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Deferred giving

Committee on boards will put off naming appointees 'til June 15

by Toby Druin,
Associate Editor, Baptist Standard

Southern Baptists will have to wait until the first day of their annual convention June 15 to learn who the 1982 committee on boards is nominating to serve on denominational boards, commissions and standing committees.

Committee chairman Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., said the committee voted at the conclusion of its Mar. 29-30 meeting in Nashville not to reveal the nominees until the first day of the convention, following SBC bylaw 16:8 which says: "The report of the committee shall be published in the first day's Bulletin and may be amended on the floor of the convention by majority vote of those voting."

The report of the committee on boards has been in the spotlight the last few years because of the stated goal of one faction to gain control of SBC boards, commissions and agencies.

The 1981 committee on boards broke from precedent and a strict interpretation of the bylaws stipulation to release its list of nominees in mid-April. The report ignited instant controversy in that several persons eligible for renomination were not renominated. Generally, persons may serve two four-year terms and are renominated for the second term unless there is "good and

sufficient reason" not to do so.

At the 1981 annual meeting Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., led an effort to return four of those "bumped." The messengers restored the four, including a Kentuckian, to their places, overriding the recommendation of the 1981 committee on boards. Another 1981 nominee, also a Kentuckian, was rejected in favor of a pastor who purportedly had a better record of denominational service and support.

Vestal said two or three persons eligible for renomination this year will not be renominated for "unique personal—not doctrinal—reasons." He did not elaborate.

Vestal said the controversial nature of last year's report was discussed during the committee meeting, but insisted the decision to withhold the release of the nominees was not dictated by last year's controversy. "We tried to see it not as a negative decision, but as a positive decision," he said, explaining the decision was not unanimous but a "strong" one.

The committee felt, Vestal said, emphasizing it was their decision, not his, that before 1981 the precedent was to release the list of nominees the first day of the convention. "This has been something the convention has done for years and it has served us well. We felt no reason to change it.

"We weren't trying to plow any new ground or set any new agenda. We were just trying to do the job . . . the best way we knew. We think we did."

Vestal said he hopes the report which will suggest more than 200 persons for various SBC posts will not be controversial. "I have been a Baptist long enough to know you shouldn't predict what might not happen, but I feel good about the report."

Vestal said people who argue for release of the nominees early should trust the committee.

The committee laid down its own guidelines, eliminating some persons from consideration, Vestal said. Under the guidelines, he added, persons on the committee itself and on the 1981 committee on committees were not eligible for nomination.

The committee members, Vestal said, were diverse theologically and geographically, but "had a common commitment and, I felt, a tremendous sense of integrity. I really felt that. They had a desire to come and do the work of the committee in the name of Christ, in the spirit of Christ.

"I felt a sense of unity," he said. "Not unanimity about every person or every issue, but I did feel a sense of unity."

Kentuckians elected

Gifts to the 1982 Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions show a 25 percent increase over offerings received by this date last year, William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board president, told the board's executive committee during its April meeting.

The total of \$790,597.61 received thus far represents 3.59 percent of the \$22 million goal, Tanner reported. "Our goal is a healthy 19 percent increase over last year's goal, but this early report indicates Southern Baptists are going to meet it."

The executive committee elected two persons to staff positions and appointed 62 others to mission service, including four missionaries, five missionary associates and 53 persons to receive pastoral aid.

Among those elected missionary associates were James and Sunghark "Laura" Pitts of Louisville. They will move to Chicago where he will be language missions director for Chicago Metropolitan Association.

Among those approved for pastoral aid were Robert Ezickson Jr., Charles and Kay Melton and Michael and Marilyn Mott, all of Louisville; and John and Nancy Torchick of Willisburg, Ky.



Miss Howle



Miss Sutton

Acteens: color their world rosy in view of Bowling Green meet

"The Rainbow Connection" will be the theme when a preregistered crowd of 850 teenage girls converges on First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, this weekend (Apr. 16-18). It's the annual Acteens convention, for young ladies ages 12-17, and is under auspices of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Cathy Howle, state Acteens director, has announced an official starting time of 7:30 p.m. Friday, with a mini concert slated for 7:10 p.m.

William D. Jagers, pastor of Cynthia Baptist Church and president of the state convention, will address the convention that evening. His subject is "Rainbows Needed in Kentucky and How You Can Be a Part."

Fourteen winners of state Acteens college scholarships will be announced during this session. The scholarships are given annually by Kentucky WMU to graduating seniors.

Ten missions conferences are planned for Saturday morning, from which conferees will select two or three to attend. Most will be led by Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from the areas they will discuss. Conferences, and leaders, include:

Deaf ministry in Chicago, Robert Landes; Spanish work in Chicago, Mrs. Elizabeth Medina; Taiwan, Mrs. Linda Bridges; Kenya, Mrs. Jenny Musen; Yemen, Ruth McConnell; Hellier, Ky., Pam McCoy; US2ers, Marty and Carol Hogue; Hong Kong, Anna Cheung; Sellers Home, New Orleans, Mary Dan Kuhnle; and Acteens organization, Beverly Sutton, WMU, SBC.

Miss Sutton, director of the WMU's Field Services Department, Birmingham, Ala., will address the convention Saturday evening on "The Rainbows Inside of You."

A state activator team will be introduced and commissioned at an early morning session Sunday. Preceding a closing commitment service, Linda Bridges will address the group on "Making Rainbows on the World."

The convention is expected to conclude at 10 a.m. that day.

George Fields, a professional entertainer in Louisville, will be music director for the weekend. In addition to the session music, he will entertain at a Saturday evening banquet for girls completing a level of Studiact this year.

Entertainment is planned for Friday and Saturday nights.

Luther Rice homesite to become focus of retiring couple's interest

Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for 36 years, will retire July 31 and become director of the Center for Missions and Education at the Luther Rice homesite in Northboro, Mass.

Guy and his wife, Terrye, will become Mission Service Corps volunteers Sept. 1, according to Wendell Belew, director of the Home Mission Board's Missions Ministries Division.

Guy will work through the Seminary External Education Division, a joint extension service of six Southern Baptist seminaries. He will teach, preach and assist with New England association conferences. He will also work with bivocational pastors beginning new churches in southern New Hampshire.

The birthplace of Luther Rice, organizer of the first national Baptist convention, was acquired by the Home Mission Board in 1968. It is now being renovated by Baptist volunteers as a

visitors' center, historical library and seminary extension center. The property is also site of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church and the Baptist General Association of New England. The homesite will be dedicated next year in honor of Rice's 200th birthday.

The Guys' interest in New England grew out of a sabbatical visit to Union Theological Seminary in New York where, Guy says, "I developed a major burden for the area and would have stayed if I hadn't already been called."

The couple will live in an upstairs apartment at the homesite. Downstairs rooms are being furnished with period antiques by Mrs. Cecil Day of Atlanta, Ga.

The Guys will replace Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Crozier, who will be curators of the homesite until June. Crozier is former professor at Missouri Baptist College.

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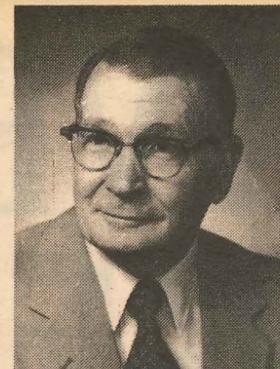
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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Budget cuts do not eliminate tax funds for parochial and seminary students

Headlines of two recent newspaper articles reveal that while as many as 5000 Kentucky students will be deprived of higher education because of reduced federal funds for student loans and grants, some Kentucky state funds will go for questionable and maybe unconstitutional purchase of textbooks for parochial and private elementary and high school pupils.

One headline says, "Financial aid cuts may keep 5000 in Kentucky from going to college." This is the conclusion of a study conducted by a special task force trying to assess the effect upon Kentuckians if President Reagan's proposed financial aid cuts become law.

The other headline says, "Private school textbook funds restored by legislative panel." This article describes the last minute maneuvers of Kentucky General Assembly members which restored \$622,600 for parochial school textbooks which earlier had been cut from the state education budget.

This inconsistency shows how powerful and persistent the advocates of public funds for parochial education are. The \$622,600 is not very significant. It will not make or break Kentucky nor will it buy many textbooks for parochial pupils. The principle is the vital issue. Step by step champions of church related schools are getting into the public treasury with the goal of eventually full public funding of parochial schools.

The Kentucky General Assembly is making a habit of being manipulated by a few members determined to channel state funds into parochial education. In 1980 a \$1.5 million non-public school textbook appropriation was approved by the house, eliminated by the senate and eventually restored. The 1980-82 budget cuts by the governor due to revenue shortfall reduced this to \$450,000.

The textbook law dates back to 1978. It was funded then only to an amount making possible a court test on the constitutionality of the act. Franklin Circuit Court has ruled the textbook law is constitutional but an appeal is planned.

In the meantime Kentucky legislators are not the only raiders of the public treasury for religious teaching and training. An article by

Albert J. Menendez in the March 1982 issue of Church and State has a shocking revelation of how much tax funds are being used for theological education.

Most readers of this column never dreamed specific religious training and actual preparation for church ministry are being paid for with government funds. The funding is in the form of work-study grants. Government funds are provided seminaries to pay students for work much of which is for the schools themselves.

In one recent year \$5 million of tax funds were paid students in 117 seminaries and another million dollars paid to ministerial students in Bible schools. Of the 117 seminaries 52 are Jewish, 51 are non-Catholic and 14 are Roman Catholic. All the Bible schools are evangelical or fundamentalist.

Among the seminaries are some surprises. Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. is the third largest in amount used (\$155,084). Also in the top dozen are Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. Thank the Lord no Southern Baptist seminaries are using any government funds in any way.

State and federal funds to assist college students in private as well as state colleges seem to be in order. This does not go for students in parochial and private elementary and high schools and certainly not for students in theological training. If such unconstitutional raids on public funds were stopped, there would be more resources for proper use in the education of American youth.

Unusual response from an unusual church member

Pastor Keith Rogers of First Baptist Church, Loyall, has a heart warming story which illustrates the power of the gospel to soften hearts and the effectiveness of the printed word.

The Loyall church is serious about its proclamation and outreach. Several years ago when there was a state prisoner work camp in Harlan County, the pastor and congregation became concerned about the inmates, several of whom responded by attending the Loyall Sunday worship service.

One prisoner made a profession of faith, was baptized and joined the church. Subsequently, the work camp was closed and the prisoner was returned to LaGrange. Like other non-resident members he was kept on the church mailing list for the weekly church mailout but nothing was heard from him until very recently.

In the meantime the Loyall WMU adopted the project of saving canceled postage stamps, the sale of which provided funds for world hunger. Imagine the surprise when packages of stamps started coming to the Loyall WMU from LaGrange.

A note with the used stamps explained what had happened. The church member prisoner had read about the hunger project in the church mailout and had passed the word on to fellow inmates. Stamp saving has now become a group project in the prison and more hungry children will be fed because a prisoner's heart was changed by the gospel and because a church cared enough about a non-resident member to keep him linked with the church and its life.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Seminary stewardship

by Russell H. Dilday Jr.
President, Southwestern Seminary

"To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one . . . the master then returned to settle accounts with them" (Matt. 25: 15-19).

In this passage and others, Jesus made it very clear that we are responsible for the prudent use and investment of the resources he gives us. In order to be wise stewards, we must first know exactly what resources we have. Recently released enrolment figures dramatically remind Southern Baptists of the value of one portion of the master's treasure which he has entrusted to us—our seminaries.

Southern Baptists have six seminaries with a record cumulative enrolment of 10,058 students. By comparison, and as a way of putting this enrolment in perspective, look at some other figures:

Roman Catholics have 48 schools with 5760 enrolled.

Episcopalians have nine schools with 1072 enrolled.

Lutherans have seven schools with 1430 enrolled.

Presbyterians have six schools with 3208 enrolled.

The average seminary enrolment in the United States is 263 while South-

western alone has 4605 enrolled. Four of the largest five seminaries in the country are Southern Baptist seminaries. Furthermore, in the Seminary Extension Program operated by the six Southern Baptist schools, another 10,347 are enrolled in seminary courses in 401 extension centers around the country.

Because of generous Cooperative Program funding these students receive quality education at the lowest possible cost to them. At Southwestern the matriculation fee is \$200 per semester. Compare the annual tuition charges at other evangelical seminaries:

Asbury Theological Seminary, \$2830
Dallas Theological Seminary, \$3000
Fuller Theological Seminary, \$3564
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, \$3460
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, \$3300

The master certainly will hold all of us as stewards responsible for the wise management of these valuable resources as he calls and sends his servants to be trained.

BAPTIST FORUM

Rebelling against rebellion

I was very amused at the letter from Mr. J. Stuart Cundiff, Linwood, which appeared in the Mar. 24 issue of your paper.

I would like to say that I agree completely with the administration at Campbellsville College. Not only is convocation a time of spiritual insight but also the only time all students are together. This provides a weekly opportunity for sharing needed information with everyone.

I do not see this as an administration conforming to antiquated tradition for lack of direction but a classic case of rebellion against authority. I believe it is time we remind people that there are rules and regulations (or restraints) in about everything we do. It is time we learn to exercise the freedom we have within those limits and cease protesting against everything we disagree with.

I also want to go on record as being very supportive of Dr. Davenport and the great job he has done and is doing at Campbellsville College.

Just a side note, I was 27, married, the father of three children and a veteran when I went back to college. We were required to attend convocation twice a week. By the way, my mother-in-law was there at the same time and she was in her 50s. Campbellsville College did both of us a favor because we learned many things from the speaker they secured for each convocation. Although that was 15 years ago, I believe it is as important today.

Tony Carson, Louisville

Presuming to establish the rules with respect to Andy Cundiff who is attending Campbellsville College and his father, J. Stuart Cundiff, Linwood, I agree that no one in the United States should be forced to attend worship services.

However, in an organized society freedom has many limitations. If one lived alone on an isolated island there could be absolute freedom. But when one lives amongst other people there must be rules which one respects.

Andy, I suppose, was not drafted into Campbellsville College. He elected to attend that institution. Campbellsville College is a Christian institution of learning funded and administered by Christians. The administration has seen fit to adopt a rule that all students must attend chapel services. If Andy objects to this rule, he should resign from studentship at Campbellsville College and enrol at a college where such a rule is not in force. He has complete freedom to take such action. No student should presume to establish rules of the college which he or she elects to attend. Rules and policies are established by the board of regents or trustees and administered by the president. That is the way it should be in our society.

Daniel B. Corman, Glasgow

He sees no reason to complain

I am writing in response to the letter to Baptist Forum from J. Stuart Cundiff regarding the mandatory attendance requirement for convocations at Campbellsville College for all students, including his son, 24-year-old Andy.

As one of five children from the same family who attended and graduated from Campbellsville College several years ago, and one of many students who had served in military service prior to becoming students at Campbellsville, I did not consider attendance at chapel services unreasonable. After all, I was required to attend those classes to help me grow mentally and those activities to help me grow physically. Why not those chapel services to help me grow spiritually?

While it may be true that a few of the students who attended Campbellsville College at the same time I did objected to some of the regulations, even fewer seemed to oppose mandatory attendance at convocations. As I recall talking with those a few years ago, I remember their saying they had not been required to go to church by their parents, so why should school officials make them go to chapel services?

As a parent I can truthfully say my wife (also a graduate of Campbellsville) and I never had to make our children go to church, for we all went to church as a family on a regular basis. When our children went to college, they voiced no objections to mandatory attendance at chapel services.

As a faculty member in a Christian school much older than Campbellsville College, where I've had the privilege of teaching 11 years, I have heard very few complaints about our mandatory chapel attendance for students and faculty. Throughout its history, this college level training institution has required students and faculty to attend services as a necessary and helpful part of the day's activities. Those students who do object and complain about such services and "cut" unnecessarily too often are invited to pursue their training elsewhere where they will be happier.

Robert Oldham, Chicago

Being different has its merits

I have subscribed to Western Recorder for the past 19 years when I moved from Pikeville, Ky. to West Virginia. I have always appreciated the paper. However, I have thought several times about writing but have not because I might be considered an outsider.

In Baptist Forum in the Mar. 24

paper was a letter from J. Stuart Cundiff, Linwood, in regards to mandatory convocation at Campbellsville College. Evidently, brother Cundiff's son is involved in a protest about attending chapel services.

I really thought a Christian institution of higher learning was to have, or contain, all of the elements of the true Christian home while the student was away from home. Among other things was to have an organized time of devotions, such as the family should have.

Some six years ago I took my born again son to the campus of a "Christian" university and after talking to people and looking around we sat down and talked about it. My son said to me, "Dad, they don't have required chapel service here and there is not much to distinguish this school from a state school, other than the fact they receive support from the denomination. I don't believe I will be exposed to anything different at the University of Georgia, and it will cost you a lot less money." The end result was that my son went to the University of Georgia and one of our schools lost a student.

I believe Christian schools should be that and I thank God for the fact chapel service is mandatory at Campbellsville College. We should, as Christians, be different from the world.

Robert E. Lamb, Columbus, Ga.

FORUM

Another look at Mormonism

This quick note is in response to Madeleine McGrath's letter regarding the Mormon religion. I was very pleased to see her calling for us to express Christian love for those involved in other religions. However, there are several other points that also need expression.

For instance, 1 John 4:1 says that we are to test the spirits to see whether they are truly from God or are counterfeit. The content of any religion must, in the final analysis, be measured by the content of scripture. When Mormonism is put to this test it is found unequivocally to be bogus and therefore doubly condemned by God himself (Gal. 1:8, 9). We are indeed commanded by Jesus Christ to love one another but we are never to be tolerant of theology that is clearly counterfeit and which God condemns.

When one does understand what Mormonism is and realizes the human damage produced by Mormon missionaries preying on less informed or mature Christians (Southern Baptists are prime targets according to many Mormon missionaries), then a strong reaction is most appropriate. It is time we Christians recognize that we are at war with those spiritual forces that will destroy our witness and ruin our Christian lives if left unopposed.

Arthur J. Nitz, Frankfort

Gold at any price

I saw the movie "On Golden Pond." What an inspiring story! What a beautiful setting! What superb acting! What a shame the full entertainment value of the picture was marred by irreverent and vulgar language, and by certain lewd actions so plainly defined.

Let me preface any further remarks by saying I think this picture had two of the world's great artists portraying the two main characters: Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn. I also think every single performance was outstanding. The question I raise is this: did such irreverent and obscene language add to the entertainment value of the picture? Did the fact the dentist and the retired professor in her parents' home, without the benefit of marriage, add to the artistic, or entertainment value of the

picture? I think not!

I was surprised Miss Hepburn allowed herself to be drawn into a picture that contained such language and such lascivious suggestions. I was not surprised in Henry Fonda's case. Acting appears to be his life, his god.

The language used, the actions and habits portrayed by Miss Fonda were no surprise to anyone, I suppose. Her lifestyle has been so publicized. If true, it would make her a perfect representative for the character she portrayed.

The picture companies nor the actors are alone responsible for such crudity, but we who patronize such, so called entertainment are equally to blame.

Moseley Cambron, Hawesville

A time to live

I would like to share my situation concerning your editorial about preventive checkups. As a resident of Owensboro most of my life, I have a keen interest in Baptist work in Kentucky.

I agree with you that preventive medical checkups are in order for church staff members and denominational workers, however, there is prevention that needs to take place even before that.

The employer and employe have a responsibility to assure an employe is not overworked and spends adequate time with family.

In my staff position at First Baptist, San Antonio, each of us is given one full day off during the week plus Saturday to relax and have family time.

While we are not overpaid, our salaries let us live within reason without excessive financial stress. This helps us be more effective ministers and family leaders.

Most would think the job could not get done in this situation; yet First Baptist Church baptized 606 in 1981, and increased our average Sunday school attendance by over 300. First Baptist Church, San Antonio, is a growing downtown church who cares for those at its doorsteps as well as its staff members.

Other Baptist churches would do well to heed this example of "preventive medicine."

Chris McCool, San Antonio, Tex.

Help for historians

Last year we of Bracken Association undertook a large faith project, that being the purchasing of Bracken Church as built by Lewis Craig. The purchase price was \$18,000 to be paid over a three-year period. With the help of most of the churches in our association and several generous donations across the state we made the first payment.

We have instituted annual offerings across the association during association missions week through songfests, sale of prints and we are still inching to our goal but still short. When this was announced last year a lot of talk came forth, letters appeared in Western Recorder and Dr. Owen was contacted with inquiries. However at this point and time we have not seen much expression of effort beyond the talking stage.

Won't you as an individual, a church, an association prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important segment of Baptist history and future?

Tom T. Prather, Chairman
Missions Committee
Bracken Association

Meet Cumberland College Student . . .

Karen Elizabeth Goss



Karen Elizabeth Goss, 19 year old sophomore from Clarkston, Georgia, came to Cumberland College to fully develop her God-given gifts in music. She is being successful.

Karen's speciality is vocal music which she has developed greatly during her two-year involvement with Cumberland's highly acclaimed Chorale. She has also been musically active in her church's music endeavors, singing in the choir, leading church choir, performing solo selections, and serving as secretary of the church's adult choir.

Karen, daughter of a Baptist minister, felt God leading her into music, "God's will in my life is most important and I believe in finding out what He wants for me. He has led me into music and has led me to Cumberland College where there are people to care for and to help me. If I encounter any problems, spiritually, socially, academically, my teachers will gladly talk with me and help find solutions."

Although immersed in music, Karen finds time to be involved in other activities, including the Baptist Student Union's Mountain Outreach, the Baptist Young Women, Love In Action (where she is a "Big Sister") and the Student's National Educational Association. She says, "I have been able to become really involved here and have made many more friends that I could not have at a larger school in a larger city."

Karen would like to become a professional singer, but if that is not possible, she plans to use God's gift in other ways. "I would teach music on the secondary or college level. I want to influence youngsters to be disciplined and to strive for their best, while caring for them and relating to them as human beings. I want to be a teacher who challenges students, but who cares for them also."

Academically she maintains a 3.9 grade point average and works as a tutor of math, English, or any other subject in the Cumberland College reading study center.

Personally, Karen emits warmth, patience, concern, and a quietly stable confidence. "God is with me and helps me in all things. He will direct me to what He wants for my life."

Cumberland College has room for many others like Karen.

Dr. Taylor:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

PERSONNEL

Ferguson resigns as pastor at Ghent
Robert Ferguson has resigned the pastorate of Ghent Baptist Church, White's Run Association, to become pastor of an Alabama congregation.

Sanders is home missionary in Illinois
Ronald Sanders, former youth minister and associate pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville, was among 70 persons appointed to mission service by the Home Mission Board in March.

Sanders, appointed with his wife, Betty Jo, is a special mission ministries student worker in Normal, Ill. He is a graduate of Murray State University and Southern Seminary.

Tallant notes increased illnesses
Francis Tallant, director of missions for Warren Association, reports the illnesses and hospitalization of an

unusual number of pastors. Wayman Hayes recently underwent bypass surgery. O. G. Lawless has recovered satisfactorily from surgery. Charles Wilkey has been hospitalized twice and has undergone surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Compton were both injured in an automobile accident. Hospitalized for back problems and other ailments were Bill Price, Hulon Allen and James Burden. Tallant, himself, has undergone surgery twice in recent months.

Rutledge resigns White's Run pastorate
Richard Rutledge has resigned the pastorate of White's Run Baptist Church, White's Run Association. He has accepted a church in Florida.

Russell Creek adds pastors
Summersville Baptist Church in Russell Creek Association has called James Michael Akridge as pastor. He began his new duties Mar. 21.

Other new pastors in Russell Creek Association are E. T. Cathy at New

Hope; Lenis Wilson at Society Hill; James Jessie at Prices Creek; and Larue Shirley at East Fork.

Freudenthal is Adairville pastor
Adairville Baptist Church, Bethel Association, has called Carl Freudenthal as pastor.

Judd accepts Liberty pastorate
Liberty Baptist Church, East Lynn Association, has called Jerry Judd as pastor.

Bruce Newman is Stony Point pastor
Bruce Newman is now pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, Freedom Association. He is former pastor of a Tennessee congregation and a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Mize called to Glenwood pastorate
Glenwood Church, Pulaski Association, has called Kenneth Mize as pastor. Mize began his Glenwood responsibilities in January.

Colyer resigns from Bethlehem church
Don Colyer has resigned as pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association. The congregation has called Ralph Shepperson as its new pastor.

Corrigan is Mt. Zion pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, called Chuck Corrigan as pastor. Corrigan is a retired career service man from South Carolina.

Mt. Zion has staff changes
Janus Jones, director of missions for

Mt. Zion and South Union Associations, reports that Mott Hamblin is pastor at Patterson Creek and C. H. Riddle is pastor at Big King Creek in South Union Association. L. T. Fincher is the new pastor at Meadow Grove in Mt. Zion Association.

Roberts accepts Shakertown pastorate
John Roberts has accepted the pastorate of Shakertown Baptist Church near Harrodsburg. Roberts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Austin Roberts of Danville and is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He is married to Karen Olive, formerly from Charlotte, N. C., who now teaches at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, Danville.

Vallance resigns from Second, Ashland
William Vallance has resigned as pastor of Second Baptist Church, Ashland, to accept a call from Wurtland Baptist Church. Other new pastors in Greenup Association include John Atkins at Denton and George Walters at Garrison.

CONGREGATIONS

Williamsburg First needs information
First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, will celebrate its centennial year in 1983. As part of this celebration a history of the church will be published.

Pastor Harold Mauney asks those having information about the church's history to send it to: Dr. Chester Young, Box 658, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

REVIVALS

New Hope Church has youth revival
New Hope Baptist Church, Bethel Association, had a youth revival Apr. 2-4. Thomas Lawhon is New Hope's pastor.

Tade leads revival Apr. 2-4
B. R. Tade was evangelist for an Apr. 2-4 revival at Three Forks Bacon Creek Baptist Church, Lynn Association. Milton Judd is the pastor.

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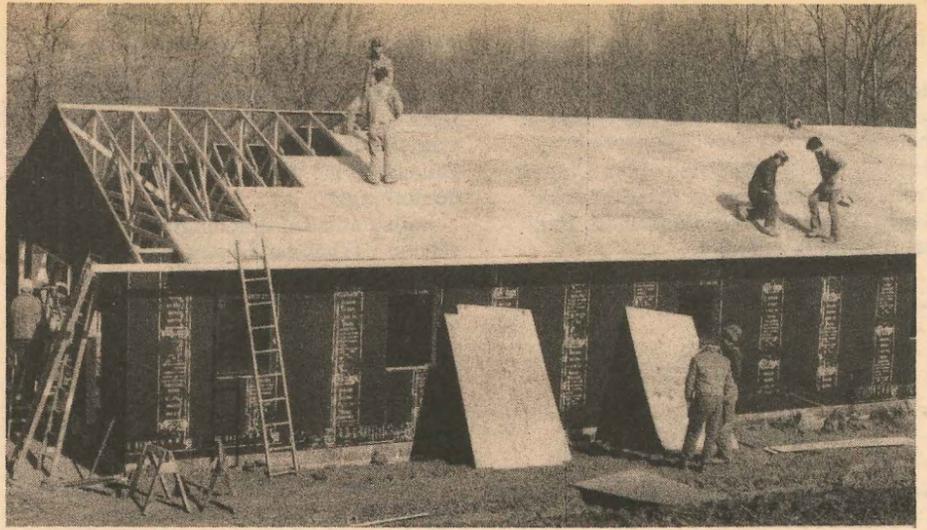
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Thomas Williams is Turner Ridge's pastor.

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A team from Cumberland College led a youth revival at New Banklick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Mar. 26-28.

Norman Workman is pastor of the church.

Ludlow has spring youth revival
Ludlow Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, had a youth revival led by a team from Campbellsville College Mar. 26-28.

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What's good about being single?

Well, singles can turn to any channel on television and nobody will complain.

Quick, what's bad about being single? That's what more than 200 adults came to share with each other at the fifth singles retreat sponsored through family ministries of the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Apr. 2-4.

legitimacy of singleness

"Singles come to a retreat to have needs met from the workshops, to find answers to issues in their life, to meet folks and to learn about singles," said Larry Gray, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, who was not only meeting his own needs as a single following divorce but also as a minister to singles at his church.

Gray said he had "lots of concern for people who have needs the church can meet. There is a growing legitimacy of singleness in the church. They are stepping forward to do something in the church," said Gray.

Trinity Baptist Church has a program called Parents Alone. It has been operating 13 years and is the largest Sunday school class in the church except for the pastor's class.

"The church called me as a divorced minister," said Gray, "as a statement to the community. The church is saying there is grace and redemption especially to those who are divorced."

half a couple

Singles are trying to establish a ministry in churches to promote a better understanding of the needs of singles. Singles are not just half a couple.

Susan Underwood, East Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, said, "The church sees us as an extension of the youth department. They like to hear what the 'youth' are doing. The choice is to go into the young married classes or stay in youth."

Her brother Jerry Underwood agreed. "The church is couple oriented," he said.

Bill Bailey, director of chaplaincy services, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, helped the singles with an exercise in patterns of hoping. He used what he called "If only" thoughts. Hoping is thinking, "If only I had done something different. If only I would do

it now."

"How realistic are your thoughts," questions Bailey. "Visualize what you might do. Visualize what you can do. Visualize what you will do," advised Bailey. "Where does hope fit into life? Can you change your situation? Can you clarify it? What will happen if you do nothing?"

Bailey advised that singles ask themselves, "What can I learn about myself, about life, about God by having this life situation?" Bailey emphasized, "These are steps in dealing with crisis. The steps themselves bring hope."

"When I look at alternatives I realize I could do something different," observed Bailey as a suggestion to the 200 singles.

Since being a single puts many under some kind of stress, Bailey quipped, "To be unstressed is to be dead. The question is 'How much stress can I take?'"

Bailey counseled, "Ask yourself how you can bring your resources to the problem."

As church planners consider the need for singles programs, they need to build into them three factors, said Susan Wright, minister to single adults at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church and a consultant with Long Run Association.

affirming relationships

"Programs need to be relational in the sense of caring, they must meet needs and they must allow for diversity. Plan all the programs you want but if you don't establish a relationship (with singles) the program won't work. They (relationships) must be loving, caring, sharing, encouraging, inviting and affirming."

"You grow the group by meeting their needs and they will tell others," said Mrs. Wright. "People come into the church through friendship and kinship ties. Meeting the needs will help them with their commitment."

She suggests that the church provide weekly support groups around special interests like Bible study because some members may not be able to meet on Sunday. These "communities" get together and meet for special purposes.

Mrs. Wright said programs for singles should meet their needs for education, personal growth, spiritual growth, social life and ministry or service.

"Many people don't want to commit to a group until they find out who is in the group and see what kind of group it is," cautioned Mrs. Wright. "A social is a good way to invite people into the group. It is non-threatening."

Not all the answers came from the leaders. Singles also suggested ways to

deepen one's spiritual life.

Mike Sullivan of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, said, "One way to learn more about the Bible is to keep a notebook. It may take two or three years but then you'll have it. And he suggested, "There is something personal about having prayer in someone's home."

Bill Jackson of Hickory Grove, Independence, agreed, "Once a month we went to someone's home and discussed what we learned in Sunday school class."

so I don't do anything

Some singles are alone again because of the death of a spouse or loved one. A workshop at the retreat helped singles deal with grief.

"Life is not all valley," said Jerry Brown, career guidance consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board. "If we keep walking we will pull out. If people are hearing me I can move out from there."

Brown pointed to the need for others to help those who grieve by offering understanding, experiencing, sharing and caring.

"How do you intervene?" asked Brown. "Our tendency is to pull back. I don't know what to say and it scares me. I don't know what to do so I don't do anything."

"The first ones to show up (to help those who grieve) are the ones who have gone through grief. They know what it means to have someone there. The most important thing is not what to say but that you are there, you care," said Brown. He calls for us to stay there and give support.

"After I intervene I would listen. Let them deal with some of their stuff. There is great power in feeling that somebody listens. There is great healing in knowing people listen."

What singles learn about helping themselves can be put to use helping others.

need to be close

Steve Smith, a teacher at Simon Kenton High School, Independence, observed that singles have special needs in problem solving.

"Singles have to learn to deal with problems more rapidly. We don't have family or spouses for support."

"We have a need to be close to

someone, a need to hear their ideas. We need to get different viewpoints," he lamented.

"Sometimes you get depressed because nobody cares. It's easy to sit back and let yourself stay in it (depression). At least I can deal with it in a variety of ways like putting on sweats and going jogging."

"We have church, faith in God and fellowship with other singles in the church. These are our strengths," enthused Smith.

"Singles have more time than a married person so we can work on projects. Sometimes this involvement is a release of tension. Also we are very flexible in our schedule," concluded Smith.

Diane Johnson, a single from another denomination, said her divorce helped her spiritual life. "I was able to turn to the Lord in this. If I had the perfect marriage, I would never have turned to the Lord. He is using this experience to minister to other people."

Mary Beth Helton, a school teacher in Maysville, says the church needs to place more awareness on the ministry to singles.

"The church discriminates against singles. During a revival there is never a singles night. I never get to stand up unless I pack a pew. There are sermons for Mother's Day and Father's Day and there are family suppers. At family suppers I feel awkward. I don't think they intentionally leave me out. They are loving and kind. They are just not aware. I do not always feel part of the church."

"People view the church as an organization. If the church were fulfilling its role as the body of Christ, we could get out of seeing ourselves as family and individuals but (see ourselves) as an organism. We would be a living body of Christ."

situation makes you lonely

An awareness of separation in the church led one single to observe the feeling of loneliness that Christ suffered.

Patti Rice, a single from Hillvue Heights Baptist Church, Bowling Green, recognizes that loneliness was a part of Jesus' experience and says, "You're not sick or lowly if you are lonely. The situation you are in makes you lonely. It is not because of a weak personality. You can avoid some situations but you can't avoid the death of a loved one."

Singles discovered that even the bad things about being single were a positive thing when singles were brought closer to the Lord.

Singles share and serve at conference to build awareness of their needs

by Rick Reynolds, Staff Writer

SECRET MISSION

Five years ago, nobody would have believed this fledgling meeting could command much attention. Today, those who've been there aren't predicting where it all will end.

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Somebody suggested it is the state convention's best kept secret.

It just may be.

Until this spring, I had not attended the state youth evangelism conference, held annually for the last five years. Was I in for a surprise.

The event is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department and coordinated by department director Jay Brown.

"It is a well kept secret," Brown confirms. "I doubt that most of the Baptists in the state have any idea just how large this meeting is."

But for more than 2000 junior and senior high students who swelled the walls of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Apr. 2-3, it was a rather neat experience.

Even the most casual observer of traditional Baptist meetings in this would have had to be impressed. It easily is the largest state convention Kentucky Baptists now hold, exceeding in size the annual state convention, evangelism conference, WMU meeting, Brotherhood and BSU conventions, music clinics and week-long camping experiences at Cedarmore and in associational assemblies. This in itself suggests this "sleeper" of a youth meeting, which didn't even exist a short time ago, is filling a void in some people's lives.

Beyond that, anyone who attends any of our other conventions could not help but be impressed by the attentiveness the young people gave to the meeting. For the most part, they were there at the starting time for each session; they did not leave until sessions were ended, including the final one; and they did not loiter in the hallways during the sessions. Their adult conventioneer counterparts would have been amazed!

I think their involvement may be attributed to several factors.

The program was good—no, it was excellent. It spoke to their needs and interests and, therefore, it held their attention. (See sidebar story, this page.)

The youth came with adult leaders who obviously were serious in their purposes for the weekend. They announced departure times from motels well in advance so those in swimming pools or restaurants could be ready to go on time, traveling together by church bus, van or cars. The adults sat with their youth in the auditorium during the sessions. They, too, appeared interested and involved in all that took place.

Finally, the youth themselves reminded us once again that our Baptist churches in Kentucky are filled with young people who genuinely love the savior, who are interested in advancing the kingdom, who live by standards including integrity, moral values and courtesy and who have a great deal of fun with other teenagers of similar persuasion.

As an observer, I was never prouder to be a Baptist than by the way these

young people conducted themselves. I think we left a witness in the restaurants and motels and streets of Bowling Green, and on the highways to and from there, which did not go unnoticed by many.

Brown joyfully reports, "We've never had a discipline problem in these five years."

Back to the original premise.

If the state youth evangelism conference continues to grow at the rate it has in such a short time, we may be

limited in where it can be held in the future. It's already been scheduled for Apr. 1-2, 1983 at Louisville's Highview Baptist Church, an auditorium seating 1500, before folding chairs are added in the aisles.

The state youth evangelism conference may have been Kentucky Baptists' best kept secret in the past. But word is getting out about the kind of event it is. More and more churches can be expected to send their youth and leaders in greater numbers in the future.

'Father Time' He's still telling kids how to live, witness

Chester Swor is one of a vanishing breed of Southern Baptist speakers.

In the 50s and 60s he and C. Roy Angell and J. Winston Pearce and a few others could preach the stars down with a few good illustrations.

I first encountered this short, white-haired, cane-toting pulpiteer 26 summers ago at Ridgecrest, N. C. In fact, I covered his speeches for several summers as press representative at the assembly.

This most articulate former English teacher and dean of men at Mississippi College jestingly suggested that today he looks like "Father Time." He appeared no differently to this writer a quarter of a century ago.

His deep Mississippi accent, his incessant use of the word "marvelous" and all those verbal images to illustrate every point are distinguishing trademarks, in addition to the visual characteristics.

Swor, who will be 75 in July, addressed the Kentucky Baptist youth evangelism conference in Bowling Green four times within a period of 20 hours. More than 2000 young people in attendance appeared to be eating out of his hands at each of his four turns.

Time had not changed the man or his delivery, those of my generation who remember him well, soon discovered.

In his very first message, Swor put the crowd at ease.

"I feel ever so much more comfortable with people of your age than people of my age," he explained. "People of my age have arthritis and grandchildren to talk about. Thank goodness, I don't have either of those diseases!" (Swor is a bachelor.)

He recalled his 70th birthday party, held by his home church (First Baptist, Jackson, Miss.) five years ago, to which 1300 people came.

"When all of the candles on the cake were lit," he said, "it looked like a forest fire!"

Swor suggested to the young people that 70 percent of a Christian's effectiveness in witnessing for Jesus is in the way one lives. The remaining 30 percent is in telling other people about Jesus.

Speaking of living for Jesus, Swor said, "Light dispels darkness. When you are present in a group, your friends won't want to curse and swear and tell dirty stories simply because your presence makes a difference.

"If we are to be effective in this matter of daily Christian living, there are four things we must do," he continued. "We must live our Christianity at home, at school, in our work time relationships and in our social and recreational lives."

Swor offered two or three illustrations for each point.

"While living our Christianity consistently, let's live it charmingly and winsomely," he added.

In the matter of telling others, Swor reported in a later address that a recent survey of Christians in the United States shows 15 percent have told others about Jesus, while 85 percent have not.

He urged the young people to get the help they need in sharing their faith.

"Speak to your pastor, or youth director or Sunday school teacher about organizing a discussion group to teach you what to say," he suggested.

"Then, pray for opportunities to witness, and start right in witnessing."

Swor offered some characteristics of a witness, then concluded, "Let's go home with a resolution to be soul winners."

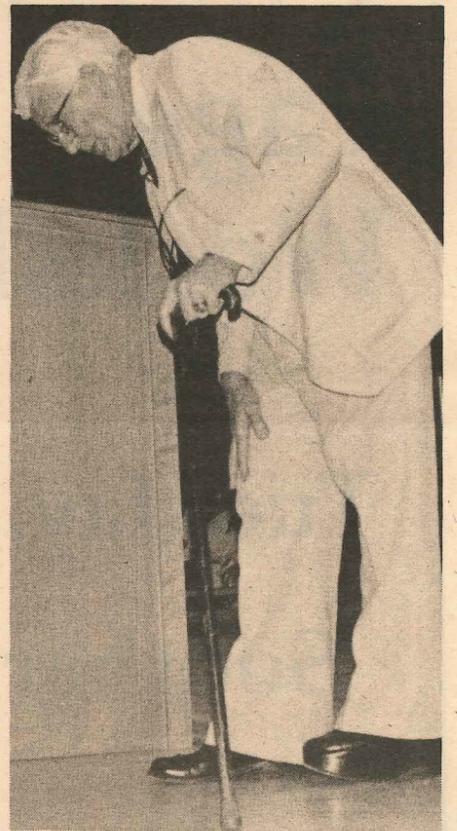
Others sharing in the weekend youth evangelism conference program at Bowling Green were Johnny Henderson, Irving, Tex., Christian entertainer; Tommy Shumate, Jackson, Miss., youth speaker; Harry Hunter and Seton Norris III and their puppets; Forever His, a Radcliff, Ky., youth quartet;

The day may not be far away when a rented coliseum, or an east and west conference, is necessary.

Perhaps we've made another discovery in all of this. That is, that youth have needs our convention has a responsibility for meeting, too. And, given the chance, young people will respond—sometimes in ways that put their adult contemporaries to shame.

I'm glad I attended this best kept secret this year.

See you at Highview.



Walks softly, carries stick

Chester Swor, saying he reminds some young people of Colonel Sanders, leans over to answer questions from some of them following a session.

Dean Finley, national youth evangelism leader, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Roy Boatwright, retired Sunday school director, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In a closing commitment period, hundreds of young people stood saying, "I'm going to do a better job of witnessing when I get home."

On the invitation hymn, several went forward to express publicly their decisions.

And then they departed, carrying away a "marvelous" feeling in their hearts because they had been there.

Chester Swor could attest to that.

State Baptist women, incidentally, will hear Swor deliver a devotional message at the start of every session of the annual Kentucky Baptist WMU meeting Apr. 22-24 at Harrodsburg. Check Western Recorder, Mar. 24 issue, page 1, for program details.

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Redirected priorities. "The role of women in Southern Baptist life has decreased substantially in the last 10 years," said Christine Gregory, first vice president of the SBC.

The problem, she said, is compounded by the fact a host of women are graduating from our seminaries who want to be involved in ministry, but have no place to go except home or foreign missions. "This may be good," she said. "It may be the Lord's way of leading us to get more into missions."

Mrs. Gregory feels women need to be serious about using their God-given gifts, adding: "When we get serious about the gifts God has given us, perhaps others will take us more seriously"

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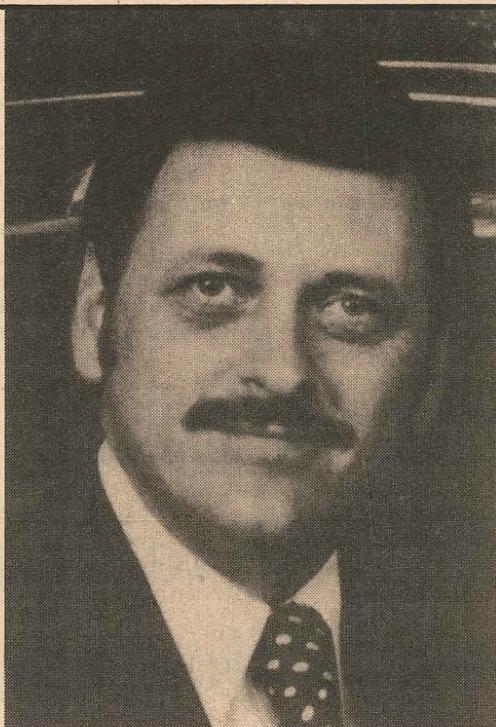
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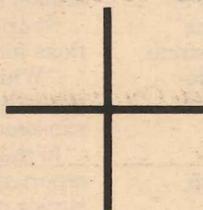
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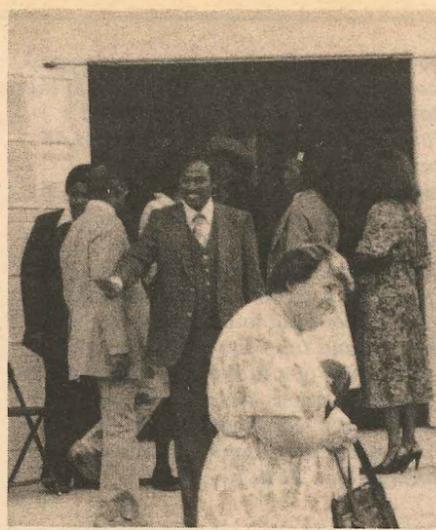
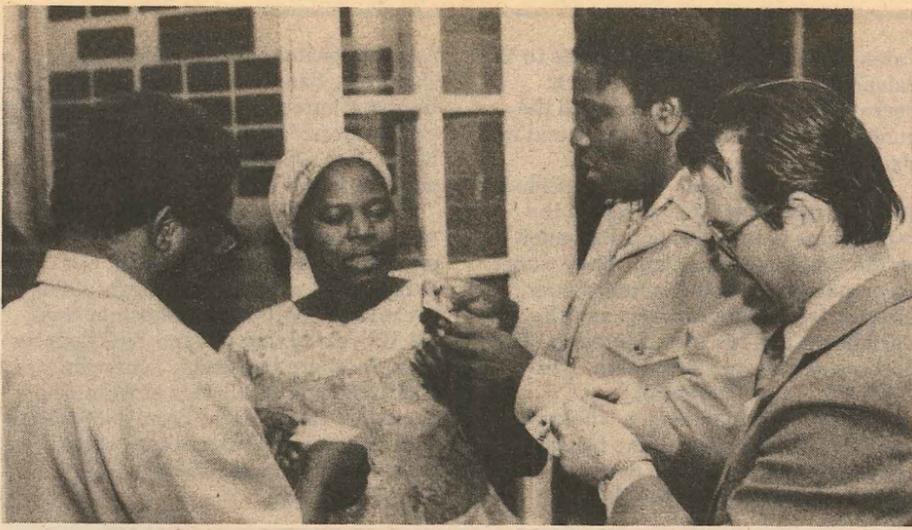
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Left, Vincent Paul [arm extended] greeted members of the congregation at Macedonia Baptist Church, Cumberland, as he ministers from his experience in India. Far left, Joseph Adedapo, Julius Olayode and his wife Mary of Nigeria discuss the ministry with Vasile Talpos of Romania at a recent banquet for international students.

In a Christian writing class at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Lucien Coleman, professor of religious education, jestingly introduced Nigerian-born student Benjamin Ekhatore as "our missionary to the United States from Nigeria"!

Ekhatore is one of 64 international students attending the seminary. During their student tenure, a number of these internationals are actively involved as pastors, teachers, deacons and lay people in local churches throughout Kentucky.

Their "mission"? To support local churches and gain good leadership experience while they pursue theological educations.

He left five children behind

For some, like Benjamin Ekhatore, a member of Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville, the local church holds extreme importance. In order "to do the work of the church more effectively" Ekhatore, 44, left a teaching position in Nigeria, along with his five children, to further his education at Southern.

A graduate of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho, he attended Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., for two years before enrolling in the MDiv-MRE degree program. His wife, Catherine, joined him after one year. After graduation in December they will return to Nigeria where he will be a full time pastor.

Ekhatore has not seen his children since 1978.

"I miss my children," he confesses, "but I have to give more attention to my calling. I want to become a better servant for the Lord."

The Ekhatores have been active members of Lyndon since February 1980. Benjamin has been a deacon. He currently teaches an adult Sunday school class.

According to one member, Mrs. Phronsie Quinn, "Benjamin and Catherine mean a lot to our fellowship. They are faithful in attendance and bring a refreshing, different spirit to our church."

Benjamin's years in this country have not been easy ones. They have been complicated by the separation of his children, and by a serious illness his wife suffered shortly after her arrival. But in spite of these hardships, Ekhatore's personal faith in Jesus Christ and his continued commitment to the local church is clearly demonstrated by his dedicated leadership at Lyndon.

Lyndon: our very best China

Lyndon Baptist Church also is the meeting place for the Louisville Chinese Christian Fellowship. Seminary student Karen Loh, 27, and her husband Johnny, work with 40 or more international members. The Lohs hope the fellowship will become an established church one day.

Upon joining the fellowship, Karen

"saw a need to start a children's Sunday school class to help meet the language barrier." She coordinated the program and now helps four other teachers lead the two children's classes.

Karen brings unique gifts of language and background to the fellowship.

"I speak Cantonese, Taisanese and I'm learning Mandarin," she explained. "And I have an understanding of the cross culture. I know what the culture shock is for these people because I've gone through it myself."

Born in China, Karen moved with her family to Hong Kong and then to Toronto, Canada. At 18, through the witness of a friend, she accepted Christ and joined the Toronto Chinese Baptist Church in Canada. Two years ago she entered Southern Seminary.

Karen is the only Christian in her family of eight.

"I was not brought up in a Christian family," Karen admits. "My family worships ancestors. They worship the late great grandparents' spirits."

Karen's family still opposes her belief in Jesus Christ. Knowing the im-

Sunday School Board hosted a banquet recently for the purpose of informing internationals of ministry possibilities in Kentucky.

Kendale Moore, language program leader for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, acknowledged that these students were "a great resource to provide help through language skills and cultural knowledge to share Jesus Christ."

A number of students, from more than 15 countries represented there, voiced their eagerness for opportunities to minister through churches while students.

For Aree, hugs and kisses

Attending the banquet that evening was Ua-Aree Pitakanon, 26, a single MRE student from Chiangmai, Thailand.

"Aree" is already active in ministry. A member of Victory Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, she works with a group of 20 Laotian and Cambodian refugees.

"Most of the refugees that come to the church are in need of something," Aree noted. "I go out and visit them

cause of limited finances, Aree thought it "would be impossible to come here." But after much prayer, planning and some financial help she entered the seminary.

Aree laughs and remembers her biggest culture shock after coming to the United States nine months ago.

"In Thailand we don't hug and kiss, not even in the home. When I first came here the members of the church asked if they could hug me," she mused. "And I said 'yes'!"

After she receives her degree Aree wants to return to Thailand.

"Right now in Thailand there are many refugee camps. I know there is need there in Christian social work. We have many social workers, but not Christian social workers."

In the meantime, through her work at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Aree not only gains valuable experience for her future ministry, she makes a definite difference in the lives of 20 Laotian and Cambodian refugees.

For some international students the desire for further education to prepare for full time Christian service is so strong they can overcome almost any obstacle.

A faith to survive

Vincent Paul, 38, gave up a prosperous business in India to study at Southern. When he arrived in the United States he had only \$6.20 in his pocket. Unable to seek a paying job due to government work laws for internationals, he admits he "had to live on faith."

But "the Lord provided day by day," and through gifts from various churches, Paul, his wife and three children have survived.

Paul works as a volunteer student pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church, a black church in Cumberland, Ky. He preaches, teaches, counsels, visits, leads Bible studies and works with the youth and elderly. In addition, he is a full time MDiv student.

Like many other internationals, Paul hopes to return to his own country after he graduates in 1984. At age 15 he rejected Hinduism and accepted Christ through the witness of American missionaries working in India.

"I want to be a pastor and missionary wherever the Lord leads me," he exclaimed, and then added: "I would like to go back to my own country. I want to win India for Christ."

Are these international students indeed "missionaries" to the United States? Well . . . they preach, they teach and they minister in Jesus' name throughout local churches in Kentucky.

Missionaries? There's no better word for them!

If your church is interested in using an international student in ministry, contact Gary Eaton, Student Services Office, Southern Seminary, telephone [502] 897-4206.

Home missionaries

From foreign lands they come bringing a daily witness to us

by Denise George, State Correspondent

pact it would have on her family, she wrestled for five years about her decision before she became a Christian.

"I am the only Christian now. I was the only one until my grandmother became a Christian at 86."

Karen yearns to win her family to Christ, and sees that as her "biggest burden."

With her language skills, her understanding of the culture and her goal to "see people won to Christ," through the Louisville Chinese Christian Fellowship Karen reaches out in her own special way to other internationals.

Gary Eaton, who works with international students at Southern, encourages them to use their native gifts to reach out and minister through local churches. "The internationals in our churches put us in touch with mission fields we support and provides us with fresh perspectives on ministry," he believes.

Southern Seminary and the Baptist

and try to let them know we are concerned about them and we love them."

Like Karen Loh, Aree's language skills make her invaluable to Victory Memorial.

"Most of the refugees have had no background in English. It's very hard for them to understand English. I can communicate with them in my own language."

Aree comes from a loving Christian family. Her father is pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church in Thailand, where Aree taught "non-Christians about God," and worked with the WMU. After college, she taught at a Presbyterian school in south Thailand. But after several years she decided to leave her position and enrol in a social work program.

"Students came to see me and asked me to help them with their problems," she stated. "And I didn't know how to help them."

A missionary in Thailand told her about Southern Seminary. At first, be-



Dovie Jones [at left], 80-year-old volunteer who will work as a counselor in the Baptist Pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., examines an itemized list of her anticipated expenses. She will pay \$16.85 each day to ride a cab and bus from her home in White Pine, Tenn. to Knoxville to work as a volunteer at the fair. She will get up at 4:30 a.m. to make the 50-mile trek from White Pine to Knoxville. Despite the cost and time she sees it as "the opportunity of a lifetime," and believes "you have to pay for everything in this world that's worthwhile." The World's Fair opens May 1 and continues through Oct. 31 in Knoxville.

Parks places. Just back from visits to El Salvador and Guatemala, R. Keith Parks said he was impressed with the quality of Baptist outreach there and in six other countries he visited.

The Foreign Mission Board president and his wife, Helen Jean, visited the two nations plus Belize and Barbados on the first leg of their trip. They were accompanied by Don Kammerdiener, director for Middle America and the Caribbean, and his wife, Meredith. The Parks also visited Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil.

Making the trip to keep a "field perspective," Parks praised the missionaries for overseas service despite tensions and problems on the field.

Augusta pastor college president. George L. Balentine, pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., has been elected president of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., effective July 1. He will move to Rome May 1.

Balentine succeeds Randall H. Minor who retires June 30 after 24 years as president of the Baptist school.

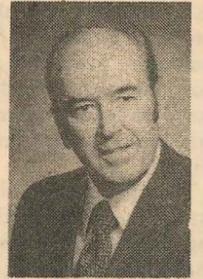
Balentine, a native Arkansan, holds a bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University and BD and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He has held pastorates in Arkansas, Kentucky and Florida. From 1968-75 he held various administrative posts at Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla.

KBC ACTIVITIES

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APRIL

- 16-17 Campus BYW Retreat. Cedarmore
- 16-17 Mission Friends Leader Retreat. Carter Cave Resort
- 16-18 State Acteen Conference. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
- 18 Cooperative Program Day
- 19-23 Youth Ministry National Conference. Nashville
- 19-23 Baptist Doctrine Study Week
- 19 Church Building Conference: Princeton, First Baptist Church
- 20 Church Building Conference: Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church
- 21 Church Building Conference: Newport, First Baptist Church
- 22 Church Building Conference: Pikeville, First Baptist Church
- 23 Church Building Conference: London, First Baptist Church
- 22-24 Annual WMU Meeting. Harrodsburg Baptist Church
- 23 Adult/Youth Regional Music Festival. Louisville, Bethlehem Baptist Church. Register with Becky Johnson, 2900 Ralph Avenue, Louisville 40216

- 23 All Ages Music Festivals. Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church and Greenville, Second Baptist Church
- 24 Children's Bible Drill. Lexington, Calvary Baptist Church; Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church; Madisonville, First Baptist Church
- 25 Life Commitment Sunday
- 30 All Ages Music Festival. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church

MAY

- 1 State Royal Ambassador Track Meet. Cedarmore
- 1 All State Youth Choir Festival East. Lexington, Gardenside Baptist Church
- 2 Senior Adult Day
- 2-9 Christian Home Week
- 7-8 WMU Associational Clinic. Cedarmore
- 8 All State Youth Choir Festival West. Madisonville, First Baptist Church
- 9 Mother's Day
- 13-14 Director of Missions Workshop. Cedarmore
- 15 WMU Associational Clinic. Jonathan Creek
- 16 Baptist Radio & Television Sunday

BURNOUT

Burnout is a term being applied to discouraged ministers who seem to overcome by the pressures and stress of a pastor's life. Writers on this subject mention pressure to keep one's church statistically successful by worldly standards. The constant promotional demands of an activist age for new ideas and effort. Impossible visitation demands, etc.

How could we prevent burnout? First, let us note that the ministry is for Christians with deep and undeniable sense of calling. Without a sense of Divine compulsion, one can scarcely hold out on the long, Calvary trail that goes up hill all the way.

Our Lord is the source of power. But the people can do much to help keep the minister restored whose strength is often drained from him. The Lord has chosen to give us much strength through each other.

First of all, love your minister, whether or not you have a natural affinity for his particular talents. Spiritual strength flows most through love.

Encourage him. He will get plenty of discouragement that you might help him overcome. Once, following my very best preaching said at a supposed exemplar Christian effort at the door, "Preacher if you don't get by to see my wife this week, we are apt to move our letter." He hadn't heard a word I said. I didn't even know his wife was sick. I called on her the next day, despite being sick myself. She met me at the door, looking better than I felt and fussed at me through most of the visit.

Encourage your preacher to take time to read and think and pray. Great preaching can't come from a man who never gets caught up with lesser things demanded of him. When the tank gets full great ideas will overflow. If he never gets time to fill the tank, he can only do his best to squeeze out what is left at the bottom. The people can be as much to blame for feeble preaching as the preacher. Churches and preachers can make or break each other.

There is much more to this, but no more space. Be sure to love and support your pastor and encourage his preaching, as well as his service.

Life and Work Series VICTORY OVER DEATH

1 Corinthians 25:51-58 Paul uses the word "mystery" as a reference to that which was previously unknown but has now been revealed. It has to do with what will take place with the living believers in Christ when he returns for them. Just as certainly as the believers in Christ who have died will be raised

from their graves and given incorruptible and deathless bodies like unto that of the resurrected Christ's body, the living believers will be translated and translated into glory without having to go through the grave.

Victory over sin, death and the grave will in no sense be due to ourselves but it is the gift of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing that Christ has conquered death and the grave his followers can face death without fear or dread because his work in their behalf has assured them of a final victory over death.

Verse 58 mentions the following things of tremendous importance: 1. Consistent steadfastness: "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable." There is a great need for Christians who will remain steadfast and consistent in their service for Christ. 2. Continuing service: "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." Let us labor in unbroken fellowship with him and in dependence on him for the strength that is needed to comply with his will. 3. Certain success: "Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." If you are faithful in working with and for the Lord he will give you success and appropriate rewards.

1 Corinthians 16:21-24 After extolling the virtues of love and uttering some

challenging exhortations Paul closed this remarkable epistle by recording in his own handwriting the words of his assured Corinthian Christians of his abiding love for them, and then he made a strong and urgent appeal for them to exemplify the highest form of Christian living.

International Series THE EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

Luke 24:13-21 Two disciples, Cleopas and his unnamed companion, went from Emmaus to Jerusalem, a distance of seven and one-half miles, to observe the feast of the Passover. While they were in the city Christ was crucified which grieved them deeply. Disappointed and disconsolate they never expected to see Christ again. They could not think of anything except the greatness of their former hope and the bitterness of their present state.

As these two disciples trudged along the road together discussing their blighted hopes, a stranger overtook them and listened to their conversation. At length he asked, "What are the words that ye are exchanging with one another as ye walk?"

The disciples answered by telling him about Jesus of Nazareth, about the fate which had befallen him and about their own disappointment. Beginning with

the writings of Moses and continuing through the prophets the stranger expounded the scriptures and authenticated the events which had taken place. Their hearts were warmed strangely but before he had finished they had arrived at Emmaus.

Luke 24:28-32 The disciples were so completely fascinated by his talk they did not want him to go farther. They cordially invited him to "abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." This stranger never refused hospitality, but it was not offered to him on various occasions.

No sooner had he entered the home in Emmaus than he changed from guest to host. At the evening meal, "He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them." Instantly they recognized him as the Lord Jesus Christ and immediately he vanished from their sight. He had convinced them he had risen from the dead and had given them the inspiration and hope that fact was calculated to bring.

The secret of the burning hearts of those disciples was personal, intimate and vital fellowship with the living Christ as he opened to them the treasures of the scriptures. As he expounded the scriptures, their ignorance was changed into knowledge, their doubt into faith, their despondency into hope, and their cold hearts into burning ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

APR. 18, 1982



H. C. Chiles

New officers in the photo at right elected by Baptist Public Relations Association in Kansas City include [front row from left] Jim Newton, Home Mission Board, awards chairman; Norman Jameson, Baptist Press, membership vice president; Terry Barone and Jerilyn W. Armstrong, both of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, co-newsletter editors; and Don Hepburn, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, treasurer. Other officers are [back row from left] Bob Desbien, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, president; Maurice Elliott, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., program vice president; and Mike Creswell, Foreign Mission Board, secretary.



Reagan burned again. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders—including Southern Baptist ethicist Foy D. Valentine—have rejected the Reagan administration's expectation that private charity can and will assume primary responsibility for solving human problems of poverty, hunger and unemployment.

Valentine, who heads the SBC Christian Life Commission, joined other leaders in describing that expectation as "unrealistic" and "inappropriate."

"The charity of the religious community can only ease the burden of last year's budget cuts on the poor; it cannot resolve it," a joint interfaith statement charged.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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A SPARROW ON THE HOUSE TOP

In Louisville's inner city my wife and I attended a meeting at Walnut Street Baptist Church. As we prepared to drive away we saw something that reminded us of the prayer in the 102nd Psalm. We saw a lone sparrow hopping about the dirty street gutter. The little bird was dirty with soot. Searching for a speck of food this lone bird went unnoticed in the rush of city life. His chirping was drowned out amid the din of traffic and motors. Having lived in the streets and on house tops this little creature probably knew nothing of green meadows, quiet lanes, beautiful woods and abundant food.

Psalm 102 is a psalm of complaint and loneliness. The psalmist felt that the lights had gone out, dark isolation had settled upon him and nobody cared. Even God seemed not to hear his prayers. In verse seven he says, "I am as a sparrow alone upon the house top."

This is a picture of ultimate loneliness. Bereaved and alone, he perches on the top of the church building or forages for food in the street gutter and

who hears his little chirp? Who cares? this is the loneliness that strikes all ages but it especially crushes many youth with its weight of isolation, abandonment and insignificance.

Not far from where you live there may be a girl or boy who is feeling isolated, unloved, abandoned and insignificant. The father is an alcoholic or in prison. The mother, struggling to keep things together, unskilled in parenting and unable to cope with or guide her teenage child, finds things out of control. Does anyone care? Can anyone hear this child (sparrow) chirping on the roof?

Not far from you there may be a young girl alone on a couch in a nearly bare room with no job and no friends. She is expecting a baby. She can't go home. Does anyone care?

Yes, Kentucky Baptists are saying, "We care." Our Homes for Children are prepared to say that as a part of the family of God we care about the lonely homeless who feel insignificant and unloved and are ready to minister in the name of Jesus who said, "You are of more value than many sparrows."

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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Most people have questions about the making of a will, a matter many put off until the last minute if they do it at all. The Lord requires that we be good stewards of our possessions and that includes the proper handling of our estates. These are some of the commonly asked questions about making a will. If you would like to know more about how you can include Clear Creek Baptist School in your financial planning, please let us know. We would be happy to discuss this important matter with you and your attorney.

What is a will? A will is a written document designating how a person's property is to be distributed at the time of his or her death. It does not become effective until that time and it can be changed or revoked until that time.

Who can make a will? Any adult of sound mind and memory can make a will. The right of a minor to make a will is limited and varies from state to state. The courts can set a will aside if it can be proven that duress, fraud or undue influence was used on a person at the time the will was written or that the person was not competent.

Who needs a will? Just about everyone! Why? In order to insure that your property is distributed the way you want it distributed. Without a will, your wishes go unheeded. The state statutes dictate the distribution of your property, a situation which can cause unnecessary taxes and expenses for your loved ones.

What are some advantages of having a will? 1. You can name the executor of your estate—someone you know and trust and in whom you have confidence. 2. You can choose as your executor an individual, bank or trust company experienced in managing property. 3. You can use the same principles employed by others to conserve your estate for your family and friends and to benefit Christian institutions like Clear Creek Baptist School. 4. You can create trusts for your beneficiaries to protect against loss of assets. 5. You can continue to do for your family after death what you have tried to do for them during your lifetime—care for their well being through prudent use of your assets.

Thank you for listening and we'll talk again.

THE GOOD SIDE OF THE STORY

When Lee (not his real name) was six years old his father left home, abandoning his wife and four children of whom Lee was the oldest. The father has not been heard from since.

A year later Lee's mother was in a car accident and has been in a coma for 10 years.

The maternal grandparents took over the care of their grandchildren. They have done their best. But no one can fully replace a father's and mother's love and daily care.

Lee, like thousands of others who have lost one or both parents through death, divorce, illness or abandonment, drifted into trouble. His offenses became increasingly serious. Ultimately he was sent by a court in his home state to a boys detention camp for a long period of confinement.

While there, through the efforts of a dedicated volunteer chaplain, Lee heard the good news of a heavenly father who loves him so. He accepted that love and forgiveness and found himself with new purpose in life and with new goals.

One of these goals was to finish his education. However, public schools do

not accept boys nearly 18 years of age who have been out of school for years and in trouble. The change of spiritual status is irrelevant to the admission policies of a public school.

But Oneida is a Christian school where boys and girls seeking our help and/or a quality Christian education are accepted as long as there is a bed or a place to put a bed. How our hearts are thrilled so many times in doing so. Just a year ago we gave a young man who had been in several boys camps a similar chance. He is a wonderful Christian young man today, age 20, in the ninth grade and academically one of the top five students of our more than 400. Praise God.

The chaplain told Lee of Oneida and personally brought him here. Prior to his coming Lee had sent me a completed application and a short letter that spoke volumes. He wrote, "I've been in trouble in school for skipping out and for causing disturbances in class. Also, I've been in trouble with the law as you know. But Titus 3:1-7 can explain the good side of this story."

I couldn't remember just what Titus 3:1-7 had to say so I turned to the passage and read in The New English

Bible this testimony,

"For at one time we ourselves in our folly and obstinacy were all astray. We were slaves to passions and pleasures of every kind. Our days were passed in malice and envy; we were odious ourselves and we hated one another. But when the kindness and generosity of God our Savior dawned upon the world, then, not for any good deeds of our own, but because he was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. For he sent down the Spirit upon us plentifully through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, justified by his grace, we might in hope become heirs of eternal life. these are words that you may trust."

Recent letters from parents include, "We are looking forward to our son's visit home very much. He has been able to be truthful and honest much more than before he came to Oneida. We really appreciate what the school has been doing for him."

Another mother writes of a son with us one year and now back in his home school, "He is so greatly improved from the first time you met him. I owe the improvement totally to you, the

teachers, to Oneida."

Of course the truth is we here at Oneida could do nothing without God's blessing and the prayers and financial help of people like you. You are our partner in ministry to Lee and others.

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