the space for this article. Bill Rogers, staff person for the Christian Life Department, began calling associational missionaries encouraging them to call their local pastors asking each pastor to encourage the congregations to call their representatives expressing opposition to HB 143.

Executive secretary Frank Owen was contacted and he agreed to make time for West Union Association to present a resolution at the state evangelism conference opposing off track betting in Kentucky.

Several pastors quickly joined in the crusade against HB 143. One of the first to offer assistance was former convention president Bill Whittaker of First Baptist Church, Murray. Whittaker called the associational missionaries that he was acquainted with and encouraged them to call pastors. Whittaker stated, "The bill is a detriment to the home life and community life of our area and opens the way for gambling to enter other cities in Kentucky."

Willis Henson, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Lone Oak, joined the crusade. He expressed hope that citizens outside the Paducah area would see this as a problem for all Kentuckians. Henson went on to say gambling in west Kentucky will affect all Kentuckians and he would like to encourage all Christians to contact their representatives and ask them to oppose off track betting.

Bob White, the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, encouraged the congregation and his television listening audience to oppose HB 143. White said, "Right now gambling is morally wrong and illegal and, if you are caught, you will be locked up. If House Bill 143 passes, placing a bet in Paducah will be legal. That is legislating immorality."

## Calvin Fields suffers severe heart attack

Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood director Calvin D. Fields is hospitalized at Pattie A. Clay Hospital, Richmond, Ky. following a heart attack Feb. 19 and a cardiac arrest Feb. 21. Severe damage resulted from the cardiac arrest Sunday.

Fields, 57, had become ill while traveling on business on an interstate highway near Winchester Friday morning. He pulled off at Richmond and was assisted by Eastern Kentucky University BSU director Rick Trexler.

Fields became state Brotherhood director only last Jan. 16 upon the retirement of Forrest R. Sawyer. He had been Sawyer's associate for 16 years.

The Fields family appreciates the prayers of Kentucky Baptists. No visitors are permitted except family members.

## We stand corrected

The front page story last week on the purchasing of a local cable television channel by Highview and Ninth & O Baptist churches in Louisville had two errors resulting from misunderstandings in a telephone interview. The actual cost for the 46-month contract was unannounced but was several times the \$61,000 figure.

The other error related to Bill Hancock's statement concerning a statewide hookup. No such hookup is available nor is Hancock promoting one. He merely sees it as a potential for Baptists in Kentucky.

We regret these errors but were glad to report this exciting development in Christian communications.

## Super Sunday? Southern Baptists slate it June 13

by Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.,  
Associate Editor, Baptist Message

Baptists are making extensive plans to share their Christian faith with residents of New Orleans when the Southern Baptist Convention meets there in June.

Ron Herrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kenner, and chairman of "Bold Mission—New Orleans," said approximately 5000 ministers and laypersons from all areas of the country are expected to participate in an adult evangelism effort June 12-13, prior to the convention meeting June 15-17.

A youth evangelism program, also expected to draw 5000 participants, will

take place June 11-12. Evangelist Arthur Blessitt and singer David Meece will lead a youth rally at New Orleans Municipal Auditorium June 11. The following day the young people, currently studying witness techniques, will move into suburban areas of New Orleans for house-to-house visitation, according to Calvin Cantrell, associate evangelism director for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and coordinator for the youth rally.

Adults will meet in the afternoon June 13 at the Superdome to organize into teams, then disperse into inner-city residential and business areas for witnessing, Herrod said.

Billy Graham is scheduled to preach in the Superdome that night at an evan-

gelistic rally to climax the witnessing efforts of the two days.

Ed Young, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and pastor of Houston's Second Baptist Church, said the June 13 evening session of the annual Pastors' Conference will join in with the rally when Graham preaches.

SBC-affiliated groups that traditionally meet before the convention are expected to participate in the Superdome rally and Herrod expects many city churches to transfer their Sunday night services to the Superdome.

The evangelistic thrust was prompted by a resolution passed at the 1981 convention in Los Angeles asking for an evangelistic outreach during the SBC meeting in New Orleans.

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was once for all delivered to the saints.  
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### HB 143 threatens moral climate in Kentucky

Almost every session of the Kentucky General Assembly considers and too often enacts legislation that contributes to the deterioration of the moral climate in Kentucky. The first such proposed legislation this year would provide for six off track betting centers in Kentucky and would also subsidize two horse racing tracks in Kentucky to the tune of \$2.8 million a year in the form of tax credits.

House Bill 143, an omnibus horse-racing bill including these provisions, has been approved by the House business and professions committee and is headed for consideration by the full House of Representatives. Chances for passage are considered good but may be somewhat dimmed because Gov. John Y. Brown and William B. Sturgill, Kentucky Racing Commission chairman, do not favor some parts of the bill in its present form.

There are enough Baptists and other morally minded Kentuckians to bring about the defeat of this legislation. More and more of these are speaking up. Baptists in the Paducah area are especially concerned and rightly so because one of the six off track betting centers would probably be in Paducah. These Paducah area Baptists are calling upon fellow Baptists in Kentucky to join them in vigorous opposition to this legislation (see page 1 of this issue).

Kentucky has a shameful record for treatment of the Creator's magnificent gifts. Fields of waving grain and limestone water are turned into alcoholic drink which damns people around the world. The most fertile fields are used to raise tobacco whose health hazards no longer are debatable. And beautiful, innocent horses are used to appeal to man's gambling instincts.

Gambling on horse races is not considered wrong by some Kentuckians. Neither is drinking and smoking but it is difficult to support any of these in light of God's Word and in light of their indisputable evil effects upon millions.

As for HB 143 some otherwise morally minded legislators might be inclined to agree with its sponsors that since people are going to gamble anyway, why not regulate gambling and tax it for needed revenue? This argument won the day with alcoholic beverages but

legalized liquor increased drinking and its evil consequences instead of helping the problem. The same result is likely to come if HB 143 is enacted. Legalizing off track gambling will not stop illegal betting anymore than legalized liquor sales have stopped bootlegging. The cost to implement and police off track betting would probably exceed any income from taxes.

To put it in understandable language for most Baptists, putting a tax on sin is not a moral solution. Sin is to be opposed in every form in every way and is not to be exploited for increased tax revenue.

Time is of essence for blocking HB 143. One report has it that the proposed bill will have to be approved by the House appropriations and revenue committee before going to the full House. If so, there probably would be time for every concerned Western Recorder reader to contact his or her state representative and senator. The phone contact for your legislator in Frankfort is 1-800-372-7181.

### Recent happenings at Clear Creek

Several readers have asked why there's been no Western Recorder report on recent administrative action relative to the music curriculum and response to that action at Clear Creek School in Pineville. The answer is that we have been in consultation for about three weeks with Clear Creek administrators trying to get a fair and helpful news release concerning the reduction of music courses at Clear Creek and the negative reaction of some, especially music students and their friends.

There was no Clear Creek news release on the administrative change which resulted in cutting music courses in half and the release of two music teachers. We began to receive reports of the action and negative student reaction from several areas of the state. We also received a letter for publication from one Clear Creek music student appealing to Western Recorder readers for contributions to save the music courses and music teachers. The letter was in no way critical of the administration.

In keeping with a long tradition of letting Western Recorder readers be heard in our Baptist Forum, we made plans to use the letter and a news story in the same issue on the changes at Clear Creek. In preparing the story we checked out the

facts with the Clear Creek administration. The view of the administration was that the letter and news article would be detrimental to Clear Creek and we agreed to hold off and find another way to handle the story.

In the meantime the student asked that his letter not be used in Western Recorder. We acceded and rewrote the story but learned it still was considered hurtful and subsequently we received the news release which appears on page 3 of this issue.

We want to be helpful to all Kentucky Baptist institutions but we also feel significant developments at our schools and reaction to them should be shared with Kentucky Baptists. The decision relative to music offerings at Clear Creek is understandable when explained. It's less understandable why there should be reluctance for a justifiable decision and reaction to it to be reported. Students should be expected to react emotionally to administrative decisions affecting them and such reaction should be handled with maturity.

Of more concern is what could appear as intimidation of a student who seeks in a legitimate way to save something dear to him. The money raising idea might not have been practical but it was sincerely motivated. Adjusting a music curriculum is an administrative prerogative; suppressing human conscience and freedom is no one's prerogative.

Hopefully, proper handling and time will be healing for Clear Creek. This institution has made a major contribution to the training of ministers of the gospel. Let us pray even greater contributions are ahead.

### Two blessings in Shepherdsville

Every worship experience is inspiring but to receive two unique blessings in one worship service is a rare experience for this editor. So it was Sunday, Feb. 14 when the First Baptist and the Mt. Zion Baptist congregations of Shepherdsville observed Race Relations Sunday by joining in the morning worship service.

It was an inspiring experience of blacks and whites in worship. The Mt. Zion and First Baptist choirs blended beautifully in congregational singing but the special music wisely was left to the Mt. Zion choir

and to director Earline Dunnavant. Two Mt. Zion choir specials and a solo by Earline made for hallelujahs in our souls.

Mt. Zion pastor Charles Baker was the preacher. His message was most fitting for the occasion and ended with an appropriate appeal for commitment to Jesus Christ and his church.

As if this wasn't enough the commitment time turned into a heart warming experience for every soul present. Seldom have I been so moved by any response to an invitation.

Though it was rather inconspicuous, I had noticed an unusual sight earlier in the service. A lady seated across the aisle on the end of the pew had a small tank of oxygen mounted on wheels beside her with a tube going from the tank to her nostrils. She was obviously caught up in the worship experience paying no attention to her handicap.

On the first stanza of the invitation hymn she moved forthrightly toward the pastor pulling her oxygen apparatus along beside her. She had moved back to Shepherdsville and was returning her church membership from St. Matthews Baptist in Louisville because she could no longer care for herself alone in the city.

From a brief conversation after the service I learned she was born with an unusual lung deficiency which prevented her from properly exhaling carbon dioxide and so the extra supply of oxygen which she had to have 24 hours a day. Members and visitors lined up to express their love, pledge their prayers and mingle their tears of joy with her.

The lingering after the service to enjoy the memorable moments with Mt. Zion Baptists and with this brave lady was half as long as the service itself. Sunday dinner was forgotten for the spiritual feast.

Reflecting upon the blessings of the service, one question kept troubling me. Why do we have to have one special Sunday a year to enjoy what the Lord has for us every day?

# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

**Presidents meet.** Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey E. Smith and other religious leaders met with President Reagan at the White House Feb. 12 and heard him declare that a nation that forgets God will not survive.

Smith was asked by the White House to attend the signing of Reagan's proclamation declaring May 6, 1982 as National Day of Prayer, a custom dating to 1775.

Besides inviting leaders from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups, Reagan also asked some TV evangelists to attend, including Pat Robertson and Jim Bakker.

Smith said Reagan is "genuinely interested in spiritual values."

**Fund raiser.** The Foreign Mission Board has assigned executive vice president Bill O'Brien the task of raising an additional \$7 million needed to build its new missionary orientation center near Richmond, Va.

Ground breaking for the new center is scheduled for May 11 with completion in 1984. The multiple-use facility will be the site of debriefings of furloughing missionaries and the orientation of career missionaries and long term volunteers.

The center will be built without Cooperative Program or Lottie Moon Christmas offering funds. Thus far, \$2 million has been pledged or received toward an estimated cost of \$9 million.

## Clear cut decision

After a study by the accrediting committee of the American Association of Bible Colleges, the administration of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has deemed it necessary to cut the school's Music Department curriculum in half.

The music curriculum has included 86 hours for a major with four full time teachers and one part time instructor. The cut will leave 40 hours of music instruction and reduce the music faculty. Music majors will take other courses in Bible and ministry to enable them to balance their studies and obtain their degrees. Most music students are wives of ministerial students at the school.

President D. M. Aldridge stated, "This was a very trying decision and, of course, our music students are disappointed. We have been forced to take this action because of a commitment to our original purpose of training ministers who have not had the advantage of college study. While we will continue to offer areas of specialized training, our curriculum will always be centered around the study of the Bible, and we will emphasize evangelism and missions."

Aldridge went on to say the tight financial condition of Clear Creek was a major consideration in the matter and caused the administration to reevaluate and reaffirm its priorities.

Leon Simpson, president-elect, commented, "This is a joint decision and not an easy one to make. This action does not reflect on the character or caliber of our music students in any way. They are a wonderful group of dedicated men and women, and we will continue to provide the very best training for them we can offer."

## 73 homeland appointees

Directors of the Home Mission Board elected a new associate director of the Black Church Relations Department, named a national consultant for evangelism with singles and appointed 71 others to mission service during a February meeting in Atlanta.

William T. Perkins succeeds Edward L. Wheeler as associate director of the Black Church Relations Department. Wheeler resigned to become executive director of Morehouse School of Religion.

Perkins, director of interBaptist ministries as a Home Mission Board missionary in Birmingham, Ala. since 1975, was pastor of churches in Georgia and Virginia. He holds degrees from North Carolina A & T State University and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He is married to Margaret Ann Thompkins, a Home Mission Board missionary working as a Woman's Missionary Union consultant with black church relations.

Dan R. Crawford will become a national consultant for evangelism with singles. A graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary, he has been director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Texas, Austin, since 1976.

Also appointed were 13 missionaries, eight missionary associates, 46 who will receive church pastoral assistance and four who are slated for language pastoral aid.

Approved for church pastoral assistance were John and Janice Hays of Louisville, Ky.

## New Orleans prof dies

Harold L. Rutledge, professor emeritus of psychology and counseling at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, who has served the institution since 1958, died of a heart attack at New Orleans Methodist Hospital Feb. 17. Rutledge was a contract professor in the School of Christian Training on the campus and in masters level studies being conducted at Mobile (Ala.) College at the time of his death. He had continued to serve the seminary since his retirement four years ago.

Rutledge is survived by his wife Mary Helen and two daughters, Kay Lusk of New Orleans and Sue Schmidt of Colorado.

A memorial service was held in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the campus Feb. 19.

## Baptist for peace week

A nationwide emphasis week on education about nuclear war is being commended by a staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

According to Ron Sisk, director of program development for the moral concerns agency, participation in Ground Zero Week, set for Apr. 18-25, is one way in which Southern Baptists can work for peace with justice.

The emphasis week to help people know more about the effect nuclear war will have on their lives is sponsored by Ground Zero, a bipartisan organization concerned with the lack of a national consensus and direction on nuclear policy.

Sisk said Ground Zero seeks to inform and spark discussion in local church, school and community gatherings.

One of Ground Zero's major efforts is the production of a 200-page nuclear war primer and other materials designed to help in conducting emphasis week activities.

Individuals and churches can secure more information by writing Ground Zero, 806 15th Street, N.W., Suite 421, Washington DC 20005.

## Mission baptisms up

Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work baptized 127,337 believers in 1981, surpassing 1980's record 110,032 baptisms by 15.7 percent, according to Charles Bryan, For-

eign Mission Board vice president for overseas operations.

"Amid unstable world conditions, our missionaries in 1981 faced danger, change and uncertainty, but results reveal that, working beside national colleagues, they faced unprecedented opportunities to extend the kingdom of God," he told board members Feb. 9.

Churches in African nations continued rapid growth during 1981. Nigerian Baptists reported more than 12,000 baptisms. Baptists of Uganda baptized 5600 new converts and actually doubled their membership. Baptisms in Tanzania grew from 2700 in 1980 to 4500 in 1981.

Overseas church membership increased from just under 1.3 million in 1980 to almost 1.5 million by the end of 1981.

Brazilian Baptists, celebrating a century of Baptist work in their country,

led all Baptist groups overseas with 40,909 baptisms, Bryan reported. Baptists of the Philippines baptized 11,012 — one for every 3.5 members. South Korean Baptists baptized 8828.

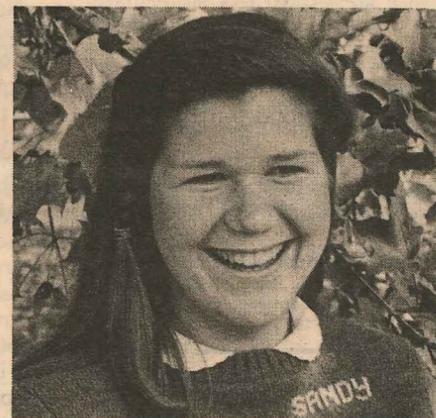
## Mrs. Owen dies at 84

Margaret McNairy Steele Owen, 84, widow of Richard N. Owen, former editor of the Baptist and Reflector, journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died Feb. 18, after suffering a stroke.

She was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Whites Bible School in New York. She was a counselor with students in Virginia and at the University of California in Berkeley.

Survivors include a son, Richard Jr. of Santa Marta, Columbia, and a brother, William T. Steele of Nashville.

## Meet Cumberland College Student...



*Sandy Glick*

Sandy Glick, Cumberland College student majoring in sociology and social work, left the openness of her Pennsylvania farm home for the serene beauty of the Kentucky mountains.

At Cumberland she found more; she found a community outreach program, Love-In-Action, busy ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of mountain youth. Last summer she selflessly dedicated herself to working with and loving these very special children.

"I enjoy being with children, helping them, being their big sister, and letting them know that someone loves them."

Sandy says the children ask, "Why do you come?" and their faces light-up with excitement when she replies, "Because I want to!"

Sandy came to Cumberland because she wanted to attend a Christian school and because Cumberland offered her the financial aid she needed. She found even more.

"The teachers helped me think, examine my beliefs, and solidify my Christian values. Love-In-Action gave me the opportunity to work with and love children. I have found peace, quietness, and a much closer relationship with God."

Cumberland College gave Sandy the opportunity to prepare herself for a full-time Christian vocation in missions work with children. That's not all. "In this serene setting, I found peace and beauty. I grew much closer to God."

Sandy will minister to many others in her lifetime. At Cumberland, we want to minister to many others like her.

President Taylor,

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

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

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

# ONEIDA JOURNAL

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A Tale of The 20's

## The Passing of the T M & W



Like Christmas, the arrival of Mr. Rabbitt was expected and waited for, and like Christmas was a long time coming. And when he arrived, he brought the end of an era.

Excitement ran high among the students of our school, but finally everything was done: guest room cleaned and dusted, curtains changed around, best pitcher and basin brought in. The campus was cleaned up, partly by a weed-pulling contest around Anderson Hall, and extra bread and pies were made in the kitchen.

Mr. Rabbitt's name was a source of

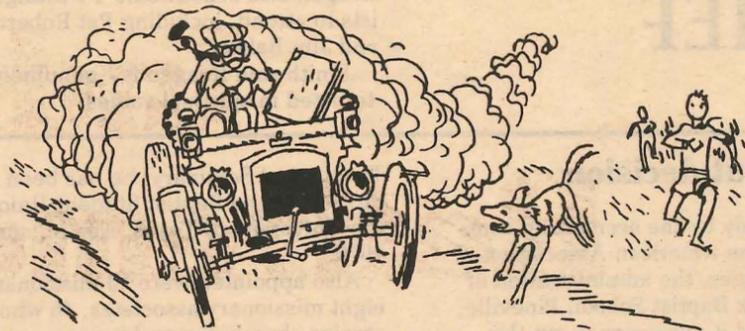
amusement. Wouldn't it be funny to say, "Will you have some lettuce, Mr. Rabbitt?" or "Mr. Rabbitt, won't you have another carrot?" Whenever Miss Cooper saw little groups of boys and girls laughing together, she knew that it had something to do with Mr. Rabbitt's name.

"What you-all laughing about?" asked Miss Cooper. "You-all will just love Mahvin. He is so sweet and he sure is my man!"

We had learned of Mr. Rabbitt from conversation with Miss Cooper. She talked of him frequently, and every day some student was privileged to get a letter to the post office addressed in large, square-shaped writing to Mr. Marvin Rabbitt, 1210 South Main St., Birmingham, Alabama. The envelope was stuffed with many pages, and often the message inside spilled over into sweet little notes on the outside. These we read with shivering delight and kept them as secrets to pass on to friends. That's how we found out that Mr. Rabbitt was coming for a visit.

Miss Cooper had not tried to keep the news a secret, however; she had squealed with delight when she first read of the proposed visit.

Now at last, after twice being postponed, the day of arrival was at hand. No one was more excited than Wise Higgins, a local individual who drove the mail wagon between Manchester, the county seat, and Oneida. The mail wagon was referred to as the T M & W (two mules and a wagon) after the manner of the L & N Railroad, which came within fourteen miles of our boarding school. Wise looked upon his job as a real calling. It gave him a sense of importance to be the first person to meet all visitors, first to know about any important mail received by townspeople or school officials, and best of all to be sought after for bits of news which he might have picked up on his rounds. So it was that on the morning Wise drove off wearing a clean blue shirt and with his team's harness decorated with bells and tassels, everyone



Mr. Rabbitt came courting, and turned a page in history

knew that Mr. Rabbitt was expected.

It was a lazy day in October. The leaves hung on the trees like birds perched on a wire. The dust lay thick and warm in the road and even though one walked in it there was not enough wind to blow it anyplace. During the day, white clouds moved across the sky and seemingly this pleased Miss Cooper for she observed that if it rained "Mahvin will get to ride under the wagon cover just like the pioneers!"

She suggested to Mrs. Cartwright that they take a walk in the late afternoon. They would go up the road after-noon and perhaps meet the T M & W. But the two women had gone no farther than Fox's store when Wise, sitting up straight in full dignity, drove in sight. Miss Cooper caught her breath and squeezed Mrs. Cartwright's hand. But soon her eyes lost their sparkle.

"Hello, folks," said Wise when he pulled up to them. "Nice day, Miss Cooper," he said, jerking his head in the direction of his passenger. "This here gentleman says he ain't the one. I inquired all over Manchester and I couldn't locate nobody who had seen Mr. Rabbitt. Guess he ain't coming."

Miss Cooper and Mrs. Cartwright took a short cut across the athletic field and reached the campus before the mail was delivered to the Big Store. In a short time it was general knowledge that Mr. Rabbitt had failed to show up and that Miss Cooper had cried with disappointment.

Supper was begun. The conversation, at first subdued, became normal and after a time Mr. Rabbitt was forgotten. Now and then a student glanced at Miss Cooper and she responded with a smile and a wink of the eye as though she still knew some secret.

Halfway through the meal, there was the sound of a horn not far away and a giggle went around the room, for it was thought that this was the beginning of a shivaree planned to celebrate Mr. Rabbitt's arrival. Suddenly through the screen door came a small, red-headed

boy, excited with the news. "It's a automobile!" he shouted and, turning toward Miss Cooper, he added, "It's got a man in it!"

Miss Cooper rose from the table and made off in the direction of Anderson Hall, followed by Mrs. Cartwright and most of the students. A small group of men and boys had gathered around the car which had been driven right up to the campus fence. Miss Cooper extended her hand to the stranger and said, "Hello, Mahvin."

"Hello, Mahvin," he replied softly. "Well," said Mrs. Cartwright, shaking hands, "I see you didn't take our famous T M & W after all."

"No," replied Mr. Rabbitt. "That was some road but Lizzie and I made it very well."

The whole student body gathered to see the car and learned that Lizzie was not a lady companion, but the car itself. The boys touched it here and there and the braver ones would have climbed in for a close-up look had not Wise appeared on the scene and ordered everyone away from the thing. Could be dangerous. Cars were getting so they would start without any cranking at all.

The old T M & W didn't go out of business right away, but Mr. Rabbitt had signed the death warrant. Soon cars were flitting in and out, the mail was delivered in an efficient, perfunctory way, visitors came and went and no one paid much attention. It was the end of an era in our community in Oneida.

(The above story was written by Mrs. Rebecca Ross McNeil, Oneida class of 1924. She is the wife of a Baptist pastor, and has served with her husband for more than fifty years in various Baptist pastorates. Several months ago they retired to their home in Minnesota. We'll tell you more about Rebecca later.)

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In the photo at right, Susan Robertson [center] uses braille hymnal during worship service at Louisville's Clifton Baptist Church. Below, Helen Parker, totally blind, teaches a Sunday school class of sighted women. [Photos by Jim Wright]



# Helping the blind to see

*I was eyes  
to the blind*

JOB 29:15

by Denise George,  
State Correspondent

At the beginning of each Sunday morning service, Jeff Conner marks the pages in the large four-volume braille hymnals for the partially-sighted and blind parishioners of Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville.

Located near the Kentucky School for the Blind and the American Printing House for the Blind, the church provides a special ministry for its 50 or more visually-impaired members.

According to pastor Robert O. Williams, Clifton's main goal is "to involve the visually handicapped in all of the church activities. They sing in the choir, serve on committees and teach Sunday school. They are an integral part of all that happens."

And just how does Clifton Baptist Church minister to these members?

"You minister to blind people by getting them to church and back. . . . Most can't go on their own," states Conner, Clifton's minister to special needs members.

Therefore, each Sunday morning the members are picked up for Sunday school on the church bus and are taken back home after the worship service.

In some cases individual transportation must be arranged. For one little blind girl who was also crippled and could not ride the bus, Conner found a volunteer to drive her to church each

Sunday morning in his car.

Besides transportation, the church ministers to the blind through literature. The Sunday School Board supplies, without charge, Sunday school and Bible study lessons in braille. And Conner tapes the weekly church newsletter for those who cannot read the printed pages.

Clifton's Sunday morning ministry to the visually handicapped is indeed impressive. But this ministry doesn't begin and end on Sunday mornings! It extends far beyond the walls of the church, and reaches out into the week. Williams, Conner and numerous sighted volunteers work together to serve each visionless individual throughout the week.

Last October when Helen Parker, a blind Sunday school teacher at Clifton, fell and broke her hip, friends from the church came immediately to her side. Taking turns, they drove her husband, Park, who is also blind, to the hospital every day for 18 days to visit her. Mrs. Parker remembers their help during her convalescence: "They brought food, visited me, telephoned and sent cards. They were there whenever I needed them."

Since mobility is such a problem, church members take the unsighted to

doctor's offices, to grocery stores and to nursing homes to see their loved ones. Volunteers plan monthly shopping sprees at local malls to help them select their clothes.

One sighted member, Mattie Ragsdale, devotes most of her time to driving the blind to necessary appointments, to Wednesday night services and to visit with each other.

"It's a privilege to work with them," she admits. "I admire them for their courage. They inspire me."

A retired braille transcriber of 26 years at the American Printing House for the Blind, Mrs. Ragsdale types into braille printed material such as magazine stories, newspaper articles and Sunday school address books for the unseeing members. When one young blind mother could not read the labels on baby food jars, Mrs. Ragsdale brailled the labels and glued them to the jars.

"Mattie Ragsdale is one of these people who does just anything that needs to be done," a blind member said.

Jeff Conner also makes himself available for anything that needs to be done. In addition to his full time studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he finds time to fix a broken braille typewriter so a blind man can write his family, and to deliver food stamps to an elderly sightless woman. He also visits regularly the visually handicapped shut-ins and new prospective church members in the community.

The children at Clifton are especially important to Conner. He plans an annual welcome-back-to-school party for them each fall. He also organizes a Children's Day Out program for the students at the Kentucky School for the Blind. Several Sundays a year the visually-impaired students sit with certain church families during the worship service and then spend the afternoon with them in their homes.

"Children from the school live in a sheltered environment," Conner explains. "It's important to provide a home away from the institution." Conner believes this program will "help to prepare the children to meet the real world."

Conner also ministers to the sighted children of blind parents in the church. He often helps these parents shop and select clothing for their family. And when special events, like the circus, come to town and blind parents cannot take their sighted children, Conner takes them.

Clifton Baptist Church represents a loving and caring kind of ministry—a ministry as personal and individual as the many members it ministers to. The staff and members of the church offer their services willingly to each of the church's visually-impaired. And the "light" that these dedicated workers bring into the lives of the sightless on Sunday mornings shines all through the week. Now that's ministry!



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# MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

## REVIVALS

**Providence First baptizes 41 in 1981**  
Five rededications mark a preChristmas revival Dec. 4-8 at First Baptist Church, Providence, Ohio Valley Association, preached by H. E. Coker of Campbellsville.

Providence First has had 68 additions to the church in 1981 with 41 additions coming for baptism. There has been an 80 percent increase in Sunday school and church attendance. It has given 25 percent of receipts to the Cooperative Program.

Thurman J. Eaton is pastor.

## DEATHS

**Mrs. Oscar Hines dies in Paducah**  
Mrs. Oscar Hines, of Paducah, died Jan. 27.

She had been a member of East Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, since 1908 when she was baptized at 13 years of age.

Pastor L. C. Tapp and Larry Mulberry officiated at the funeral.

She is survived by four sons: Marvin E. Hines Sr., former pastor of churches in Kentucky and now pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.; Oscar Leigh and Merle Gene Hines, Paducah; David L. Hines of Salem, Mo.; daughter Mrs. Ruby Nell Haff of Kennesaw, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; brothers Len Wade, Youngtown, Ariz. and Earl Wade, Collinwood, Ill.

## MISSIONS

**Morgans begin service in Indonesia**  
Robert W. Morgan, missionary to Indonesia, arrived on the field to begin a first term of service. His address is Kotak Pos 56, Bandung, Indonesia.

Morgan is a native of Smithfield. His wife Regina lived in Corinth and Irvine.

**Louisville MK now serves in Austria**  
James A. Smith and his wife Rebecca, a former resident of Louisville, have arrived in Austria to begin their first term of service.

Their address is c/o Thomas Stallworth, Hasverstrasse 19, A-4020 Linz, Austria.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of South-

### Christian School Principal Wanted

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ern Baptist missionaries and grew up on the mission field in Asuncion and Encarnacion, Paraguay.

### Princeton native on mission field

Karl D. Babb, Princeton, missionary to the Philippines, arrived on the field. His address is Box 99, Davao City, Philippines, 9501.

He and his wife Susan were appointed by the FMB in 1975.

### Sledd completes furlough from Nigeria

Maxwell D. Sledd and his wife Betty, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field. Their address is Nigerian Baptist Seminary, Box 30, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

Sledd is a native of Gilbertsville.

They were appointed by the FMB in 1961.

## ORDINATIONS

### Cloyd ordained at Georgetown

Brent Cloyd was ordained to the ministry Dec. 27 at Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Georgetown.

Jack Birdwhistle, campus minister at Georgetown College, preached the ordination sermon.

Cloyd is the son of Larry and Mrs. Cloyd, Georgetown.

## PERSONNEL

### Pastor resigns at Mt. Zion

Paul Peterson resigned his pastorate at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, effective Jan. 24.

### Gifford accepts Dundee call

Dundee Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, called Jim Gifford as pastor.

Gifford is a senior at Western Kentucky University. He and his wife Beth are from Bowling Green.

### Embry ministers to youth and music

Bruce Embry has been called to Whitesville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, as minister of

music and youth.

Embry moved from Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.

### Tackett called to Hellier, Pikeville

Berry Tackett has accepted the call as pastor of Hellier Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association.

Tackett, a Pikeville native, is the son of Irland and Georgia Charles of Racoon and is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

### Hanson marks 26 years at Hartford

W. O. Hanson, pastor of Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, celebrates his 26th anniversary with the church this month.

### French takes post at Bramlett

Bramlett Baptist Church, Sanders, Whites Run Association, named Kenny French as pastor.

French is a native of Warsaw.

### Culver leads Whitesville church

Chester P. Culver has been named pastor of Whitesville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Culver previously served at Wooten, Belfry, Flatwoods and Kirksville besides churches in Indiana and Ohio.

## CONGREGATIONS

### Churches send hymnals to Nigeria

Green River Church, Cromwell, Ohio County Association, donated hymnals to the association to be distributed at the World Mission Conference, Nigeria.

Barnetts Creek Church, Hartford, Ohio County Association, provided postage to ship the books.

The churches learned of the need for hymnals from Maxwell D. Sledd, a mis-

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sionary recently on furlough from Nigeria.

James M. Daugherty is pastor of Green River and Jackie Ferguson is pastor of Barnetts Creek.

### Pike WMU in alcohol vote fight

Delbert Butts, director, Temperance League of Kentucky, asked the WMU membership of Pike Association to vote dry in the upcoming Pike County local option election.

His presentation at the quarterly meeting stressed the strictest legal controls are possible in a dry area. Butts said the vote to go wet is only for legal sales and not for legal controls on the sale of alcohol.

Butts said the only direct revenue that comes to the county from alcohol sales is for license fees paid by the seller. Taxes from the sale of alcohol go to state and federal agencies, not to the county.

### Parsonage debt free at Liberty

Liberty Baptist Church, Allen Association, burned a note on the parsonage purchased in 1978.

Farrell Isenberg is pastor.

### Carrollton opposes ski slope names

Carrollton Baptist Church, Whites Run Association, passed a resolution asking the Kentucky Parks Commission not to consider naming the ski slopes in General Butler State Parks after liquor brands.

J. W. Farmer is pastor.

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In the photo at left, Mrs. Ray Mullendore [extreme right], of Bowling Green, joins other newly elected state WMU presidents in Birmingham, Ala. for an orientation session for new executive board members of the WMU, SBC. Also shown [l-r] are Mrs. Robert Staver, El Toro, Calif.; Mrs. Horace McRae, Lumberton, N. C.; Mrs. Warren Harris, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Tom Bray, Knob Noster, Mo.; Mrs. C. O. Smith, Woodruff, S. C.; and Mrs. J. T. Robison, Tulsa, Okla.

**Notables.** Three Kentucky ladies have been tapped by Outstanding Young Women of America for inclusion in the 1981 edition of that publication. All are

Southern Baptists.

Winners of the prestigious recognition are Mrs. Ann M. Blakeslee, Louisville; Mrs. Mary K. Branson, Madisonville; and Miss Amanda Leigh Storment, Frankfort. Mrs. Branson is a Western Recorder state correspondent.

**Community services.** In keeping with Southern Seminary's role as a "community of believers," SBTS president Roy L. Honeycutt has announced a spring revival on campus Mar. 9-12. It is open to the local community as well as students. Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will be guest speaker each day at 10 a.m.

#### International Series

#### JESUS LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

**Mark 13:24-37.** After spending a busy day in the precincts of the temple in Jerusalem Christ and his disciples left the temple never to enter it again. Impressed greatly with the grandeur and magnificence of the majestic edifice, one of the disciples called Christ's attention to the temple saying, "Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here." Christ simply repeated his prediction that it would not be long until the temple would be leveled to the ground by the Roman armies.

Upon their arrival at the summit of the Mount of Olives, Christ delivered his wonderful Olivet discourse, in which he dealt with the approaching destruction of Jerusalem, which would take place in A.D. 70, and an enumeration of conditions which would prevail on the earth during the interval between his departure and his return. His most intimate disciples—Peter, James, John and Andrew—privately asked Christ: "When shall these things be?" "What shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"

**A prediction—Mark 13:24-27.** In answering their questions Christ did not specify the exact date of the impending catastrophe but he did not caution them about the folly of wasting their thoughts, time and energies in seeking signs. Our Lord did not gratify the curiosity or wishes of the disciples by lifting the veil of the future, but he did go far enough to predict that his final manifestation would be heralded by various supernatural events, such as the falling of the stars, the darkening of the sun, the failure of the moon to shine and the shaking of the heavenly powers.

**A parable—Mark 13:28-31.** In this parable Christ pictured the fig tree as having withstood the ravages of winter and as being ready to put forth the buds, blossoms and leaves of a regenerated life, in recognition of the fact that summer was approaching, Christ

explained that the fig tree was symbolic of Israel and the revival of her national life. As the budding of the fig tree is the sign of approaching summer, so, when certain things should come to pass it should be obvious that summer is approaching and the return of the redeemer is drawing nigh. **A plea—Mark 13:32-37.** Christ declared that the exact time of his return was unknown to all except the Father. However, he was careful to let his followers know he is going to come personally, unexpectedly and gloriously.

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**The purpose of spiritual gifts—12:1-3.** Spiritual gifts are never bestowed upon Christians by the Holy Spirit for the gratification and glory of the recipients, but rather for the exaltation of Christ and the extension of his kingdom.

**The diversity of spiritual gifts—12:4-11.** To every child of God the Holy Spirit imparts one or more gifts to be used to the fullest for the introduction of the unsaved to Christ, the edification of the saved, and the glory of God. In the distribution of this variety of spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit is never partial to some and prejudiced against others. He always does that which is right and best for the recipient. Therefore, no Christian is ever justified in being envious of the gift which another has received.

In these verses nine spiritual gifts are mentioned: All of these the Holy Spirit bestows according to divine discretion. He bestows, administers and energizes these gifts according to his own will rather than ours.

**The responsibility for using spiritual gifts—12:29-31.** Each Christian has a work to do for the Lord and will be held accountable for the manner in which he does it. In the case of some church members at Corinth as well as in our churches today, there was a disposition to magnify their own gifts, talents and positions, and to minimize and depreciate those of their fellow members. Such inconsideration and selfishness were very displeasing to the Lord as well as entirely unjustifiable on the part of those who displayed these unworthy traits.

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#### BLUE GOOSE HILL

Most of the toys we ever had were homemade and we largely improvised whatever entertainment we enjoyed. Much of our time was spent trekking through the undeveloped wildwood on and beyond Blue Goose Hill to the north of town on whose slopes grew persimmons, wild grapes, red haws, black haws and papaws down the other side along the creek.

We dug sassafras roots from which our Mothers made tea. The old timers believed "it thinned the blood" which was thought to be needful in the spring.

Riding saplings on Blue Goose Hill was great sport in those days. The trick was to shinny up a tall slim young tree until it bent over from the top. We nimble young Tarzans would thus swing from tree to tree, seeing who could transfer the most times before touching the ground.

We swung on wild grape vines in summer and venturesome types tried smoking their dry, pithy stems in

winter. Many boys burned their tongues on such grape stems and on dried, crumbled grape leaves. It wasn't pleasant enough to be habit forming.

Over the hill grew some slippery elm trees from which we used to cut back for chewing. Boys sand lot baseball games occasionally turned up a slippery elm pitcher. The major leagues in those days had spit ball pitchers, which were later outlawed. Slippery elm pitchers more copiously spat the ball, believing any pitch not center-hit would result in a foul ball.

Tiny wild huckleberries were plentiful too and made unequalled pie, but it took a "million" to make a gallon. A few bits of pawpaws per season seemed enough. They tasted more like bananas than bananas did. Too much more.

Memories from youth of first acquaintances with the varied riches of God's good earth make one mindful of Him to whom it all belongs and grateful for the good life He has given us.

## KBC ACTIVITIES

#### FEBRUARY

26-27 Recreation Mini-Lab. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church

#### MARCH

5-6 State Library Retreat. Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building  
6 State Handbell Festival. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church  
7-14 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
12 Adult/Youth Regional Church Music Festival. Bellevue, First Baptist Church  
12-13 Youth Missions Retreat. Cedar-moore  
13 Children's Regional Church Music Festival. Bellevue, First Baptist Church

14 Home Missions Day in Sunday School

14-21 Youth Week in Churches

15-17 Senior Adult Leadership Workshop. Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building

15-19 Masterlife Leader Workshop. Owensboro, Third Street Baptist Church

19 Adult/Youth Regional Church Music Festival. Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church

20 Children's Regional Church Music Festival. Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church

22 Area Vacation Bible School Clinic for Associational VBS team. Benton, First Missionary Baptist Church and Madisonville, First Baptist Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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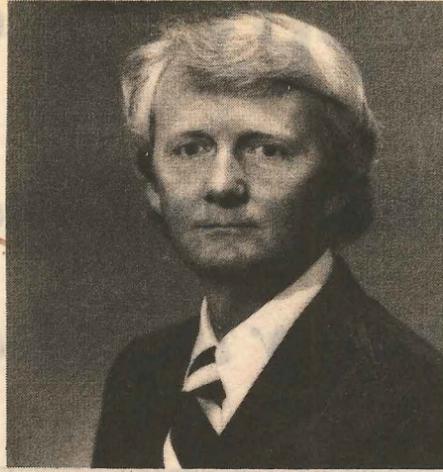
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**Brooks views.** "Burnout in Ministry," the title of Brooks Faulkner's new book, will also be the subject of a fourth Baptist pastors fellowship Mar. 12 at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m., the event will be held in Giddings Hall. A \$10 registration fee, payable to the college president's office by Mar. 4, covers lunch and a copy of Faulkner's book.

Faulkner (at right) is guidance section supervisor, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. He is a former pastor of Georgetown's Faith Baptist Church.

His book was written to help ministers facing the problem of burnout.



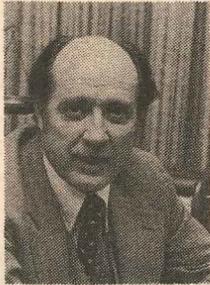
**Sign-up time.** The annual membership drive of the Louisville Baptist Hospitals Auxiliary is now under way, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, director of volunteers.

Annual dues of \$1 goes toward care and concern for those in contact with Baptist Hospital East and Highlands Baptist Hospital. The auxiliary's purpose is to assist in maintaining an atmosphere of Christian love and service at the two hospitals.

Further information is available from local church representatives or by calling the director of volunteers at Highlands (561-3110) or the director of volunteers at Baptist East (897-8649), both in Louisville.

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In ministering to such dependent/neglected children, our primary concern is to meet their total needs. The most obvious needs and the easiest to meet are to provide food, clothes, shelter, health care and education. But the real challenge is to provide a family-like environment where the emotional and spiritual needs are met through loving, caring workers who set an example of Jesus Christ.

Family is important to each of us. We gain support, nurture, love and security from family. Many of us also are greatly helped by our extended families. One's extended family is a num-

ber of people beyond the immediate family. But the circle of families may include many who are supportive and nurturing, such as one's church family, one's family of friends, and even one's family of co-workers.

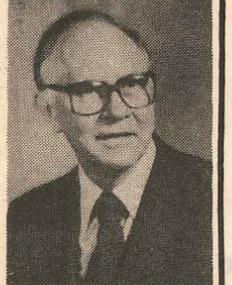
In caring for dependent/neglected children, your child care workers are ever mindful of the family. We want to minister to both the child and family so they may be reunited if possible. However, until that is done, and often it cannot be realized, we make real an extended family for them.

In the home or cottage, the extended family is led by either foster parents or a houseparent. Within this circle of the larger family are found a Christian counselor, other staff members forming part of the caring team and the group of youth who live in the cottage.

This extended family setting provides for time to play, work, study, share, worship and discipline. When this is done in the context of love, nurture and care, this extended family becomes a real substitute family, making positive impressions on a young man.

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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### CLEAR CREEK CONFERENCES

A variety of chapel services and other conferences are arranged throughout the year here at Clear Creek Baptist School. We have been fortunate in securing a number of speakers and conference leaders representing a wide range of interests.

In January David Benham from the Home Mission Board's Church Extension Department spoke in chapel and led an interesting conference on starting new churches, an emphasis of Bold Mission Thrust. We have monthly Baptist Men and Baptist Women meetings in which our students learn the value of these organizations. Class meetings are also held regularly so the individual classes can develop a closeness that may not be obtained otherwise. A. B. Colvin from the Kentucky Baptist Convention spoke in chapel and met with students during the day, bringing the state convention and its work close to our students.

Recently a spokesman for Kentucky government was the featured speaker and many community leaders were on campus to hear him. This exposes these people to the work of our school and the Southern Baptist Convention. It lets

them know that Baptists care—and respond to the needs of the world.

Other persons scheduled to address our students are Roy Boatright, Robert Jones, Frank Owen, Kathryn Jasper and others from the Kentucky Baptist Convention; Vern Powers, Bill Hardin and Tom Madden of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and R. V. Hagood of the Indiana Baptist Convention.

Representatives from the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention will also speak, including Arthur Walker, executive director of the SBC Christian Education Commission and James Barry of the Sunday School Board.

One week is left open and during that time students are urged to schedule revivals and Bible conferences in the churches they serve, giving them practical experience in the field.

Chapel is held each Tuesday and Thursday, except for the days the class meetings are conducted, and you have a special invitation to join us at anytime. I'll be happy to arrange a tour of our campus for you and your group if you will write to me, D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977. I hope you will visit us soon.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Georgetown campaign.** Georgetown College, in its third year of a 10-year capital campaign, has reached its Phase 1 goal of \$4 million.

According to Ben Elrod, president of the 153-year old college, the campaign's goal is to reach \$6.5 million by the end of 1984.

"The new endowment strength will be used to enrich the instructional programs, scholarships and spiritual tone," Elrod said.

**Student pastors conference.** Preaching Bible Study, a series of "how-to" seminars and fellowship will highlight the first annual student pastors' conference to be held at Southern Seminary Mar. 29-31.

"We believe the student pastors' conference will help students who already are pastors to serve more effectively and it will introduce college students who do not have churches to the life and work of a pastorate," explained Walter Shurden, dean of the seminary's School of Theology.

Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt Jr. will lead Bible study for the conference. Frederick Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., will preach.

A major portion of the conference will concern 10 "how-to" seminars. The seminary will host a banquet for all participants, featuring Grady Nutt. Nutt is a Christian humorist, a regular on television's "Hee Haw" show and a



Bauscher



Miss Ezell

Ross Bauscher of Frankfort and Wyn-dee K. Ezell of Shively have been named winners of the Rice-Judson scholar award by Southern Seminary.

Bauscher, who will graduate from Georgetown College in May, and Miss Ezell, a 1980 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, are among 20 persons from 12 states to receive the \$500 award.

former student pastor.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10. The seminary will provide limited housing at no cost.

To register contact the seminary's Office of College Relations, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280, or phone (502) 897-4617.

**Historical workshop.** The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold a workshop in historical training at the Campbellsville College library Mar. 26.

"This workshop will provide training and materials to assist church leaders in collecting and preserving historical material of the church, pulling a creative story from church records and sharing the story of the church," said

Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Historical Commission.

May and A. Ronald Tonks, assistant director of the Historical Commission, will conduct the workshop. The first session is 1 to 2:15 p.m. The second is 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Preregistration is not necessary and no fee will be charged.

**Carson-Newman.** The first \$1 million gift in the history of Carson-Newman College has been received by the east Tennessee Baptist institution, according to president Cordell Maddox.

John E. Price, 90, of Ft. Myers, Fla., made the gift, which consists of a two-story home, antiques and eight acres of land bordering the Caloosahatchee River in downtown Ft. Myers.

# Put on a happy face

## *Reaching out to others is a witness:*

## *Seminary wife helps improve self concept*

by H. Wally Weaver

"Idle hands are the devil's workshop." If you met Mrs. Asa (Lydia) Greear, you would feel these words are her philosophy. Her hands are anything but idle.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Patton Jr. of Booneville, Ky., Lydia was reared in a Christian home in Ashland, Ky. Her activities in high school included Junior Achievement and editor of the associational Baptist youth newspaper. It was also in high school she discovered a scripture that would become the driving force in her life—Phil. 4:13:

**I can do all things  
through Christ which  
strengtheneth me.**

After high school, Lydia spent a summer as a missionary in Peru, using a Junior Achievement grant plus support from her home church, Rose Hill Baptist, Ashland.

In 1975 Lydia married Asa Greear now a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They have two boys—Thaddeus 6, and Jeremiah 3.

Moving to New Orleans in 1979 was a new experience for Lydia for it was a city like she'd never seen. She had the choice of staying shut up in an apartment or taking control. Since she loves a challenge, Lydia set out to conquer New Orleans, Phil. 4:13 in hand.

Since she had been a long-time user of a well known brand of cosmetics, she decided to become a cosmetics consultant. Not only did this help the Greears financially, it opened friendships with other seminary wives and local people.

Since Lydia believes in reaching out to others, she found a philosophy of cosmetic sales that fit well into her life style. To her, selling and demonstrating the cosmetics is an opportunity to witness to those she might not see otherwise. "If a woman can look her best, it will improve her self concept. This in turn will help shape her concept of others and improve the family rela-



tionship," she said.

Mrs. Greear doesn't consider herself a high pressure evangelist. Instead, she lets the love of Jesus show through as she does facials for customers.

As the daughter of an insurance salesman, Lydia learned motivation at an early age. It shows in the many ribbons and awards she has received.

Feeling that more could be done for other student wives, she agreed to lead the music and devotions for the Student Wives Fellowship. Last May she was named president. This, too, she feels is a ministry. Many student families face problems coping with the changes of seminary. This monthly meeting of the wives gives opportunity for talking and sharing. She describes this as "a service of fellowship and love which

assures wives they are not alone."

Lydia is also taking seminary courses to enable her to minister alongside her husband.

She recently received one of 14 Seminary Women's Auxiliary Scholarships awarded each year.

When asked how these activities fit into her role as mother and wife, her reply was simple. "You must know where your priorities lie. My relationship to God comes first; my husband second; the boys third. My family isn't a job as such. I really enjoy providing a good home life for them. They have been an active part of my getting to know New Orleans. I have a ministry to them also."

The future holds much for Lydia

Greear. In July she will have a baby and Asa will graduate from seminary. Then, if they get their wish, it will be home to Kentucky, where they hope to serve a church.

Further down the road is a possible career with the Foreign Mission Board.

But whether God leads the Greears back to Kentucky, Lydia is grateful for the early nurture that the churches in Kentucky gave her, and her summer's work in Peru. She sees God's hand in all of this, enabling her to do "all things" as her favorite verse in Philippians promises.

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