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Traditional commissioning inaugurates Honeycutt

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary inaugurated Roy Lee Honeycutt as its eighth president in 123 years Apr. 21 with an old-fashioned "laying on of hands" commissioning.

Honeycutt, 55, reaffirmed the seminary's "heritage of excellence and quality" in training men and women for ministry in local churches. He pledged his commitment to be "the kind of president you want and the kind of president God wants to have here during all the days of my tenure."

About 1400 persons witnessed the inauguration of Honeycutt, described by trustee chairman Wayne Dehoney as "God's man for this hour."

The highlight of the ceremony was Honeycutt's commissioning. As he knelt at the altar of the seminary's chapel, trustees, faculty and representatives of the student body filed by to lay hands upon his head and whisper prayers and words of affirmation.

The new president said Southern is a "seminary of heritage and of hope—our theme for all the years of the 1980s and '90s."

Sharing his desires for the future, Honeycutt said when his presidency ends he hopes he will be able to look back and see that Southern has been "a community of learning and a community of faith."

"I know we are a school and not a church," he said. "But if we are not a churchly school, we have abandoned our tradition and calling."

He revealed his dream of raising \$50 million for the seminary during the next 15 years. He said this would endow enough professorships to perpetually insure strong teaching in all seminary disciplines and to implement specialized centers of Christian preaching, overall ministry, family ministry, evangelism and world missions.

During the ceremony, Honeycutt received charges from representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, alumni, trustees and SBC churches.

Speaking on behalf of the convention, Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, called the presidency of Southern Seminary "a holy place to stand."

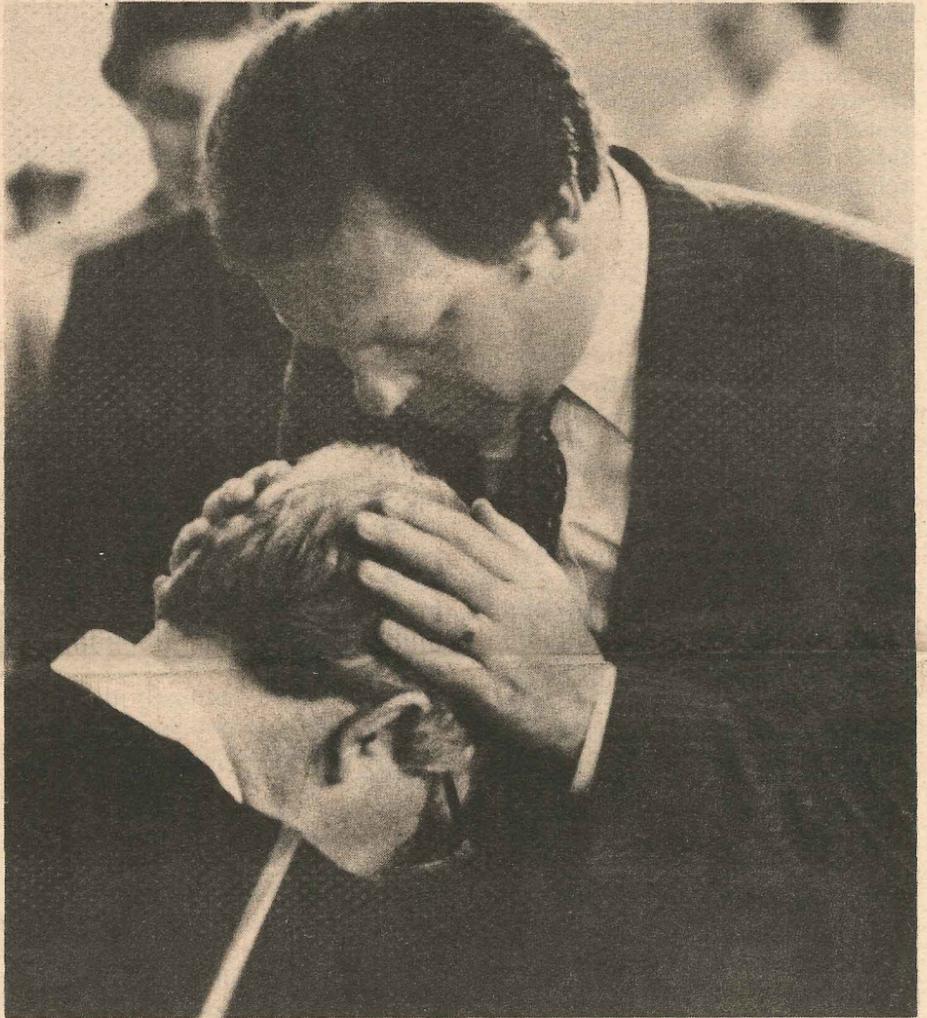
He urged Honeycutt to recognize and enhance the "unique relationship" of the seminary and the convention, to remain aware of the potential of the faculty and administration to shape the ministry of the nation's largest evangelical denomination, to magnify the work and ministry of the local church and to "provide the kind of leadership which will prepare God's servants for the ministries to which he has called them."

J. Altus Newell, pastor of Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church and national alumni president, advised the president to be a caring person. "You communicate Christ-likeness in the way you care for others," Newell said.

Joseph E. Stopher, Louisville attorney and senior member of the seminary's trustee board, told Honeycutt to "be your own man, be mindful of the fact that Southern Seminary has a responsibility toward Southern Baptists and be in all respects the chief administrator of the seminary."

Representing the churches, Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins of Kentucky asked Honeycutt to "support us. Stay close to the biblical principles that have sustained our denomination. Keep the idea before the seminary that you and those who train here are out to change the world."

In addition to his charges, Honeycutt received a framed resolution from the faculty, presented by Findley B. Edge, the Basil Manly Jr. professor of religious education and a faculty member



Stan Craig, Evansville, Ind., a member of the board of the Southern Seminary Foundation, lays hands on the seminary's new president, Roy Honeycutt, Apr. 21.

for 35 years.

The resolution expressed thanks to God "for his blessing and providential guidance" of the seminary and gratitude to both the school's trustees and

all Southern Baptists.

It also included a statement of praise to God for Honeycutt, claiming "his election reflects the will of God at this juncture in our history."

Thompson to teach SBTS preachers

Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has been appointed professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

Thompson, 63, announced his resignation as pastor of the 3800-member church Apr. 18. He will join the seminary this summer.

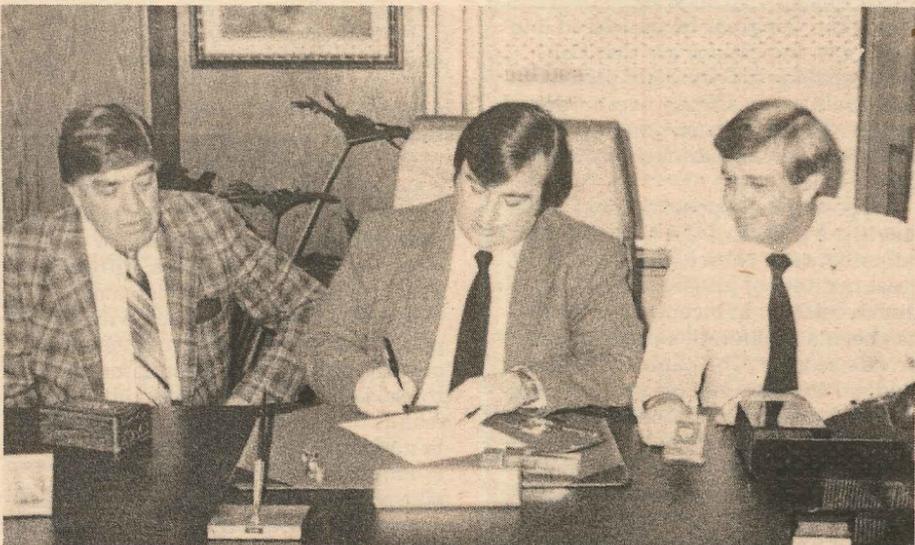
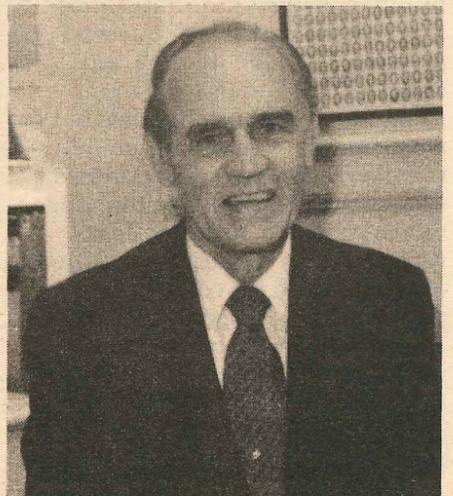
Walter B. Shurden, dean of Southern Seminary's School of Theology, said Thompson's appointment gives the seminary the largest preaching department in its history.

Thompson received a ThM degree from Southern in 1945, has been its national alumni president and currently is a trustee. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

A native of Tennessee, Thompson became pastor of the Richmond church in 1968. Previously he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and other churches in Tennessee, Okla-

homa and Mississippi.

His wife is the former Mary Evelyn Wingo, a historian and author of a biography on Baptist missionary Luther Rice. They have two sons: Joseph Mark and Luther Kent.



Pineville mayor Robert Madon [r], Middlesboro mayor Chester Wolfe [l] and Bell County judge executive Darrell Lewis signed a joint proclamation in the Bell County Court House recognizing D. M. Aldridge for 32 years of faithfulness in Bell County. The county officials have proclaimed May 2-9 "D. M. Aldridge Week." Aldridge will retire from the presidency of Clear Creek Baptist School June 15 and he and his wife will report to a Foreign Mission Board assignment in Zambia, Africa in August.

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



DALEY OBSERVATIONS

C. R. Daley

The Honeycutt inauguration was an uplifting experience

To say that the inauguration of Roy Lee Honeycutt as the eighth president of the 123-year-old Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was well planned and appropriately executed is not enough. It was a deeply moving experience for the host of participants including Baptist leaders from every part of Southern Baptist land.

The inauguration experience captured and communicated the very heart of the life and soul of Southern Seminary. The spirits of Boyce, Broadus, Whitsitt, Mullins, Sampey and Fuller came alive to lay their mantels upon their successor and to challenge this generation to sustain and strengthen Southern Seminary as the school of the prophets.

The inauguration of president Honeycutt was more than the investiture of one administrator of one Southern Baptist seminary. The presence and participation of the leaders of other Southern Baptist seminaries and agencies made it a denominational family affair. A sense of togetherness in commitment to our common task characterized the event.

Some emphases resounded throughout the inauguration events like themes in a great musical composition. One of these was the affirmation of the Bible as the completely authoritative word of God and the centrality of the local church in the kingdom enterprise among Baptists.

Linked with this affirmation was an insistence upon freedom for an honest search for a fuller and fuller understanding of the truth of God's revelation and a courageous and uncompromising espousal of sincere convictions though they might differ with traditional understanding of truth.

Another reassuring impression from the inauguration ceremonies was that its leaders see the seminary not as a high, mighty and hallowed institution to be ministered to by Southern Baptists but as a community of learning committed to serving the highest interests of Southern Baptists by preparing ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this connection president Honeycutt and his colleagues expressed fitting respect and indebtedness for their noble heritage but they also clearly indicated they believe God expects and will empower them to serve their day and leave as noble a heritage as did

their predecessors.

Of many high moments in the inauguration services the most inspiring was president Honeycutt's personal rededication of his life and service to his new assignment and the unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement and commitment of the faculty and staff to their new leader as symbolized in the laying on of hands.

President Honeycutt's response to his investiture left nothing to be desired. He clearly disdained his election as any kind of honor but rather assumed it as a responsibility too heavy to bear without the personal presence of the Lord and the perennial confidence and help of his colleagues.

No president in the 123-year history of Southern Seminary could have been more genuinely and completely embraced and none could ever respond more sincerely and humbly.

The Apr. 21, 1982 inauguration seen at Southern with its thousands of students and inauguration participants was a far cry from a day in 1865 following the Civil War when with an enrolment of seven students, one of whom was blind, the original four faculty members met to face what appeared to be the inevitable demise of the seminary. At the suggestion of John A. Broadus the faculty covenanted that though the seminary might die, they would die first. The 1982 and 1865 scenes were indeed different but the commitments in 1982 were as deep and sincere as those in 1865.

Please accept our apology

Western Recorder readers are requested to accept the editor's humble apology for the crucifix advertisement which appeared on page nine of last week's issue (Apr. 21). The use of this ad was deplorable and inexcusable. Understandably it offended some readers and we are very sorry.

The crucifixion of Christ is the very heart of the biblical teaching of the atonement and to meditate upon the death of Christ is spiritually profitable. But Baptists have never felt the need for a bronze crucifix to fix their thoughts on Christ's death. Such objects tend to become religious charms to ward

off evil or to secure good fortune. This is idolatry instead of true worship.

How did it happen? The ultimate responsibility for everything in Western Recorder rightly belongs to the editor. I simply failed to do my job. Most weeks I see every page proof of Western Recorder before it goes to the printer and often I read every line of every page. We also have a policy that every questionable advertisement must be approved by the editor.

As it would happen, however, I was out of state when this issue went to press and saw it only after it was in the mails. This is an explanation but not a justification for the blunder.

It is true we are hard pressed financially and are seeking more and more income from every source including advertising but our journalistic standards are far more important than income.

I want Western Recorder readers to know that I do know better and that I beg forgiveness for not doing better.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Tuition tax credits: a bad proposal

by Billy G. Hurt, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky.

I am opposed to President Reagan's announced plan to provide income tax credits to families that pay tuition to private schools. Hopefully, the courts would rule against such legislation should the Congress be pressured into passing it. Indications are that Congress would resist efforts to place further strain on an already overburdened budget. The issue is an emotional one and strong feelings are held by both sides.

I oppose this proposal because I feel that it is a breach of the wall of separation between church and state. The great majority of private schools are church-related. In recent years there has been a proliferation of Protestant private schools. The parents of these students are now joining with the long-standing demand of Catholic parents to seek relief from what they characterize as "the double burden of taxes and tuition." That Mr. Reagan presented his proposal on tuition tax credits to a group of Catholic educators meeting in Chicago should not go unobserved.

To claim that it is unfair to pay taxes to support public services because one has chosen an alternative to those services is no more valid in the field of

education than it would be in the field of public protection. Should taxpayer relief be granted those who provide their own security personnel? What if people claimed that because they had decided to provide their own fire protection, they should be relieved of the taxes going to maintain a public fire protection system? What's unfair about having what one wants and paying for it? What's fair about having what one wants and then not paying for it? And don't be fooled by the rhetoric of the plan's supporters. The legislation is expected to cost \$4.6 billion in tax revenues the next five years! Do you suppose the government will cut other expenditures in order to offset this reduction in tax receipts? Not on your life! The taxpaying public will have to ante up the \$4.6 billion. This means that the burden of training children in private schools will be taken from the shoulders of the parents of those children and heaped upon the shoulders of an already overburdened taxpaying public.

Allowing a program of tax credits to go into effect will eventually destroy the public schools as we know them. The public schools will have to provide for students the private schools don't want or won't accept. The public schools will further reflect the fact that, even with tuition tax credits, many American parents will not be able to send their children to private schools and will, therefore, have inordinately large percentages of children from economically and culturally deprived backgrounds.

How are the interests of the public taxpayers to be served when they subsidize an educational system over which they have no control? Courts have ruled that educational standards for public schools may not be forced upon non-public schools by public school boards. Tuition tax credits would represent a form of taxation without representation since the taxpaying citizen would have no voice in how they were expended.

Perhaps in all of these discussions one pertinent fact will emerge, i.e. the apparent widespread dissatisfaction with the public school system in this country. No doubt there are many who object to the secularist bent they perceive in public education, the apparent overlapping of programs, the failure to produce consistently satisfactory skill development in basic areas, difficulty in dealing with areas of special need, overstaffing, etc. At the same time, the public needs to be reminded that many of the problems have been intensified by the diverse expectations and demands of a pluralistic society resulting in numerous legislative and judicial attempts to use the system of public education to deal with issues previously considered to be social, not educational, in nature.

Finally, I hope the supporters of private schools will reject the President's attempted largesse because of the realization that what the government subsidizes, it eventually controls.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Johnni Johnson Scofield

Degrees honor four

Georgetown College will honor three distinguished alumni and a former trustee with doctoral degrees at the annual commencement exercises May 14 and 15.

Selected for Georgetown College honorary doctoral degrees were Johnnie Johnson Scofield, vice president, Office of Communications, Foreign Mission Board; Richard W. Spears, senior vice president, Human Resources and Law, Ashland Oil; T. A. Pardue, retired bank executive and Georgetown College trustee; Bill Marshall, vice president, Office of Human Resources, Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Scofield, a 1945 alumnus of Georgetown College, is a former foreign mission appointee following a two-year assignment as assistant editor of *The Student*, a Baptist Sunday School Board publication. She is the author of five books.

Spears joined Ashland Oil in 1964 and was named deputy counsel in 1975. He was elected vice president in 1976. He is a member of the board of trustees of Huntington Galleries, a regent for Northern Kentucky University and a University of Kentucky fellow.

His father, Woodridge Spears, is a retired Georgetown College professor of English.

Pardue, a retired executive vice president and board member with Farmers Bank and Capitol Trust of Frankfort, was on the board of trustees of Georgetown College from 1953-73.

Marshall, a Frankfort native, was named Foreign Mission Board field representative to the Near East and North Africa in 1969. He served with the Department of Furlough Ministries in Richmond, Va. in 1976.

Mrs. Scofield and Marshall are candidates for the doctor of divinity degree. Spears and Pardue are candidates for the doctor of laws degree.

Lewis pioneers class

Georgetown College will offer a four-week-long program to the community titled "Adventures in Attitudes" be-

ginning May 4, according to academic dean Joe Lewis.

"This is an interesting and novel experience in learning and personal development," said Lewis who added, "The classes will provide benefits one can use in career and social development."

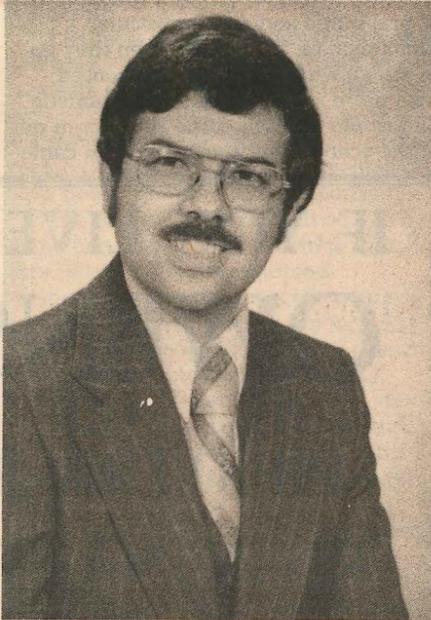
Marilyn-Lu Jacobsen, a research professor at the University of Kentucky and director of professional development services, will conduct the program. She has a PhD degree in interdisciplinary education from Texas A&M University.

The intense 30 hours of lectures, group involvement and workbooks will be conducted Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 9:30.

Subjects reviewed and studied in the session are: effective communications, the dynamics of attitude; managing your mind; your magnetic personality; attitudes and leadership; motivation and goals and self management.

Georgetown College has scheduled its facilities for this program which has attracted church education, business, industrial, community and club leaders across the United States. The program is gaining wider and wider attention by college and university campuses.

Total charge for the program is \$90 due May 3 when the program convenes.



Steven B. Cook

Cook accepts new post

Steven B. Cook, assistant director of admissions at Georgetown College since 1978, has been appointed director of church relations and ministerial preparation by president Ben M. Elrod.

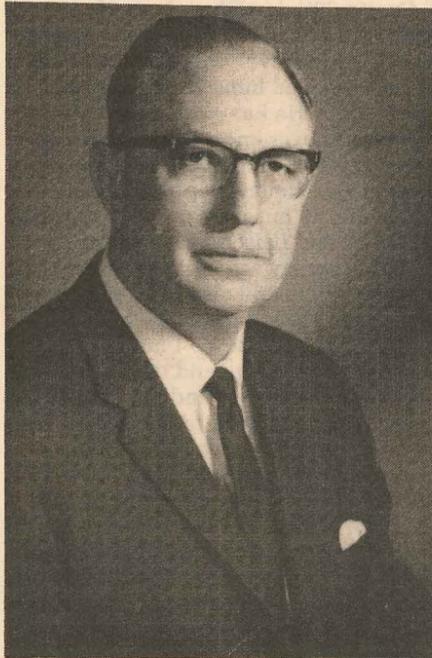
He will work with more than 2000 Baptist churches across the state.

Elrod observed, "Mr. Cook will develop programs to help keep congregations informed and involved in the life of Georgetown. Steve Cook brings to this assignment the energies and momentum gained from his earlier administrative assignments, assistant director of admissions and coordinator of church relations. He also brings the experience of two pastorates to his role."

Cook, a native of Princeton, graduated from Caldwell County High School. He completed an AB degree with high honors at Georgetown College in 1973. He was granted the

MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1978.

He is married to the former Marsha Downey. They have two children, Matthew, five, and Sara, three.



Henson Harris

Staffers extend job

Two Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College staff members have been given added responsibilities. Henson Harris has been named academic dean following the resignation of Charles Blair, now director of missions in West Kentucky Association.

John Huffman has been named vice president for development in addition to his present responsibilities as director of ministerial inservice guidance program. Don Farmer, field worker for Mid-Continent, has become pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Murray. Farmer will continue to represent the college in churches and associations.

Seminary tops goal

More than 300 trustees, staff, faculty and friends gathered recently to celebrate completion of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's \$3.5 million "Equipping for Bold Mission" campaign.

Campaign chairman Albert S. Lineberry of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. Theodore F. Adams, widow of the campaign cochairman, unveiled a banner proclaiming that \$4.1 million had been raised during the seminary's first major capital and endowment campaign.

In a surprise announcement, alumnus Robert B. Whaley, pastor of Northgate Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., said church member Josephine Carson Newell, who died in January, had willed about \$500,000 to Southeastern Seminary. Although the exact amount is indefinite, earnings from the trust will be available to the seminary to be used at the trustees' discretion. This bequest is in addition to the \$4.1 million raised during the campaign.

**Cooperative Program
is the best way.**

Meet Cumberland College Student...

Reggie Glen Finley



Reggie Glen Finley speaks softly, almost self-consciously, as he tells of himself and his plans. Yet, there is no lack of honesty and self-confidence in this 21-year-old senior who has done so much for Cumberland College during his four year tenure as a student.

Reggie, who has an area of concentration in business administration, has been active in men's intramural sports and has played trumpet in the college's jazz band, pep band, brass choir, chorale, and "Anything else the music department asked me to do."

This "...anything else..." attitude is classically Reggie's attitude toward Cumberland College. In his sophomore year, Reggie was co-founder of a unique student organization designed to promote pride in and support for Cumberland College. This organization, the Student Alumni Relations Council (SARC) has been greatly successful.

Originally containing over 80 students, SARC has been greatly successful with varied activities such as planning and organizing the annual homecoming parade, sponsoring the senior banquet and conducting campus tours for visitors.

SARC is more. Through the tireless efforts of its members, the organization has helped prepare students for the "real world" by sponsoring many activities and seminars that help the students acquire skills necessary for job hunting and for operating in the larger society.

Reggie is frequently in the office of President Jim Taylor discussing promotional and developmental activities such as the annual Phone-a-Thon, a special program conducted by SARC to solicit funds and support for the college.

Reggie is firmly planted in reality. "SARC has made me three times as responsible as I might have been. I have developed much pride in Cumberland College by learning that it stands for the highest quality in a Christian education and way of life. Cumberland gives more than a class room education to its students, making them more totally developed human beings."

Reggie is one of those totally developed students of whom we are most proud. We are always looking for others like him.

Dr. Taylor:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

A tribute to Boyce Bible School
I was raised in a Christian home where we had prayer and Bible reading every night. I accepted Christ at age eight and at the same time told my pastor Christ was calling me to preach. As I grew I continued to grow in Christ and at 17 was the youth minister of my church. After I graduated from high school I did not go to college but went to work. I said I didn't want to borrow money for college and I would save money and in a year or two go to college.

I remained in the church and began to work with youth and later became assistant pastor of the church, but years went by and I didn't go to school. People began to tell me that maybe God had called me as a bivocational minister. There is nothing wrong with being bivocational but God had not called me in that way and I knew it. As the years passed I became more discouraged and by the time I was 27 I was bitter. I resigned and turned away from the church, not God, because I knew he was still calling me but I couldn't answer his call.

After being out of God's will for awhile I knew if I didn't follow God's will for my life I would continue to be miserable and would know no peace. One day I told my wife I must do God's will and that meant going to seminary.

We went to my pastor and told him and he called the seminary and they told him about Boyce Bible School. They told him that on Tuesday, and on Thursday we were sitting in the office at Boyce. That day I registered and we found a house to live in, within walking distance of the school.

On my 30th birthday, Aug. 25, I started to school. Since that day in July when I turned everything over to God he has revealed himself to me in so many ways. He has given me peace that I had never known and I have joy overflowing. For the past year I have been at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, as missions minister and bus minister, and I also teach a young married Sunday school class. My wife teaches school and also teaches a Sunday school class. I graduate from Boyce in May and after Boyce I intend to go to Georgetown College and then come back to the seminary and get my MDiv.

God has been good to me. It has not all been easy; we have had a lot of growing experiences in the past two years. We have gone from having anything we wanted materially to having very little materially, but having more peace, joy and happiness than we had ever known existed. I would not change back for everything the world has to offer, and my wife agrees.

I thank God for his patience in my life

and pray I will glorify him in everything I do, and I say with the apostle Paul "for to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Warren W. Huddleston, Louisville

This personal testimony and evaluation of Boyce Bible School was submitted by request of the editor.

BAPTIST FORUM

Secular humanism: rampant, dangerous
Secular humanism is largely responsible for the rapid degeneration of our society and for the plague of immorality that engulfs our country. It is rooted and grounded in atheism. It is a religion without the true and living God; a cult without conscience. It is based on a pragmatic and relative philosophy that has no absolutes. It denies the sinful nature of man and makes each man or woman his or her own little god.

This false humanistic religion is being spread like wildfire on television and radio, in education departments of state universities and in public schools. It is also being spread by government bureaus and agencies, and in books and magazines. Its influence is creeping into all areas of American life including the churches and Christian books. And because of its constant influence on children and young people, it is like a Trojan horse that threatens the very existence of our nation.

Before children are able to walk or talk they begin receiving a constant diet of pragmatic and relative secular humanism on television. Then they go to school where they are confronted with more and more of the humanistic philosophy, for when the Bible went out of the schools, secular humanism came

in as the new religion. It came into many schools as value clarification classes, character education classes, etc. But the trouble with these classes is that no true value clarification can take place when God is left out, nor can true character education be taught without God.

Our Christian duty is to oppose this evil movement on all fronts, and we stand guilty before God if we don't.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

Saving money on building jobs

I want to take this means to express my appreciation to State Representative Tommy Todd who introduced the bill before the state legislature to allow local governments to assume building inspection of construction of churches with seating capacity of up to 400 people or having less than 6000 square feet, and then for leading the way for passage of same through the House. Also, I want to thank State Senators John D. Rogers and Gene Huff for leading the bill through the Senate. I must not forget all the legislators for passage of this bill, too.

This bill probably would not have come to the attention of our legislators had it not been for the Barnesburg Baptist Church in Pulaski County having had a suit filed against them asking for injunction from the court to stop construction pending a plan being filed with the state with an "Architect Seal" and the strong and thorough leadership shown by Lloyd Compton, trustee, who almost singlehandedly fought the battle through the court, acting as his own attorney, to challenge the authority of the state to enforce this law. Mr. Compton has now been appointed by the Pulaski Fiscal Court as building inspector for churches for our county.

This bill will save churches large sums of money in construction and architect fees. However, each county must take action through its fiscal court to assume the rights granted under this bill and to appoint a building inspector for the purpose of inspecting churches covered by same.

Cartell Burdine, Somerset

A Call for a Special Mother's Day Prayer for World Evangelization and World Peace

Mother's Day, May 9, 1982, Southern Baptist evangelist Billy Graham is to preach in Moscow, and then on May 11 he is to speak to representative religious leaders from around the world on the imperative of peace with justice in this nuclear age.

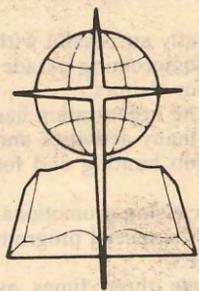
Since Christians around the world are bound together by a common allegiance to God in Jesus Christ, by a common mandate to share the good news, and by a common concern for peace with justice, and

Since in the fulness of time, God is setting before us an open door for going into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature, and

Since the threat of annihilation through nuclear war hangs with increasing heaviness over us, our children, and all humanity,

Therefore, on the occasion of Billy Graham's special mission to Moscow, we as concerned Southern Baptists issue this special call for Southern Baptist pastors and churches to include in their Mother's Day services this year a special prayer for world evangelization and for world peace.

Bailey Smith, president, Southern Baptist Convention
William M. Tanner, president, Home Mission Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention
Foy Valentine, executive director, Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention



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PRAYER MOBILIZATION PLAN

(MORE DETAILS — NEXT ISSUE)

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Sweet hour of prayer

A rural Taylor County congregation is making prayer meeting just that. Some amazing revelations have resulted.

by L. D. Kennedy,
State Correspondent

While visitation was not neglected, prayer received unusual emphasis when Salem Church (near Campbells-ville) prepared for simultaneous revival earlier this month.

Soon after Don Watson came as pastor early this year, he began emphasizing the prayer life of Jesus. "How much more do we as Christians need to pray?" he asked.

For months previously, Watson had been reading books on prayer by acclaimed writers.

"I kept seeing that prayer is the main ministry of a church," he said. Also, part of his concern stemmed from his own personal needs and the struggles in his own prayer life.

"We concluded that the spiritual life of our church would not grow above the church's corporate prayer life," Watson added.

Salem decided to claim Matt. 18:19-20 as its theme leading into revival. This passage headed a prayer request form in duplicate that was used as a bulletin insert. Each member was encouraged to write five specific prayer requests, sign and give one copy to the pastor. Above the signature was the bold statement: "I agree that God can and will answer the above request."

The response was gratifying as over 100 requests were turned in. Some names appeared on almost every list.

Watson decided not to use traditional cottage prayer meetings preparatory to revival. Instead, he has been spending about 15-20 minutes in general assembly with his people on Wednesday nights and then they divide into small prayer groups for about 25 minutes of prayer. Each group has a designated leader and about six to eight members.

During the assembly Watson brings a devotional, usually on some aspect of prayer. Then he gives back to members copies of their own prayer requests which they take with them to their groups. Additional requests made by those unable to attend are also distributed among the groups.

"I think this is much better than cottage prayer meetings," declared Mrs. Kathryn Arvin, church clerk. "We have prayer, and I think that is what prayer meeting is for."

She emphasized that everyone feels free to share when they meet in the smaller groups. "Already we've seen a number of answers to our prayers," she noted.

Public decisions were made in the worship services for four successive Sundays, mostly by individuals on several prayer lists. One profession of faith was by a Laotian student from a Buddhist background. One lady, whom some thought to be a member since she had been attending Salem for years, stepped forward to unite with the church.

Church treasurer Arthur Antle, who has been a member for over 60 years, is enthusiastic about the prayer groups. "We have an awfully good spirit in them," he said. "It seems like it draws us closer together and strengthens our fellowship."

"I feel it's an opportunity for sharing and opening up a little more with our requests than we would do in a large group," observed David Gaddie, an assistant Sunday school teacher. He revealed that already two of his requests have been answered at least partially.

"The thing that has meant so much to me has been the studies in prayer," Mrs. Lucy Wayne commented.

One thing that encourages openness among Salem members is the fact that Watson does some confessional preaching, sharing some of his own hurts, heartaches and frustrations.

"We are beginning to open up and develop a more intimate and trusting relationship with one another," he reflected.

During both assembly and group sessions, members are encouraged to share publicly any answers they have had to prayers. Watson feels that too often "we're standing and putting things out to people while seldom hearing their response."

He believes constant requesting without acknowledging answers may lead some to wonder if God really answers prayer.

Salem, a rural church, averaged 75 in Sunday school last year. But during the past two months it has averaged well in the 90's, with a corresponding increase in worship attendance. Many members feel these increases are related to the recent emphases on prayer.

There have been discussions about the possibility of trying to develop some plan to continue using small prayer groups.

"I'm pretty big on group interaction," Watson acknowledged. "I would like to see us go to more groups, not only in prayer but also in training and learning."

Judging by the positive responses thus far, it seems likely Salem may do just that.

TV or not TV

That may be Wyatt's question when seminary days are over

by Stephen Long

Television news reporter Mark Wyatt has a "nose for news."

Seminary student and Baptist pastor Mark Wyatt has a heart for ministry.

Wyatt, a second-year theology student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, who hails from Spartanburg, S. C., works full time as a reporter at Louisville's WHAS-TV. He also is part time pastor of a small rural Indiana church.

Though he is trivocational, he feels each role is related.

The common denominator, he suggests, is people. His on-the-scene experience in reporting has brought him into contact with persons from all walks of life.

"I meet people at their high points and low points, from the ecstatic joy of birth to the tragic scene of murder-suicide," he adds.

"Throughout my broadcasting career



I've tried to learn about people in all that I do," he says. "How can you minister to people unless you know them? How can you understand what a person needs unless you understand who a person is?"

That attitude also undergirds Wyatt's ministry as pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church, Salem, Ind. The congregation, he says, "has taught me more than I could ever teach them, but hopefully I have contributed something to their spiritual growth."

A native of Indianapolis, Wyatt worked in radio and television broadcasting in three states before moving to Louisville. Though he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher, he felt he wasn't "doing all I could or should do for the Lord." A subsequent commitment to "a life of Christian service" led him to Southern Seminary.

"I felt God saying he needed me to be better prepared," he explains.

The father of two sons, he expresses an openness toward future ministry, including options in broadcasting or bivocational ministry.

"I'm not closing any doors," he says. "God has led us to this point in our lives, and I am confident he will continue to lead us in the future."

Southern Seminary student Mark Wyatt blends seminary studies with responsibilities as a news reporter for WHAS television in Louisville and pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church, Salem, Ind. The pace is demanding for him and his family, but Wyatt is convinced seminary training is an essential part of his response to God's call to ministry. [Photos by Richard Shock]

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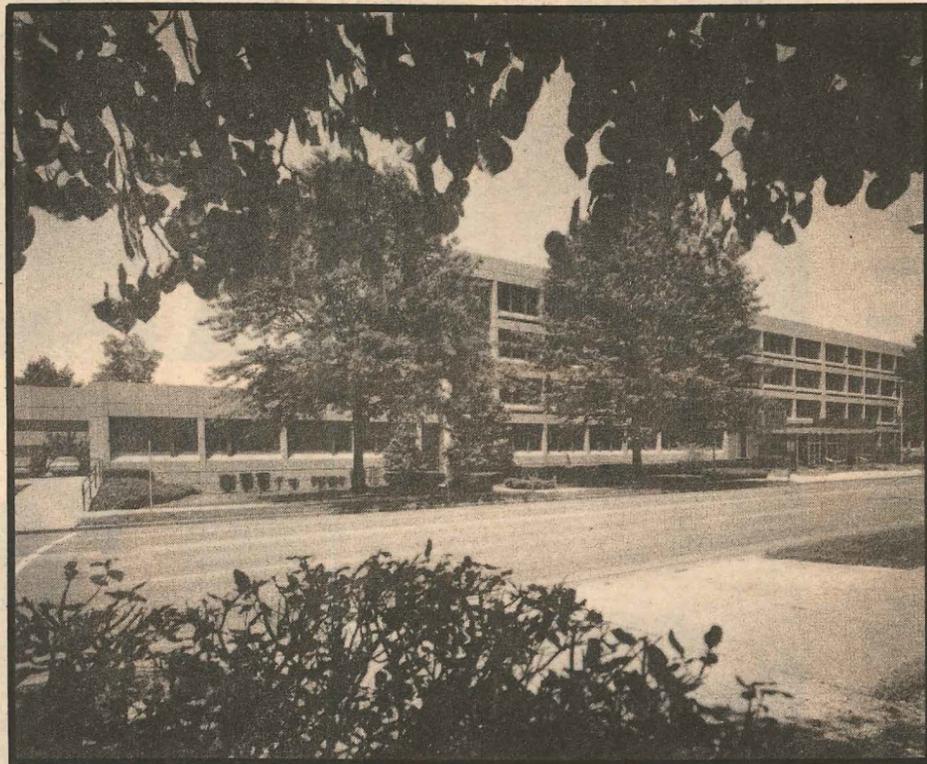
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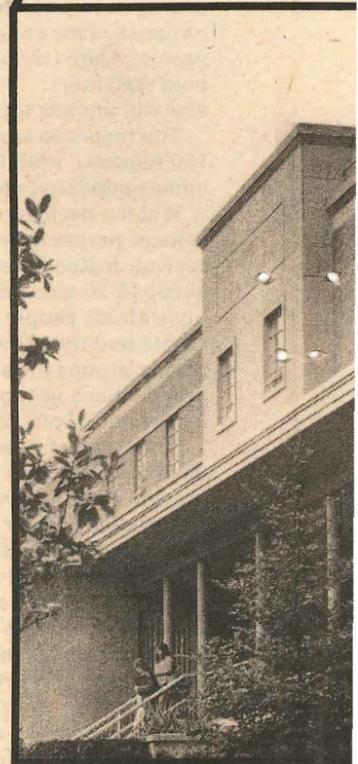
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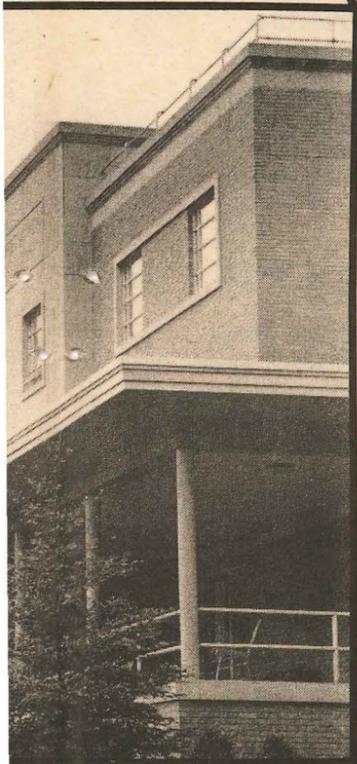
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Seminarian 'took time out' to attend Harvard

by Mark Smith

When people see Barry Stricker's academic resume they often wonder why he is at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Stricker explains that one of his goals has always been to obtain a seminary education, but that he simply "took time out" to earn a BA degree from Harvard University.

"I was fortunate to have graduated with a 4.0 grade point average from Eastern High School in my hometown of Middletown, Ky.," explains the

24-year-old theology student.

"My counselor suggested that I apply to Harvard as well as other colleges. Even though I had made good grades, I thought he was joking and didn't believe there was a chance I could be accepted," he said. "Besides, I knew it would cost a lot to attend the university and I just didn't have any money."

Never expecting to hear from Harvard officials concerning his application, Stricker said he was taken by surprise when he not only got a letter of acceptance but an impressive scholar-

ship to go along with it.

"I was elated and apprehensive," he remembers, "because then I was confronted with having to decide whether or not I want to commit myself to four years of what I knew would be incredible academic pressure."

"My counselor, friends and family all encouraged me to at least try it. So I decided I would, and chose American history as a major and African history as a minor."

Stricker says when he got off the plane in Boston the first person he met was a taxi driver who didn't speak

English. He said, "Even if I had known how to get to the university, which I didn't, I couldn't have explained it to him."

Although this initial experience was difficult he soon learned that it was nothing compared to what would come. Stricker notes that his first year ended up "being a terror."

"I was in a different type of academic environment in an area of the country I wasn't used to," he said. "I had to study every night and I had little social life. Coming from the Bible Belt where it seemed nearly everybody be-

PERSONNEL

Romie Judd celebrates 90th birthday
Romie D. Judd, former faculty member, dean and interim president of Georgetown College, was honored on his 90th birthday Apr. 17. Many friends attended an open house arranged by family members in Georgetown. Judd is a native of Adair County and was a faculty member at Morehead State University before joining the Georgetown faculty. He is remembered by thousands of Georgetonians for his devotion to students and for his wit and wisdom expressed in the classroom and in chapel services in the form of essays and poetry.

Palestine Church calls Gabriel Collett
Gabriel Collett was called as pastor of Palestine Baptist Church, Campbells-ville.

He goes there from Slaughters (Ky.) Baptist Church.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

Joed Rice is Wilson Creek pastor
Wilson Creek Baptist Church, Greenup Association, has called Joed Rice as pastor.

Wilson accepts Vanceburg pastorate
The new pastor at Vanceburg in Greenup Association is Howard Wilson of Mt. Sterling. He began his new responsibilities Apr. 8.

Five pastors join Long Run Association
New pastors in Long Run Association include Harold Beeler at Franklin Street

Baptist Church, Paul Lee at the Korean Baptist Church, Pyung Ok Lee at Milton Avenue Baptist Church, Danny Martin West at Baxter Avenue and Rudee Boan at 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church.

Skidmore resigns Northside pastorate
Richard Skidmore, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, has resigned to become director of missions in the Martin, Tenn., area. He has served the Northside congregation more than four years.

Liberty Association adds four pastors
New pastors in Liberty Association include Alan Glenn Son at Edmonton Baptist Church, Richard Adams at Park City, Marcus Sherfey Jr. at Poplar Spring and Randy Scott at Shady Grove.

First Burlington installs Johnson
William Johnson was installed as pastor of First Baptist Church, Burlington, at ceremonies Apr. 18.

Kuhnle is interim at Winchester First
First Baptist Church, Winchester, has called H. B. Kuhnle as interim pastor. He began Apr. 18.

Kuhnle is a graduate of Southern Seminary and has served Kentucky Baptist churches since 1935. He was pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, 12 years.

Moreland resigns from Crooked Creek
James Moreland has resigned the pastorate of Crooked Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He will

move to Graves County.

Wright resigns Russell Creek church
Tommie Wright has resigned the pastorate of Plum Paint Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Lee's Lane calls two new ministers
Lee's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, has called George Leagans as minister of youth and education and Don Delafield as minister of children and bus ministry.

Leagans is a North Carolina native and is a Southern Seminary graduate. Delafield is a Louisvillian, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is a Southern Seminary student.

Phillip Rosenbaum is pastor of Lee's Lane.

Second Church, Mortons Gap calls Gill
Mark Gill is pastor of Second Baptist Church, Mortons Gap. He began the position in March.

He is a graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, and has been the minister of music and youth at Grapevine Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, for eight years.

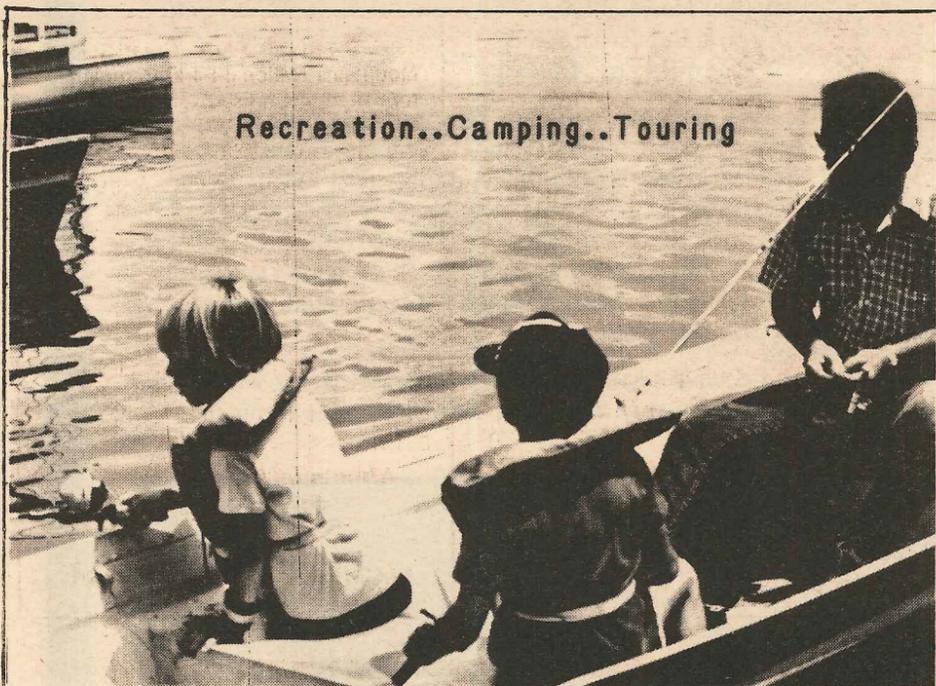
Marcus Sherfey is Poplar Spring pastor
Marcus Sherfey Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Casson is Grace music-youth minister
Grace Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Jim Casson as minister of music and youth. Casson began Apr. 1.

James Holloway is Grace's pastor.

Bauscher accepts post at Frankfort
Ross Bauscher is minister of evangelism and outreach at First Baptist Church, Frankfort. His last day as minister of youth at Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort, was Apr. 18.

Billy Hurt is pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort.



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CONGREGATIONS

Severns Valley Association helps Ohio
Severns Valley Association sends a percentage of its funds to Northwest Ohio, its sister association, each month. The gifts are now assisting in work at West Unity Baptist Church.

In addition to the percentage, a \$15,000 loan was sent to assist in purchasing land on which a church building will be built.

The church is now meeting in a building that formerly housed a laundromat.

Greenland notes three-year growth
Apr. 2 marked the third anniversary of John W. Wade Sr. as pastor of Greenland Baptist Church, Corbin. During these years the church has experienced tremendous growth.

Resident membership has grown from 288 to 603 and Sunday school from 166 to 325. Tithes and offerings Apr. 1, 1979 were \$475.49 and Mar. 21, 1982

lieved what I believed, it was an eye-opener to suddenly be confronted with atheists, agnostics and other religious backgrounds I had never encountered before."

More fond of his second year, the Ivy Leaguer began to make friends and have time to enjoy them when he discovered he did not have to study around the clock to make good grades, thanks to his excellent high school training.

Throughout his tenure at Harvard Stricker kept his summers free from academics so he could serve as a seasonal missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board at an Indian village in Ft. Yukon, Alaska.

"I was struck several times by the

contrast of working and living in that remote village with no running water and no electricity, only to go back to study at Harvard, he said.

Stricker said that in his fourth year of study he had come to a decision to continue further education by attending a divinity school.

"Since I was concerned about keeping ties with my denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention," he said, "I decided to attend an SBC seminary. Of the six, I was only interested in Southern Seminary and Golden Gate Seminary in California. Because Southern Seminary was so close to home, I decided to attend Golden Gate."

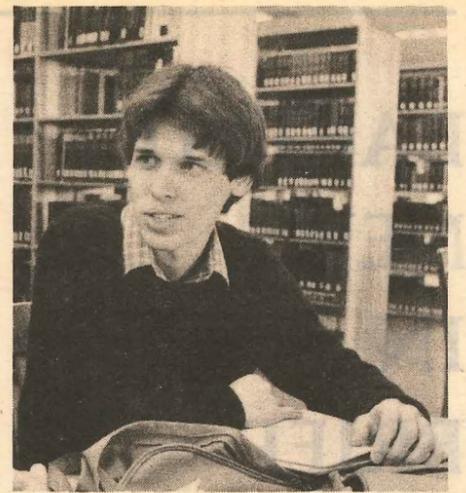
Looking back on his Harvard years, Stricker says that even though it is a

good school, it is like any other institution in that "you get out of it what you put into it."

Combining his Harvard history degree with the MDiv degree he will earn this spring from Golden Gate and a PhD degree he hopes to begin work on next year, Stricker doesn't foresee any problems realizing his dream of teaching.

"One thing is sure," he notes. "I've certainly been getting excellent preparation for it."

Barry Stricker [r] has long had a desire to earn a theology degree from a Southern Baptist seminary. Not many people get there by first earning a degree from Harvard University. Stricker did.



were \$1482.53. The church has also witnessed structural growth as 2800 feet of educational space has been added and the sanctuary has been enlarged.

Parrish Avenue begins TV ministry
Parrish Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, sponsors a television ministry which began Apr. 15. The program, Thursday Visitation, will be aired each Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

L. C. Gray is the church's pastor.

MISSIONS

Daughertys furlough in Nashville
Robert and Myrtle Daugherty, missionary associates to Japan, have arrived in Nashville for furlough.

She is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Miss Lovan recovers, expresses thanks
Nadine Lovan has recovered from a fractured ankle and was scheduled to return to Ghana Apr. 13. She says she would like to express personal appreciation to Kentucky Baptists and especially the Woman's Missionary Union groups for their generosity toward her during her furlough. Her new address is Box 1933, Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa.

Miss Lane returns to mission field
Dorothea Lane, missionary to Japan, has completed furlough and returned to the field.

A native of Sturgis, she was appointed to mission service in 1951.

Bucks resign from mission service
Wayne and Jeannie Buck, Baptist missionaries to Israel since 1972, resigned from service Mar. 31.

He is a native of Williamsport, Pa., and she is the former Jeannie Strange of Lexington.

Callaways furlough in Elizabethtown
Merrill and Arlene Callaway, missionaries to Morocco, have arrived in Elizabethtown for furlough.

They began Foreign Mission Board service in 1966.

REVIVALS

College team leads Maceo revival
Maceo Baptist Church in Daviess-McLean Association reports a very successful youth-led revival. The services were led by a youth team from Campbellsville College. Visible results included four additions to the church and 16 other decisions. Guy M. Deane is the Maceo pastor.

BSUers lead Lovelaceville revival
Larry G. Mulberry, pastor of Lovelaceville (Ky.) Baptist Church, reports 13 decisions made at a Mar. 19-21 youth revival.

The revival was led by a Baptist Stu-

dent Union team from Murray State University. Dale Sheridan from Coldwater preached while Billy Stamps, Auburn, led singing; Lisa Lowrance, Smithland, was pianist and Belinda Gooch, Tiptonville, Tenn., was fellowship director.

Charles Holland leads Belmont revival
Belmont Baptist Church, Nelson Association, reports 28 decisions in its recent revival. Charles Holland was evangelist.

Clarence Duvall is Belmont's pastor.

Wood leads Scottsville revival
John Wood, former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, led revival services at Scottsville (Ky.) Baptist Church Mar. 28-Apr. 1. Wood is pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.

Ken Goforth, minister of music and youth at Scottsville, led the music.

Ronald Bradley is pastor of the church.

ORDINATIONS

Casey ordained at 23rd and Broadway
Ken Casey, a student at Southern Seminary, was recently ordained by Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Rudee Boan is the church's pastor.

DEATHS

Liberty deacon Snyder succumbs
Thomas Lewis Snyder, a deacon at Liberty Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, Madisonville, died Nov. 4 of leukemia. He was 39.

Mrs. Otho Wells dies at 86
Mrs. Otho Wells, a long-time member of Utica Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, died Apr. 2 at age 86. She is survived by four sons and three daughters who are actively involved in seven different Baptist churches in Daviess-McLean Association.

Thomas ordains Babb, Kirby, Thomas
Thomas Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, ordained Charles Babb, Douglas Kirby and Randall Thomas as deacons Apr. 18.

Dale Etheridge is Thomas' pastor.

Roses called to Brazilian mission

Warren and Kathy Rose were among 33 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Apr. 13 in Birmingham.

The Roses will work in Brazil where he will be a general evangelist and pilot and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he is pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church, Sonora.

Born in Covington, Tenn., Rose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coy W. Rose. He received the BA degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and expects to receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in May.

He has worked as a flight instructor for flying services in Camden, Tenn., Louisville and Elizabethtown. He has also been youth director at Malesus (Tenn.) Baptist Church, and Carlisle

Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville and as pastor of Natchez Trace Baptist Church, Camden.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Rose, the former Kathy Blalack, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blalack of Covington.

She has attended Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and currently attends Elizabethtown Community College.

She has worked as a secretary in Jackson and Camden and a day care worker in Louisville.

The Roses have three children: Alisa Shawn, born in 1977; Carla Ann, 1979; and Michael Warren, 1980.

The family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.



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The IRS since 1970 has routinely denied tax exemption to private institutions which maintain racially discriminatory admissions policies. President Reagan and the Justice Department reounced that policy Jan. 8. Acting attorney general Lawrence G. Wallace said the government's new position was to oppose any claim the IRS violated free exercise of religion.

Convention child care. Janet Kemp, child care director for the annual SBC convention in New Orleans, is offering discounts of as much as \$4 per day if parents preregister by May 31.

Registration forms are available by mail from Janet Kemp, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

Daily costs for child care during convention sessions Tuesday through Thursday will be \$8 per preregistered child and \$12 after May 31 for children who have not entered first grade.

WMU preregistered rates June 13 are \$4 and June 14 are \$8 at the meeting site.

Child care during the Billy Graham rally is \$4 preregistered.

Mission tours at convention. Tours of four New Orleans mission centers are scheduled for Wednesday June 16 at \$5 per person. A tour of south Louisiana mission churches Saturday June 12 will cost \$15 on a first come, first serve basis sponsored by the New Orleans Baptist Association.

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7-8 WMU Associational Clinic. Cedarmore
8 All State Youth Choir Festival West. Madisonville, First Baptist Church
9 Mother's Day

13-14 WMU Associational Clinic. Jonathan Creek
16 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday
17-18 Pastoral Evangelism Seminar. Princeton, Southside Baptist Church
17-19 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedarmore
17-23 Associational Emphasis Week
24-26 Senior Adult Retreat. Cedarmore
24 Interfaith Witness Conference. Elizabethtown, Emmanuel Baptist Church
25 Interfaith Witness Conference. Danville, Southern Avenue Baptist Church
27 Interfaith Witness Conference. Richmond, First Baptist Church
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31 Memorial Day

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6 Religious Liberty Sunday
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20 Father's Day

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I said to the man who answered the phone, "this is Frank Owen."

He replied, "this is Frank Owens."

I said, "are you repeating me, or giving me your name?" (Mr. Owens puts an "s" on his name. A lot of people put one on my name, but I don't.) We got our between friends identities straightened out after some moments of mutual explanation. It was a real surprise to hear my own name come back in a station-to-station call to a public place.

• Not long ago, Grady Nutt used my name in a story he told on a Saturday night's Hee Haw program. It so happened that I was in Kansas City and went to church at Nall Avenue Baptist

the next morning, slipping in on the back seat. Pastor Owen Dahlor (my nephew) saw me and called on me to close the service with prayer, presenting me as "the man who was mentioned on Hee Haw last night." I've always suspected the Lord has a sense of humor. Maybe even He chuckled a bit as I tried to pray. Hee Haw covers a lot of ground, but I suspect this was its first involvement in a church prayer of Benediction.

• Years ago in Missouri, at the annual meeting of Cape Girardeau Association, a pastor seated up front with his wife was summoned to the rostrum to lead in prayer following a well-rendered solo by his son.

The Father and Mother were still beaming with pride as the Father stepped to the pulpit, bowed his head and prayed, "Lord we thank Thee for our son. No, no, Lord, we mean Thy Son."

• Reminds me of Professor Inman Johnson's story of the man who prayed, "Lord, we thank Thee that things are going so well at our church. That is, fairly well, Lord."

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Revelation 3:14-22 The members of the church in Laodicea were rich and self-satisfied but their lukewarmness was extremely obnoxious to Christ. Grieved because they were depending on themselves and their possessions instead of him, Christ rebuked the members of their self-deception and their ignorance. Christ reminded them that

they were "wretched and miserable."

He pleaded with them to be clothed in white raiment as a type of God's righteousness which was imparted to true believers in Christ.

Those of us who are God's children should repent of our sins, open our ears so that we may hear his message, commit ourselves to the doing of his will, and zealously yield ourselves to the faithful proclamation of the glorious gospel of Christ.

Life and Work Series THE PERPETUAL COVENANT

Deuteronomy 5:1-7 Moses was very anxious that the Israelites give God's Word its rightful place in their lives and teach the will of God to their children in their homes.

Moses reviewed the giving of the 10 commandments and admonished the Israelites, saying: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them." It was only through obedience to God that they could expect his wonderful blessings upon them. He assured the people that a glorious destiny awaited them as a nation on the condition that they keep their part of the covenant.

We too, need to discover and to do

the will of God. Not only does God require all his people to worship him, but he also refuses to tolerate their worship of any other god. Giving God the place of preeminence in our trust, thoughts, affections, worship, actions and service will result in honor to him, inspiration and encouragement to others, and blessings to ourselves.

Deuteronomy 29:10-15 Moses knew that the people, through their stubbornness of will and determination to do as they pleased, had broken their covenant with God. Their brazen disobedience was both unnecessary and inexcusable. It was their duty and obligation to return to God, to acknowledge their sinfulness, to request divine forgiveness and then to renew their covenant with him. Forsaking their sinful ways and striving to please him in all things would assure them of God's richest blessings upon them in the future.

Moses urged the Israelites to renew their covenant with God and ever after to be faithful in keeping their promises to God in the difficult, discouraging and dangerous situations in which they were sure to find themselves. To the very limit of our abilities and opportunities, let us as Christians do everything possible to please and honor our heavenly Father, who has done so much for us, until we come to the end of life's way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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H. C. Chiles

Board reorganizes treasury. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named Carl W. Johnson, 44, as treasurer and vice president while elevating the treasury department to office of finance.

Filling an administrative slot vacant since its approval in April 1980, the board elected Jerry F. Jackson of Monroe, N. C., as vice president for development.

Minette Drumwright, a Baylor University graduate from Little Rock, Ark., has joined the staff as assistant to William R. O'Brien, executive vice president. She will assist in denominational liaison and special planning, coordination and programing.

Evangelists honored by peers. Seventeen veteran Southern Baptist evangelists to be honored during the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (CSBE) June 16 include Sam Allen, Lubbock, Tex.; Hyman Appleman, Kansas City, Mo.; Porter Barrington, Thousand Oaks, Cal.; Clifton Brannon, Longview, Tex.; G. P. Comer, Dallas, Tex.; E. J. Daniel, Orlando, Fla.; Eddie Lieberman, Greenville, S. C.; Eddie Martin, Lancaster, Pa.; Angel Martinez, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Percy Ray, Myrtle, Miss.; Jack Stanton, Bolivar, Mo.; Steve Taylor, Greenville, S. C.; John Tierney, Greenville, S. C.; J. Oscar Wells, Bethany, Okla.; and Grady Wilson, Montreat, N. C.

Foreign Board changes rules. Persons born overseas who become naturalized U. S. citizens can apply for appointment as Southern Baptist missionaries to countries other than their original homeland according to new Foreign Mission Board guidelines.

The guidelines modify a previous policy that limited appointment eligibility to naturalized citizens who moved to the United States before completing secondary school and to those from countries to which Southern Baptists send no missionaries.

"I think this new step is more in line with the reality of the world in which we live and our own national makeup," said William R. O'Brien, Foreign

Mission Board executive vice president. "We're a continental, multi-ethnic denomination. We're seeking ways to more effectively channel the energies and spiritual gifts of all Southern Baptists as they make themselves available.

"These people have an honest commitment to missions and a sincere desire to be involved," said O'Brien. "They are of us, and should have the opportunity to use their gifts."

Eighty-one different ethnic groups speaking 75 languages worship in Southern Baptist churches.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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"What IF?"

What if Jesus had not come in the flesh and died on the cross? What if he had not risen from the grave? What if he had come only to minister to those who kept the law? What if he had only come to those who were faithful and good?

We may find ourselves recoiling from such questions because if Jesus had not come or if he had only come to the righteous, we all would be without hope. The truth is, Jesus came, died and arose again. His coming was to save sinners.

Jesus said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13). In the third chapter of John's gospel we read, "God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world" (it was already condemned) "but that the world might be saved."

So Jesus reached out to the blind, the lame, the fearful, the confused, the hurting. He spoke words of life to the woman at the well and gave hope to the woman taken in adultery. His love and ministry reached to those whom others felt were worthless.

Occasionally someone expresses the feeling that the ministry of our Baptist Homes for Children should be limited to the families of our Baptist churches.

Without hesitation, I say that we have a responsibility to those beyond our Baptist household of faith. When we recognize that Jesus' purpose in coming was to the whole world and that he especially reached to those outside the fold who were hurting, there can be no other answer. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greek and to the Barbarian."

Your Baptist Homes for Children is driven by the teaching and example of Jesus to minister to neglected, dependent, hurting children. Often the children in our care have little or no church background. We may be the first glimpse of Christian love and caring they have seen.

Therefore, we are not here to help children who have Christian homes and parents able to love and care for them. We minister to children without a suitable home and family situation.

Pray for us.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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IS A WILL IMPORTANT?

In a previous column we discussed some questions people often have regarding wills. Here are some more.

Do I need a lawyer to help prepare my will? Yes! Printed forms are not adequate for most persons. Your estate is like no one else's and your will must be written to meet your particular set of circumstances. Certain formalities are required and each state's laws are peculiar to that state. So, yes, you do need the help of an attorney.

Where do I keep my will after it is written? It should be kept where it will not be mislaid, lost or stolen and where it can easily be found by your executor at the time of your death. To prevent destruction by fire your will should not be kept at home, even in a locked safe. You can always keep a copy at home for easy reference. If your executor is a bank or trust company, ask the institution to hold it for safekeeping. A safe deposit box is an example of a good place.

Can I change my will at a later date? Yes! Your will may be changed at any

time. However you cannot change it by merely scratching out or erasing names of beneficiaries in order to insert new ones. You can make changes in your will only by observing the same formalities you followed when you made the original will. Most persons prefer to execute a new will or make an amendment to the existing one. By means of an amendment you can let one part of your current will remain the same while changing or eliminating other parts.

Your attorney is experienced in how to prepare and properly execute your will or change it for you. Friends are nice, but your attorney is the person from whom you should seek advice regarding proper preparation and execution of your will.

How do I include Clear Creek Baptist School in my will? There are a number of ways to include a bequest to Clear Creek Baptist School in your will. Your attorney can assist you in choosing what seems to be the best method for your particular set of circumstances in order to accomplish your wishes.

THE LITTLE THINGS

For more than 30 years we have had Mennonite students attending our school. Nearly without exception, they have been fine Christian young people. They have meant much to our school.

Last summer, one of our Mennonite graduates came to visit us. Evelyn was the valedictorian of our 1957 class. She and her husband have been missionaries to Hong Kong for many years. Whenever in America on leave, she comes to see us and it is always a joy to see her.

Recently, we were thrilled to receive a letter from one of our more recent graduates of Mennonite persuasion. He wrote in part, "I'm here in the Ozarks attending college. I plan to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in aviation science. I got into the program on my first try. Some are here for several years before they can get into the program."

"Maybe by homecoming time I will be able to fly to southeastern Kentucky, rather than just sit here and wish I could be there. I've been 'away from home' for too long. I'll soon have my private pilot's license."

"It is hard to imagine the class of '82 graduating shortly. They were all fresh-

men when I was a senior. They are so lucky to be there at Oneida. I wish I had slowed down and taken notice of all the little things we all took for granted. We all grumbled and complained until that Sunday afternoon of graduation. Then the tears in our eyes were not there because we were happy to leave. By Monday morning we were ready to join the freshman class again just to remain part of Oneida.

"I hope the seniors realize, and the rest of the students for that matter, that the time there is so short. Soon all you will have are memories. I hope those memories are as good as mine are. I was really blessed by the school. I learned so much both in and out of class. What I wouldn't give to be one of Mr. Stephen's or Mr. Gritton's managers again."

"Every teacher I had affected my life. I wish I could have recognized the sincerity and caring of the faculty and staff while I was there. When I see the products of countless other high schools, I am thankful even more for Oneida Baptist Institute."

"I'm just a hillbilly at heart. Keep me in your prayers as all of you are in mine. I pray for God's richest blessings

on the school. I just wish I had some money to send."

Thank you, Don. Thank you. Your letter, your love, your prayers mean more than money.

When I first came back to Oneida as president 10 years ago, we had a young lady enrolled on nearly full scholarship. She came from a large family and a broken home. Extremely intelligent and a straight "A" student, she was accepted into a very distinguished college at the end of her junior year of high school. There she made a fine academic record, started out to prepare for law but married a lawyer instead and is now studying nursing.

Wanda recently wrote: "What wonders have occurred at Oneida. I want to purchase the new book. The pictures were most interesting in the pamphlet. Oneida is important, useful and vital to children all over the country. Hopefully through the years, my husband and I will be able to give more meaningful contributions to Oneida."

Then a former student writes from Oakland, Cal.: "I miss the warm protection of love and grace through the Lord there at Oneida. I thank you for

caring for me. I know Oneida will continue to progress because of the faith of so many people. Thanks to you, the staff, and the love of God that stands behind you. Out here there is much confusion and if one's faith is not strong, the winds will blow you away."

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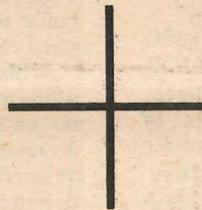
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