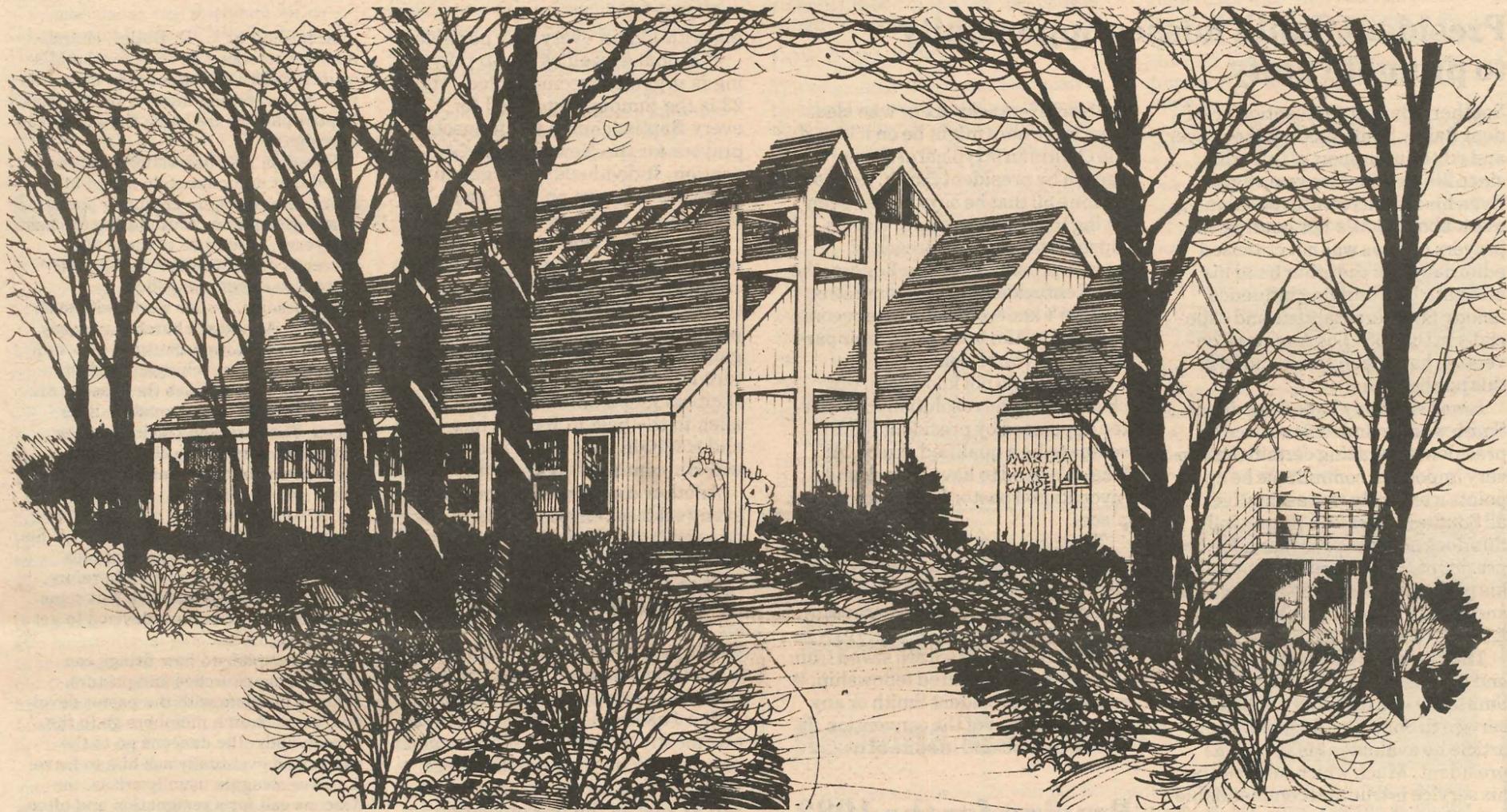


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This chapel was approved by the executive board for Camp Cedarcrest at Cedar more Assembly. Construction on the \$268,000 project will begin in August.

Chapel construction, other business rules heavy executive board agenda

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In a marathon session which saw adjournment and lunch delayed until after 2 p.m. on the final day, the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention considered more business matters last week at Cedarmore than most members could remember in recent history.

Primary actions of the 162-member board which acts on behalf of the Kentucky Baptist Convention between annual convention meetings were these:

- Board members heard a progress report of the search committee to nominate a successor to retiring KBC executive secretary Franklin Owen.

- They approved a \$16.5 million budget for 1983-84 to be recommended to the next annual convention meeting Nov. 9-11 at Lexington.

- Seven executive board staff members were honored on their service anniversaries.

- The board agreed to enter into negotiations with a Cedarmore Baptist Assembly neighbor, J. Edward Moore, about a gift-purchase arrangement for a

220-tract, joining the Cedarmore property.

- Construction of a chapel at Camp Cedarcrest on the Cedarmore Assembly property was voted. The chapel will be named for Mrs. Martha Ware of Trenton, Ky., a pioneer in Baptist encampments for girls in the state. The projected \$268,000 construction project is expected to be launched at the close of the 1982 camping season in August.

- The board authorized cutting and sale of timber on the Cedarmore property, receipts from which will be used for reforestation on the campus.

- A Dec. 1, 1981 decision by the executive board to spend \$258,000 for the purchase of 21 additional automobiles for employe use was reaffirmed. Four cars were purchased earlier.

- In personnel-related matters, the board created the full time position of assistant manager at Cedarmore, reclassified the director of accounting and information with a promotion and changed the name of the Cooperative Ministries and Christian Life Department to the Christian Life Relations Department.

- The board also adopted plans for honoring retiring executive secretary Owen during the convention meeting in November.

SEARCH PANEL REPORTS

The preliminary report of the search committee was given by chairman Harold Wainscott of Covington. He observed that the committee had met twice and was meeting again May 11. The first meeting was an orientation session, the second was a meeting with KBC staff members and the third with institutional and agency leaders.

No formal discussion of potential nominees has taken place yet as the committee seeks first to draft a picture of the type individual needed to lead Kentucky Baptists now and in the immediate future.

The proposed \$16.5 million budget for 1983-84 projects a basic operating plan of \$13.5 million, a \$2 million bold mission challenge section and additional estimated income of \$1 million. The distribution of the basic budget will be divided 36% for SBC causes, 64% for KBC. The challenge section is divided

36.5% for SBC and 63.5% for KBC.

Executive board staff members honored at a testimonial dinner during the May 3-4 meeting include these with 10 years' service: Mrs. Eunice V. Pierce, secretary, Kentucky Baptist Foundation; Mrs. Margaret W. Smith, secretary, Cooperative Ministries and Christian Life Department; Donald L. Blaylock, director, Student Department; Byrd R. Ison, director, Annuity Department; and Franklin P. Owen, executive secretary.

In addition, Douglas D. Hays, director of accounting and information processing, Business Office, was recognized for 15 years' service. Also honored was Eugene F. Quinn, director, Church Music Department, 25 years' service.

FLEET PLAN OK'D

The go ahead on the automobile purchase plan was a reaffirmation of a decision made earlier by the executive board. It had been put "on hold" by Owen after he received criticism from

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DALEY OBSERVATIONS

President Smith misses opportunity to promote unity

Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith has had the prayer and editorial support of this editor since his election two years ago. Even his famous controversial remark about God's not hearing the prayers of Jews was not criticized editorially. On the other hand his efforts to be a unifying influence among Southern Baptists and especially in the 1981 Los Angeles Convention have been commended in this publication.

It was sincerely hoped president Smith would climax his service as president by making certain the two very important committees he appoints were truly representative of all Southern Baptists. Regretfully this does not appear to be so. Rather president Smith appears to be using his power to advance one viewpoint and thus to foster a partisan spirit and to encourage controversy.

The two news stories on pages 3 and 4 of this issue indicate president Smith will end his tenure with a disservice to Southern Baptists. In one article he evaluates his service as president. Much which he says about his service is true and commendable but some of his words reveal an unfortunate lack of understanding of where Southern Baptists are and he shows little appreciation for the rich variety of true believers that constitute Southern Baptists. His concept of unity is to convince all Southern Baptists that they believe what he does instead of accepting others with their differences at some points.

He oversimplifies the "inerrancy" issue and too easily writes off all those who would take any issue with his definition of inspiration. The success of Southern Baptists in making a telling impact upon today's world does depend upon believing and proclaiming the truth revealed in holy scriptures but not upon any of president Smith's view on the nature of the authority of the Bible.

A greater disservice to Southern Baptist unity was done by president Smith in his announced choice of a chairman for the committee on committees which he appoints. Homer Lindsey of Jacksonville is an able and successful pastor but he is closely identified with the critics of our seminaries and those who are trying to use the political process to control the convention and ultimately its agencies and institutions. His choice, therefore, is unfortunate.

I have no inkling of who the two who have been put on this commit-

tee from Kentucky are or who else from anywhere might be on it but, if the chairman is typical of those chosen by president Smith, he has undone all that he says he has been trying to do for two years. He has lapsed back to the approach of former president Adrian Rogers who put Kentuckians on this committee he didn't know but who were recommended to him because of their particular doctrinal stance.

Though I do not know him, the chairman of the resolutions committee appointed by president Smith seems to be a qualified choice. At least it's good to have a black and a bivocational pastor for this important place.

Thus, chances for a sweet spirited convention this year are not as bright as they appeared earlier. This is all the more reason for more earnest prayers for Southern Baptists in New Orleans in June. If we are saved from turmoil and a fractured fellowship, it won't be by president Smith or any other president of the convention. It will be by God and in spite of us.

Praying for the 1982 convention in New Orleans imperative

Preconvention tension is not as high this year as it was last year but there's still much concern about how things will go for Southern Baptists in their annual meeting in New Orleans in June. Will the spirit of restraint and harmony which characterized the meeting in Los Angeles last year prevail in New Orleans or will we return to the divisiveness which characterized the convention in Houston in 1979 and in St. Louis in 1980?

The simple but profound answer lies in whether divine or human influences dominate the meeting. Last year was proof that the Lord will overrule our weaknesses and bless us beyond desert and expectation if we will but allow him.

Without exception Baptist observers commenting on the meeting last year attributed the sweet spirit to the prayers of Southern Baptists for the meeting. The same kind of prayer mobilization has been undertaken this year and we join in it heartily.

Jerel Treas, prayer coordinator for Kentucky Baptists, is taking his job seriously and we are cooperat-

ing with him in every way possible.

Personal as well as group praying is urgently recommended. May 23 is the Sunday suggested for every Baptist church to lift special prayers for the New Orleans Convention. Individuals are urged to place this concern on their daily prayer lists.

We pray for God's will and not ours to be done but as I pray some concerns will have priority. One of these is the divisive effort on the part of some Southern Baptists to gain control of the convention structure in order to force all Southern Baptists into a narrow creed. This is alien to the best in Baptist history and tradition and, if insisted upon, will stir continual controversy.

Another concern is extreme and even reckless remarks made in addresses in the convention and in meetings associated with the convention. The Pastors' Conference has often been a divisive influence for the convention. Speakers have sometimes tried to outdo each other in declaring their orthodoxy and in charges of heresy against others.

The Pastors' Conference last year was mostly a unifying influence and promises to be the same this year. Indeed, the convention program itself as well as the preconvention meetings have been planned to promote harmony.

The most sensitive matter in New Orleans will be the choice of a president. Let us pray we will forsake the unwise practice which began in Houston in 1979 of projecting candidates on the basis of their particular doctrinal emphasis and their inclination to use the office as a power base.

No amount of prayer will likely remove sincere doctrinal differences among Southern Baptists but prayer will make us sweet spirited enough to accept and love one another and not try to force our beliefs upon others.

In this connection the great devotional writer, Oswald Chambers, said something very incisive and profound. "When we become advocates of a creed, something dies; we do not believe God, we only believe our belief about God."

Are pastors 'getting axe' increasingly?

Reprinted from Missouri Word and Way.

Is there really an increase in pastor firings and forced resignations among Southern Baptists?

According to C. D. Butler, church-minister relations director for the Missouri Baptist Convention, the answer is yes. An increasing number of Missouri Baptist pastors are being fired or forced to resign.

Based on his observations, Butler noted that approximately 200 of Missouri's churches are changing pastors at any given time. And, during the past two years, around 25 of those 200 churches either fired or forced their pastors to resign, he added.

In Missouri, Butler works with such conflicts. Although churches may say they fired pastors because of poor ministering, poor preaching or neglect, Butler said he believes the reasons are actually based on personality differences. These reasons include power struggles, personality clashes and breakdowns in communication, Butler said.

"In some rare cases pastors are accused of immorality or dishonesty," he stated. "Unfortunately, sometimes those accusations are true; therefore, the pastors should be fired. But sometimes those reasons are devised to get rid of pastors."

Butler explained how firings can arise among churches and pastors. When a problem with the pastor develops, some church members go to the deacon body, the deacons go to the pastor and eventually ask him to leave. A power struggle usually arises, the deacons call for a resignation and often times the pastors and members take sides, he said.

"When a pastor is fired," Butler pointed out, "99 times out of 100 times a division arises within the church."

Sometimes a few members then move to another church and some form another church with the fired pastor, he said.

In his position as church-minister relations director, Butler not only witnesses the actual conflicts which lead to firings, but he also sees the effects of the firings on the pastors. Some of these effects, he reported, include bitterness on the part of the pastors and their family members, depression during the time of the conflict (including an inhibited ministry) and financial hardships.

Also, he pointed out, "There is a loss of the church's witness in the community."

"Most pastors eventually find another church," said Butler, "some in a short time and some in a longer time." But "some do disappear from the ministry."

To keep church-pastor conflicts to a minimum, Butler stressed some preventive measures churches and pastors can take. First, there should be adequate "training for pastor search committees," he said. "If churches do a better job of calling pastors, they could overcome conflict that might occur later." This, he added, "includes helping churches define realistic roles of pastors."

Smith will keep committee 'secret'

Bailey E. Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has named Homer G. Lindsey Jr. as chairman of the committee on committees and Norris Sydnor Jr. as chairman of the resolutions committee.

Lindsey, a former president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and Sydnor is the bivocational pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Oxon Hill, Md., a mission of Seabrook (Md.) Baptist Church. Proposed resolutions may be sent to Sydnor at 10605 Parrish Ln., Mitchellville, MD 20716.

Sydnor also is vice president for development of Booker T. Washington Foundation, Washington, D. C., a research and development organization for minority business enterprise.

Sydnor, a black, sees his appointment as a sign of Smith's progressive spirit in the SBC presidency. While he

sees no new issues surfacing for the convention, he anticipates theological issues rising. "It would be wrong to suppose or speculate what they would be," he said.

DECLINES NAMING OTHERS

Smith announced the appointment in a telephone interview with Baptist Press, but declined to reveal the other members of either committee until the first day of the 1982 annual meeting in New Orleans, June 15.

Earlier, Smith said he "probably" would not announce membership of the two committees. The withholding of the appointments is the second such action in two months. In late March the committee on boards officially voted it would not report its nominees until the first day of the convention. The committee on boards nominates persons to

serve as trustees of the SBC institutions and agencies.

"I will not release them (the appointments)," Smith told Baptist Press. "There is no reason I should; I am not required to do so."

His decision not to release the names this year will "avoid misuse" of the list, he said.

Under the SBC constitution and bylaws, the president—in conference with the two vice presidents—names the committee on committees and the resolutions committee. The appointment authority is one of the few real powers an SBC president possesses.

HOW IT ALL WORKS

The committee on committees, composed of two representatives from each qualified state convention, nominates persons to serve on any special committees authorized during the convention. Its most important function, however, is appointment of the committee on boards, which in turn nominates persons to serve as trustees of the SBC agencies and institutions.

The bylaws specify the president shall appoint the committee on committees at least a month before the annual meeting of the convention and that the names shall be published in the first issue of the Convention Bulletin, published daily during the convention.

The bylaws say the committee on resolutions, consisting of 10 members, three of whom shall be members of the

SBC Executive Committee, shall be appointed at least 60 days before the convention. Bylaw 22 does not specify how the names of those appointed shall be made public.

Bylaw 22 also specifies that copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairman at least 30 days before the convention "in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

While the bylaws say the president shall appoint the two committees "in conference with" the two vice presidents, Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., first vice president, says she only has had one communication from Smith concerning the two committees.

She told Baptist Standard, news journal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, she received a letter in late February from Smith asking if she had any suggestions. She said she was requested to send the suggestions "by return mail."

Mrs. Gregory did so, she said, and had no further contact from Smith. She was informed of the appointments of Lindsey and Sydnor by the Standard.

Smith said later he contacted her Apr. 30 to tell her of the nominations.

Don Kim, pastor of Berendo Street (Korean) Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Cal., was in Brazil and unavailable for comment. He is the convention's second vice president.

KBC board tackles full agenda

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some Kentucky Baptists for the proposed action.

Owen reported to the board meeting at Cedarmore that he had received numerous phone calls and a total of 61 letters relative to the board's earlier action, 28 of which came from the same church in opposition to the decision. Of the 61 letters received, four were favorable to the decision.

Owen announced the day before the board reaffirmed its previous action that he wished to withdraw personally from the issue and to let the board decide its fate.

In a 33-minute debate on the question, many questions were asked and two board members spoke in opposition to the original motion. It was pointed out that bids would be received from at least five automobile agencies. One board member pled that the cars not present an appearance of luxury.

When the vote was taken, the board voted overwhelmingly to reaffirm its previous action, although there were some dissenting votes. By the board's action, the executive secretary was instructed to immediately implement the fleet purchase program as previously outlined.

The executive board took numerous other actions in its meeting at Cedarmore last week.

FUNDS BENEFIT M-C

It authorized spending \$1800 in an in-service training program at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College at Mayfield. The training will be offered in the 1982-83 academic year and the commitment will be reviewed in one year.

There was considerable debate on this motion, with several speaking against it, believing—while the commitment in funds is small—the principle and practice of financial support for only the five educational institutions controlled by the convention is threatened. Mid-Continent is an independent Bible school supported by Baptists, by Baptist churches and district associations, but not by the state convention itself.

The board took disciplinary measures against itself without opposition. In the future, attendance records at executive board meetings will be reported to local directors of missions and/or moderators, so board members who run high absentee records may be communicated with locally concerning their representation responsibility.

An agreement between the executive board and Western Recorder to automate the Recorder's 60,000-subscriber

mailing list was approved. The Recorder will reimburse the executive board \$44,000 for this service, to be repaid over a five-year period.

Up to \$5000 will be taken from unrestricted funds to underwrite the cost of placing Campbellsville College's annual audit with the executive board's auditing firm the first year.

OFFERING STUDY SET

A work group will be named from the Kentucky Baptist Hospitals, Homes for Children and Woman's Missionary Union to work with an executive board subcommittee studying the number of statewide special offerings in Kentucky. The objective is to limit the offerings, either to the present number, or to consolidate some of those currently promoted annually.

The travel allowance for spouses of executive board staff members to accompany their husbands/wives on business was increased to \$300 annually.

A picture of the late Calvin Fields, former Brotherhood Department director, who died Feb. 21, will be carried in the 1982 Kentucky Baptist Convention annual. In related action, the board approved naming a five-member obituary committee to plan observances at annual convention meetings honoring deceased Kentucky Baptist ministers, and to list those in the convention annual each year.

In response to a request from the executive board of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in extreme western Kentucky, a staff group from the executive board will explore programing possibilities for that assembly.

The board elected three persons to fill vacancies on the board—Roy Dale Findley, Little Bethel Association; Jewell Coursey, Green Valley Association; and Thomas L. Shelton, West Union Association.

The board listened intently as the heads of most of the agencies and institutions supported by the convention brought progress reports.

An eight-month financial report indicated 53% of the total \$14.4 million basic operational and challenge budget for the current fiscal year has been received in the first two-thirds of the year. For eight months, \$7,623,160 has come in, almost an 11% rise in receipts over the same period last year. In April 1982 \$889,515 was received; in April 1981 \$941,384.

The executive board is scheduled to convene again Nov. 8 in Lexington, just prior to the annual meeting of the state convention.

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Despite her busy schedule, Ramona still commutes home to Corbin on weekends where she teaches the 3-7 year old Sunday School class at Good Hope Baptist Church. She also serves as church youth pianist and has taught Vacation Bible School for the last four years.

Ramona attributes her abilities and seemingly endless energy to God. "God has given me the talents that I have. I pray to Him for strength and determination in all things."

Ramona's hard work has paid dividends. She is a consistent member of the Dean's List and the school's honor society. Recently, her fellow students recognized her for her beauty and charm as well when they selected her as a finalist in competition for the Cumberland College Mt. Laurel Festival Queen candidate.

After receiving her B.S. degree, Ramona hopes to be accepted into a medical technology training program at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington. She is also obtaining her secondary school teaching certificate in chemistry.

Modest and quiet despite her many successes, Ramona concluded, "I have grown both personally and spiritually at Cumberland. I want my life to be a living witness to God. I want others to see God in my everyday life."

She gives all credit to God, "He gave me any talents and abilities that I have and I believe that He expects me to use them to their fullest. That's all I try to do."

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Only inerrancist could bring harmony: Smith

by Dan Martin, Baptist Press

Bailey E. Smith believes the "new peace" in the 13.8 million-member Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest contribution he has made during his two years as president which end June 17 at the close of the 1982 annual SBC meeting in New Orleans.

While controversy over a remark he made about Jews and their prayers is the "most memorable" event of his presidency, Smith says he believes his "greatest contribution is . . . bringing harmony to the convention."

The greatest surprise has been the "national exposure" afforded the president of the denomination. "I had no idea the visibility I would have," he says. "The leader of the denomination is in a different world. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention is a world leader. My name has been in every major newspaper—not only in America, but in Europe as well."

During his term of office Smith has been in the White House three times, once with Jimmy Carter and twice with Ronald Reagan. Once he stood by Reagan while the President signed a bill. "I was there not because I was Bailey Smith but because I was SBC president."

Smith, 44, the youngest man in more than a century to be SBC president, was thrust into the national spotlight less than three months after his first ballot election in June 1980 in St. Louis. In August he preached at the National Affairs Briefing, a religious-political rally in Dallas, Tex., and during his sermon extolling the virtues of Christ,

he commented that "God Almighty does not hear the prayers of a Jew."

The comment was slow to gain attention but then exploded into a national news story. In the aftermath Smith met leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and later toured Israel as their guest.

"I have been gratified that Jewish leaders said the remark brought about great improvements in Baptist-Jewish relationships," Smith said.

Smith has faced scrutiny and controversy within and without the denomination and even is the first incumbent president in recent memory to face serious challenge for reelection. Traditionally, SBC presidents are elected to a second one-year term without opposition but Smith was challenged by Abner V. McCall, retired president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Smith won with 60 percent of the vote.

"I was not offended somebody was nominated against me in Los Angeles," he says. "I had bathed my life in prayer and knew God had put me in this position for the sake of the denomination."

Los Angeles, he said, was a "harmonious convention," going on to say "only a man who believes in inerrancy could have brought the harmony . . . only a man who believes as I do could have brought the conservative forces together."

"I believe if the convention had a president who said the Bible had faults, mistakes and errors, he would never have been trusted by the majority of conservatives and been able to bring about the harmony I was able to bring."

The harmony was brought about, he says, because the "moderates thought I wasn't too radical, and the conservatives know I am an evangelistic, soul-winning, Bible believing person . . . who believes in the infallible, inerrant word of God."

Recent controversy has revolved



Commission. We must believe it ALL. I do."

He commented on the "new conservative effort and mood" within the denomination, and said: "I wish everybody in the SBC believed in inerrancy. I wish there were some way by which we could assure that no professor in our seminaries and colleges would believe otherwise."

The president said: "We have men in high denominational posts who believe in inerrancy but won't use the word because they think it will give credibility to some people they don't like. I think that is immature of them. If they believe it, they ought to be willing to say they believe it."

"Inerrancy is what we believe; we went on record saying that is our belief, although we did not use that word. I don't believe the word needs to be included in the Baptist Faith and Message (statement). It is good enough. But it needs to be enforced."

He explained that he meant by "enforcement" that "we ought to instruct our agencies to abide by the action, but then leave it at a gentleman's agreement. It could be an honor system, and anyone who could not believe what we believe ought to have the integrity not to accept a post in our denomination."

He went further and noted that "we ought to deal with the matter and if there is a professor who refuses to abide by the statement, he ought to be dismissed."

Smith added: "Maybe Baptists have become too loose in interpreting how we abide by the statement. I have been told we cannot get qualified men (to teach) if we do abide by it. I think we can. I think we must protect the purity of our teaching. I agree with academic freedom, but we ought not give people the freedom to teach falsehood, and when anyone teaches that the Bible is full of myths and errors, that is falsehood."

The problems of liberals within the denomination is "not great," Smith said, adding: "We do have an element of liberalism that we do not need to have. It is not great, but any liberalism is too much."

While he sees the problem as a crucial one for the denomination, Smith does not expect any action to come before the 1982 convention because of the 1981 action. "We've already taken action," he said.

He also said the "new boards (of trustees) are turning more conservative. They are the cure."

For the 1982 convention, Smith said he is "praising God that we have made the leap from political harangue to having the burden of the lost world on our hearts. Last year we were talking about politics and rival nominations; this year we are talking about Bold Mission Thrust."

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around the issue of biblical inerrancy and the overt aim of one faction to gain control of denominational machinery—including the presidency and its appointive powers—in an effort to enforce adherence to inerrancy as the test of denominational loyalty.

Smith defined inerrancy as believing the original Bible manuscripts are literally true and without error. "I believe God has given us exactly what he wants us to have. It was given inerrantly. I even believe God has protected the translations and has given us his perfect word."

Smith added that "inerrancy is not a side issue. It is a very vital issue. It doesn't need to be a club to hit people with, but it is a vital commitment."

The SBC in Los Angeles "voted we believe the Bible is inerrant," by adopting a motion proposed by former SBC president Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., reaffirming the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement, with Hobbs' explanation that the "Bible is truth without any mixture of error" included in the minutes.

"So the denomination believes in inerrancy. Those who believe in inerrancy are not exceptional; it is the ones who do not who are abnormal," Smith said.

Reinforcing his comment that inerrancy is a vital issue, Smith noted: "It is an error to say we don't need to worry about the Bible, but about missions. We will have no missions if the Bible is full of errors. If Genesis 1 could be fictitious, so could John 3:16, or the Great

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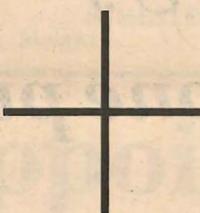
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Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all [1 Cor. 12:4-6].

Baptists are noted for their diversity and the Baptist Student Union summer missionaries are no exception. They bring a diverse background of experience to a diversity of assignments in the United States and around the world.

In Kentucky

Vanessa McIntosh, 20, has been selected to serve with Son Burst. She believes that the church has given her the freedom to be what Christ would have of her in life.

"The church is a group of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who have united together to be a service for Christ in the community in which they are a part. The church is for spiritual nourishment, fellowship, comfort, rejoicing and worship of Jesus Christ. The church has been my building block for my Christian maturity because I have the freedom to grow and learn and be what God is making me.

"Committed in discipleship to Jesus Christ is being given to him totally, wholeheartedly, no matter what the cost or the rebuke you might receive. Discipleship is becoming more like Christ as his follower and servant," explained Miss McIntosh.

"I have shared my faith with my college friends, Christian and non-Christian," said Miss McIntosh, who is active in BSU outreach programs for international students. She has been active with the Black Student Fellowship and is in the BSU choir. She conducts Bible studies in her dorm room.

"I am preparing to be a speech pathologist. I feel as if God can truly use a person in any field but I can effectively be a speech pathologist and serve my God at the same time . . . Through this contact I will be able to not only be a clinician but also a friend and a concerned Christian."

Miss McIntosh has been a summer missionary to Vermont.

Kim Hays, 21, will be working with Son Celebration.

She says, "Christian fellowship, along with the teaching from the Word I was getting at church and within my daily devotions, really helped me to grow . . . My life isn't a perfect 'rose garden' but my love for the Lord grows daily and I'll always continue to follow his spirit's leading. I hold on to the promise of Phil. 1:6 that says, 'For I am confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.'"

Miss Hays is using her school work to prepare for a career in teaching.

"I'm studying to become a special education teacher. I'm really excited about the opportunities to minister within this field . . . I want to work with them and help them to see themselves as worthwhile individuals who are full of potential despite their handicaps. Jesus loves them and wants to give them abundant lives, and I want to be used as an instrument of that love.

"I believe that verbal witnessing will never be fruitful unless those who are being shared with can see an authentic love relationship between Christians

and their Father. Because of this belief, I try to get to know people and care about them for who they are. Then as the relationships develop, they will learn to trust me and be more receptive to what I may share with them about my faith."

Miss Hays is active in BSU and ministers through song in a variety of experiences in the community.

"I've been active in the BSU at U. of L. for the past 1½ years. Through it I've had many opportunities to share with people in informal discussions and through singing for special occasions such as coffee houses, Outreach '80 and '81 and Creations. I also had some neat sharing experiences when our group from the BSU worked in the infield during Derby '81."

"I often remind myself that I may be the only 'Bible' that non-Christians will ever look at. This is a great big responsibility to live up to, and I sometimes fail, but it sure helps me to be more conscious of what I'm saying and doing."

She says the church takes on the role of a "filling station" for her. It is a place where Christians can go and "re-

freshen" themselves.

Through this I was able to witness to most of them and a couple were even saved.

"I often have the chance to witness to others especially in literature class. When we discussed the Bible, I was able to express my views from a Christian perspective in contrast to the often heard opposing side."

Hall sees the church as a place where he was able to shape his life and prepare for Son Burst.

"I was able to develop my ideas about life based around Christian precepts. The people were quick to offer encouragement and prayers whenever an important decision needed to be made or just be there as friends. Gathering together as a body of believers also strengthens each individual member while helping the group to be more effective.

"As a summer missionary I feel that I would be able to effectively contribute my abilities to his service."

David Lewis, 17, is a student at Cumberland College and is an All-County soccer player. He is a member of the

pressure in my life since an early age. I found that through total surrender of my time and my talent to the Lord it could be used in a very real way to draw people toward him. I soon became interested in the contemporary style of Christian music. I found that this new style of Christian music could reach many individuals, especially the young, who might never have listened to the message otherwise.

"Another area that has become very exciting to me in recent years, and important to my personal growth, is the area of personal witnessing. It has become a joy and a challenge to share Jesus Christ on a one-to-one basis and to see people's lives changed.

"I am concerned about the pressures that today's youth are facing and am convinced Christ is their only lasting solution to these problems. I have totally surrendered my life to work in the area as the Lord leads me."

Melson has participated in many student activities preparing for his ministry.

"I have been on many student revival teams and sang solos in chapel, at my home church and at campus revivals. I served as a counselor at this semester's campus revival. I strive daily to be aware that as a Christian I've got to love others so they will want what Christ has given me."

Missions

BSU students invest varied gifts and serve one purpose

by Rick Reynolds, Staff Writer

fuel" to be able to go out and minister throughout the week. Missions gives her a clear goal of her ministry through song.

"I love music and I feel that it is a fantastic medium for me to share about my Jesus and the love he has to offer. I've been singing with a small Christian group since I was 12 years old, and I've seen many great results from the ministry of these groups."

Miss Hays is a member of the National Honor Society.

Don Hall, 19, says, "During high school I experienced the joy of seeing three of my best friends whom I prayed for and worked on for several years saved.

"Fortunately through the BSU new dimensions of witnessing have been opened to me.

"I praise God for all the opportunities he has given me to share my witness. First I found the BSU which has been a blessing. There I attempt to put to use the talents the Lord has granted me through the choir, revival teams, the BSU newspaper and intramural sports teams.

"In the dorms the guys on my floor soon learned that my door was always open to them and their problems.

BSU drama team and will be working with Son Share.

"As Christians, I believe it is our responsibility to take care of the beautiful earth he created for us. For this reason, I am considering going into the field of forestry. I have a love for the outdoors and I will be able to do a service for others who feel the same way," says Lewis.

"As a member of the BSU drama team I have had the opportunity to share Christ through our skits and plays. Also, I've given my testimony and spoken in representation of the school in a couple of churches."

"Summer missions to me is a way to reach people in the name of Christ who otherwise might go without Christ through regular means."

Mike Melson, 23, praises God through music and Son Celebration because he has a message of love.

"After graduation in 1977, that summer I gave my heart and life to Jesus Christ. He gave me a 'real' message to share—the message of love.

"Music had been a major form of ex-

In the world

Rosella Catlett, 18, brings a background in National Honor Society and goals in social work to her summer mission post in Indiana.

She says, "As a college student I have aspired to share my faith with others in everything I do. Regardless of the situation, people are always watching, studying the actions of others. Therefore I have sought to impress my faith on others through my words and actions whether at work or play."

Presently, Miss Catlett is witnessing to a friend in English class and to a postman at school as part of her concern for others.

She is guided by Isa. 35:4 which reads, "Tell everyone who is discouraged, 'Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue, coming to punish your enemies.'"

She commented, "I want to introduce people to Christ and let them know that he is available for help. I want people to realize they can endure any hardship with the help of Christ because he does not want them to suffer difficulties in life—he wants to overcome their enemies.

To her, the church is an instrument of fellowship of "people who have joined together to learn so they can share their faith outside the church. It is a means through which people can study together, learn together, fellowship together, praise together, share together and, ultimately, to worship together.

"Missions is the device through which Christians share their faith. It is the sharing of Christ with all people.

"I want to help show people that Christ in their lives is the solution to any problem they may ever have. With him they can endure any trial and conquer any battle. I feel being a summer missionary would help me to learn more about people, missions, myself and Christ. I want to help others as well as myself grow spiritually."

Venita Farrow, 18, expects to witness for the Lord in the field of medicine as an optometrist after this summer with BSU missions in Florida.

"The doctor deals with eyes and seeing. While the Lord can bless people's physical sight through me, Christ can also make their souls see him more clearly."

She is president of the Baptist Student Union and is able to express her personal testimony as well as arrange Christ-centered activities for the union. But she says, "College campus is in no way a boundary for this club. Meeting needs within the community is also a goal. One special emphasis during Christmas time allowed us to minister to children and families in the community."

Her church life also has given her an opportunity to witness.

"Church is a love cycle—a love cycle that reaches out and encompasses the community along with itself, meeting many needs.

"Missions involves meeting needs beyond the church doorstep. Missions may be listening to a lonely elderly woman that lives up the street. It may be holding Bible clubs in another state. Missions may even include crossing that vast expanse of water to teach someone in a foreign land to farm. In any case, a need is met. As I learn and grow with Jesus the desire to meet these needs swells within my soul. As a college freshman I'm laying the foundation that may allow me to have a career serving Jesus as a doctor.

"As a summer missionary I would receive the opportunity and blessings of struggling with and loving the challenge of people God loved enough to die for in their stead."

Debbie Harmon, 19, will be serving in Missouri. Her testimony of Christian experience will be part of her witness.

"The Flemingsburg Baptist Church started running a church bus past my house so I decided to ride it. Three months later, Apr. 9, 1978, I was saved. That has made all the difference in my life. I left the church that morning with a completely different outlook on life. Since then working with my church on projects such as vacation Bible school and social events and working with the BSU has helped me draw closer to the Lord."

Miss Harmon expects to become a school teacher.

"I plan on teaching in high school. Students at that age are very easily influenced, and I think they need Christian teachers. A teacher also comes in contact with many other people including other teachers, parents and school officials. I would have many opportunities to share my faith."

"I think missions are very important," said Miss Harmon. "It is stressed in the Bible that it is our responsibility to spread the good news of Jesus to everyone. I want to be a summer missionary not only because it's my duty and responsibility to help spread the gospel, but because it's my privilege and opportunity to further serve my Lord."

Jacqueline Moore, 21, will serve in Arkansas. She said the influence of Ridgecrest Student Week, BSU Convention, summer missionary friends and the opportunity to lead some young girls to Christ in her church was a turning point in her Christian walk.

"I found that when I let God have his way, I was happier and more fulfilled than ever before, and gained a new confidence. Daily prayer and Bible study became increasingly important to keeping up my walk with him."

Miss Moore said that whatever field of work she enters, "God can be served and glorified in all work, and Christians are desperately needed in the secular world to uphold Christ to those about them."

Student missionaries are diverse for the diverse ministry that awaits them.

1982 BSU summer missionaries

| Name | Assignment | College | Parents |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| David Adams | Arizona | U of K | Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Adams |
| Robin Burke | Son Share | U of L | Wm. Ralph and Bonnie Burke |
| Rosella Catlett | Indiana | Georgetown | Mr. and Mrs. George Catlett |
| Steve Clifton | Son Share | Western | Gil and Velma Clifton Jr. |
| Diane Cummins | Florida | Eastern | Carl and Pat Cummins |
| Mike Duncan | Liberia | Cumberland | Robert and Anita Duncan |
| Venita Farrow | Florida | Elizabethtown | Vance and Martha Farrow |
| Don Hall | Son Burst | Morehead | Shirley Mae Hall |
| Art Hardin | Israel | Western | Leonard and Edna Hardin |
| Debbie Harmon | Missouri | Morehead | Charles W. Harmon |
| Bill Harrison | Missouri | Berea | |
| Kim Hays | Son Celebration | U of L | Carlus and Artie Hays |
| Ray Heilman | Iowa | Eastern | Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heilman |
| Barbara Horton | Florida | Berea | Ella M. Horton |
| Dee Dee Kalos | Son Celebration | U of L | Gus and Betty Kalos |
| Cindee Lee | Colorado | U of L | Duel and Mildred Lee |
| Ethel Lessa | Florida | Oneida | Edvardo and Eglantino Lessa |
| David Lewis | Son Share | Cumberland | David and Elaine Lewis |
| Joy Martin | Son Burst | Cumberland | Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin |
| Karen Massey | Son Celebration | U of K | Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Massey |
| Vanessa McIntosh | Son Burst | Western | Owen E. McIntosh |
| Mike Melson | Son Celebration | Cumberland | Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Melson |
| Jackie Moore | Arkansas | Northern | Harold and JoAnn Moore |
| Leslie Pack | Son Share | Ashland | Frances Pack |
| Charlene Phelps | Alabama | Kentucky State | Cleopatra Franklin |
| Leanne Rutledge | Son Share | Midway | Marvin and Marianne Rutledge |
| Scott Shouse | Hawaii | Western | Della M. Shouse |
| Phil Singleton | Son Burst | Northern | C. A. and Kathleen Singleton |
| Julie Stewart | North Carolina | U of L | John and Mary Stewart |
| J. D. Strouth | Georgia | Georgetown | Lorna Strouth |
| J. T. Sutherland | Missouri | Campbellsville | Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sutherland |
| Paul Taulman | Son Celebration | Georgetown | Mr. and Mrs. James Taulman |
| Kevin Thomas | Iowa | Morehead | Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas |
| Steve Ware | Son Celebration | Cumberland | Carl and Sue Ware |
| Tom Wicker | New England | Cumberland | Phillip Wicker |
| Linda Williams | Oklahoma | Eastern | Charles and Evelyn Williams |
| Tamara Winstead | Son Burst | Murray | Ray and Magalene Winstead |
| Krista Wyrick | Georgia | Eastern | James and Carolyn Wyrick |
| Heidi Yost | Israel | U of K | Gene E. Yost |
| SEMESTER MISSIONARY | | | |
| Ken Roberts | Malawi | Berea | Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Roberts |

FMB appoints six from Kentucky schools

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved 107 young adults for training as missionary journeymen during its April meeting in Birmingham, Ala. including six journeymen from Kentucky.

A Hopkinsville native, Beverly Askew, has been assigned as a secretary at the mission office in Recife, Brazil. She was a BSU summer missionary for Christian County Baptist Association, Kentucky. She was also a summer missionary in Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Askew is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Askew of Oak Grove, Ky. She expects to graduate this year from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., where she is president of the BSU and works with the enlistment and missions committee.

Kelly Capps, a graduate of Campbellsville College, has been assigned as a secondary teacher at Baptist High

School in Jos, Nigeria.

In BSU she was a member of the choir and weekend revival teams. She currently is a member of Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DaWayne Capps of Oakland. Her father is pastor of Friendship Baptist Church.

Becky Coltharp brings the experience of a mission trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., sponsored by Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, her home church, to the assignment as seminary librarian-secretary in Lusaka, Zambia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Coltharp of Lexington.

Dave Moss has been assigned as a coach-youth worker-teacher at Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia. He was most recently employed as a child care worker at the Methodist Home of Kentucky, Versailles.

Moss is a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg. In BSU he was a choir member and on revival teams. He was a Home Mission Board summer missionary to Florida and California.

His home church is Davids Fork Baptist Church, Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Moss of Lexington are his parents.

A Louisville native, Joanie O'Bryan, will be employed as a student worker in Pusan, Korea. She will be graduating

from Transylvania University, Lexington, in 1982. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. O'Bryan of First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Stephen Williams has already had missions experience in Fayetteville, N. C. and McKee, Ky. He has been assigned as a student worker in Cajamarca, Peru, following his graduation from University of Louisville in 1982.

Williams was a choir member and on the executive council and puppet team in his BSU.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Williams and attends Baptist Tabernacle where his father is pastor.

These Foreign Mission Board appointees from Kentucky who receive medical clearance and successfully complete the five-week training period beginning June 9 at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., will be commissioned July 16.

Old and new found in KBC churches—missions and computer programs

Pastor Letcher H. Reid, and the 250 members of Hillview Baptist Church, Louisville, pride themselves on being a "mission-minded church."

The church is proving its mission-mindedness as it has found missionary work in its own neighborhood.

"The pastor of the Korean Baptist Church of Louisville was looking for a church in this area in which to hold services until his congregation can build up funds for their own church," said Margie Manakee, secretary at Hillview.

After discussion with the deacons

and members of both churches, the Korean Baptist Church has found a new home, sharing the Dixie Highway location with the Hillview church.

Members of the Korean church will hold Sunday school and worship services in the auditorium while Hillview members meet in the main sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday both congregations met in the sanctuary to hear both pastors preach in their native languages.

Mrs. Manakee said she looks forward to sharing culture and beliefs as well as facilities.

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, serves as a pilot church for a computer system that designs custom programs for churches. St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, planned to be the pilot church until it burned early this year.

The company, Compass Inc., is composed of two veteran computer programmers who are offering the system to the church for one-half the cost since it is a pilot project. "We would in turn give feedback to the consultants on ways to improve the system," said pastor Jim Highland.

Highland said one of the primary functions of the computer will be keeping up with people of the church. It will handle member's birthdates, anniversaries, date joined, addresses, Sunday school classes and other memberships.

The financial management would eliminate the present bookkeeping system. It would keep accurate, readily available records with daily receipts and disbursements.

It also lowers personnel needs in the office staff which the church has reduced.

PERSONNEL

Brackin to study in Holy Land one year
Perry Brackin resigned from Kirbyton Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, to spend a year at the Institute for Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem.

Brackin, an Alabama native, served Kirbyton for more than a year.

Charles Blair is director of missions
West Kentucky Association has called Charles Blair, former dean and vice-president of Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield, as director of missions.

The associational office is located in Arlington (Ky.) Baptist Church. Blair

will continue as an adjunct faculty member at the college.

Boatwright will deliver monologs
Roy E. Boatwright will deliver a series of monologs depicting biblical characters to West Kentucky Association May 19-23.

He will speak in five churches including the associational youth rally Saturday evening at the Beulah Baptist Church, Fancy Farm.

Boatwright is director of missions for Franklin Association.

Broadway calls Lamb as music minister
Roger Lamb has been called as the first full time minister of music at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

He has been minister of music at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va., since 1975.

He holds a master of music degree

from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and bachelor of music degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. C.

Ronald Higdon is Broadway's pastor.

REVIVALS

22 decisions at Pleasureville
Pleasureville (Ky.) Baptist Church's recent weekend revival yielded 22 decisions.

Dale Moody, senior professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, was evangelist.

Chuck Teague is Pleasureville's pastor.

Pastor is First Whitesburg evangelist
First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, reports 57 decisions stemming from its recent revival.

The pastor, Joe Brown, led the services.

Mt. Zion has April youth revival
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, had a youth revival led by Derek Staples Apr. 23-25. The church reports several rededications.

Royalty leads East Rhudes Creek revival
East Rhudes Creek Baptist Church, Glendale, was in revival Apr. 18-23. The church reports several decisions.

David Royalty, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, was the evangelist.

Dewey Keys is the church's pastor.

Four make decisions at Middleton
Middleton Baptist Church, Simpson Association, reports four decisions stemming from its recent revival. Steve Smith was evangelist.

Michael Crain is the pastor.

Pastor leads Fountain Run revival
First Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Monroe Association, had revival services Apr. 23-25. It reported 11 decisions.

The pastor, Mike Routt, was the evangelist.

CONGREGATIONS

Annuity Board uses Louisville firm
Jolly Communications, Louisville, a communications firm specializing in marketing, advertising and public relations, has been retained by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for a series of projects, according to Alan G. Jolly, president and chief executive officer.

The Annuity Board is headquartered in Dallas, Tex.

Jolly is a deacon and active layman at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church.

Central breaks ground for new building
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, conducted groundbreaking services for a Education/Christian Life Building Apr. 4.

The building will provide the church with about 15,000 square feet of additional space at an estimated cost of \$733,000. It will contain 16 classrooms, a kitchen and eating area, a gymnasium and church offices.

Central's pastor is Don Mathis.

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Both ways is out. Baptists cannot have both freedom and special privilege from the state, says James Dunn, and those who want both are embracing doctrines long resisted.

Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., addressed participants in the N. C. Christian Life Commission church-state conference.

"They want no government intervention, but they'd like prayer in the public schools and tax credits for children in parochial schools," Dunn said. "We cannot have it both ways."

Also appearing on the program was Bill Elder, pastor of St. Charles Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

An SBC Nutt house. A world hunger benefit concert featuring Louisville Christian humorist Grady Nutt and Dove Award winner Cynthia Clawson of Nashville will be held after the evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans Tuesday, June 15.

Billed as "a celebration of commitment," the concert will feature recording artist Gary Rand, Bob and Jan Salley, gospel duet and founders of World Hunger Relief Inc., and Darrell Adams, composer of "God! What a World."

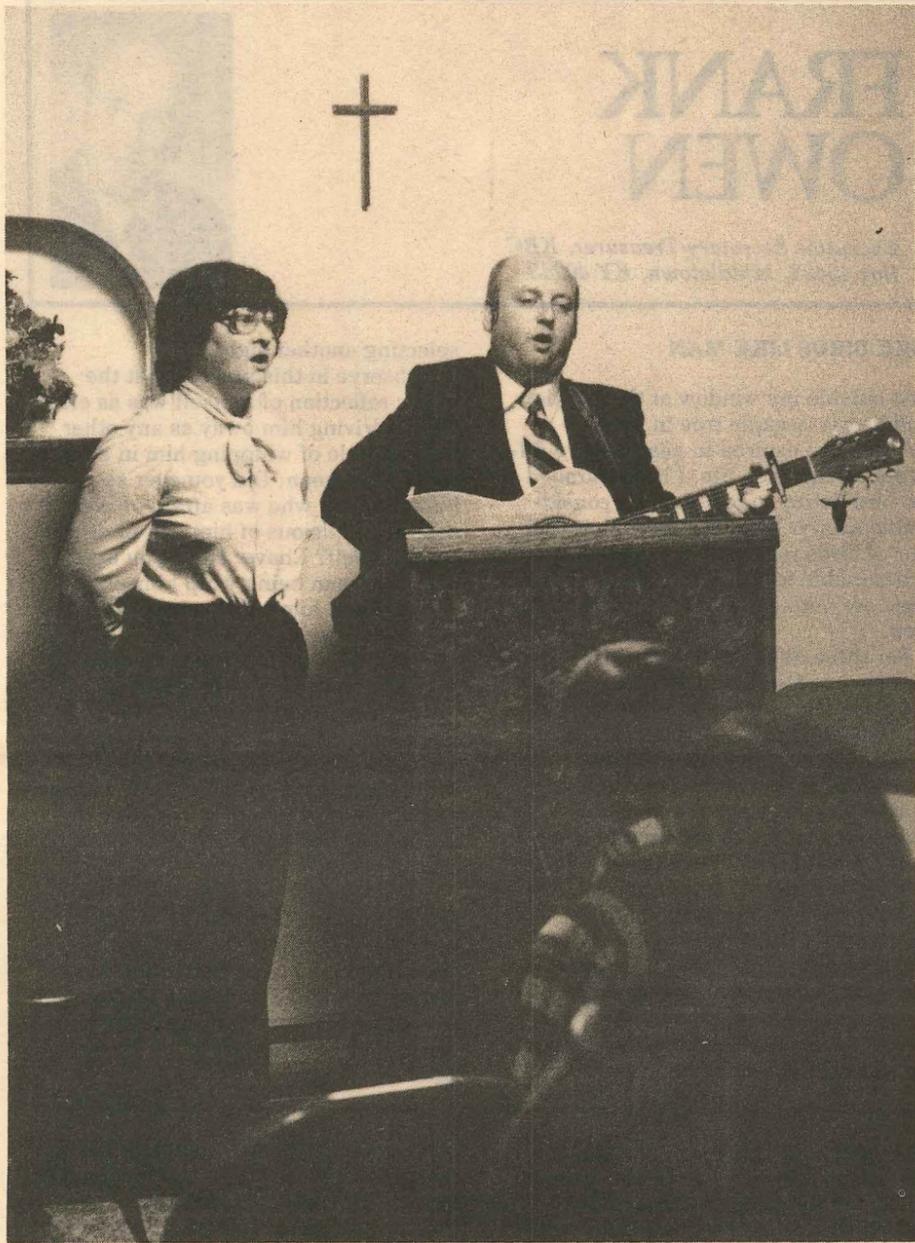
The concert, to be in the chapel at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is sponsored by SEEDS, a magazine concerning hunger.

Men's breakfast. The Brotherhood Commission will host a Baptist Men's fellowship breakfast June 16 prior to the Southern Baptist Convention's morning session.

More than 200 men are expected to attend the breakfast at 7 a.m. at Gentry Baptist Church, 5141 Franklin St. Testimonies from Baptist Men and recognitions are planned.

Royal Ambassadors who have earned the national service award will be individually recognized. The service award represents at least 750 hours of service the RAs have performed in ministry and worship projects.

No reservation information has been given by the Brotherhood Commission.



Olen and Linda Phillips sensed a hunger for the gospel when they visited Rowlesburg, W. Va. They responded to the small town's need by volunteering to pastor Rowlesburg Southern Baptist Chapel as Mission Service Corps volunteers.

Volunteers discover spiritual hunger in remote community

Rowlesburg, a tiny village of 700 nestled among the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, overlooks the swift waters of the Cheat River.

But despite its size and isolation, Olen and Linda Phillips discovered a city-sized hunger for spiritual food in Rowlesburg.

Phillips pastors Rowlesburg Southern Baptist Chapel, a fledgling 12-member congregation supported by Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., and sponsored by First Southern Baptist Church, Fairmont, W. Va. The Phillipses and their two children, Chris, 14, and Lori, 11, voluntarily serve the chapel full time through Mission Service Corps, a Southern Baptist program which recruits self-supporting volunteers for missions work.

Within two months of becoming the mission's first pastor, Phillips observed the rural community's ache for activity and company. More than 75 townspeople crowded into the town park for a mission-sponsored bonfire and vesper service. A skating party, expected to draw only 35 youth and adults, instead attracted 105 people.

Phillips also notes other signs of the

area's spiritual hunger. Three times a week, in good weather and bad, a 24-year-old widow walks nearly a half-mile with her four children to reach a road where they will wait for a ride to church. The mission's membership has nearly doubled. Attendance at weekly worship services boasts 60 people, straining to capacity the converted doctor's office where the church meets.

A lay preacher since 1973, Phillips, 34, pastored several churches in Georgia before moving to Rowlesburg. Like most MSC volunteers, the Phillipses rely on contributions from churches and individuals for their living expenses.

But when they moved to Rowlesburg, the Phillipses' pledged support, provided largely by the mission and Green Valley Baptist Association in Kentucky, amounted to only \$150 a month. The remainder of their support, says Phillips, "is just a matter of prayer."

But financial worries are low on the Phillipses' list of priorities.

"Our biggest problem is finding time to do everything that needs to be done," says Phillips. "We could spend all our time just meeting people, talking and praying with them."



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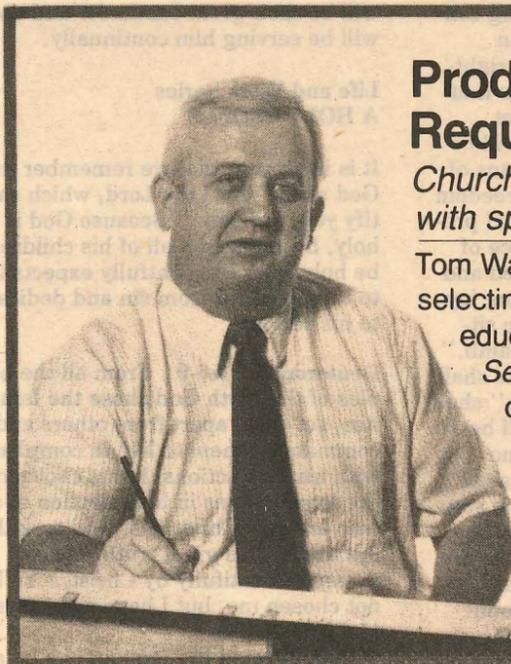
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Hymnal as Christianity text. Among Southern Baptists the hymnal is second only to the Bible as a textbook about Christianity says a noted church music professor, arranger and conductor.

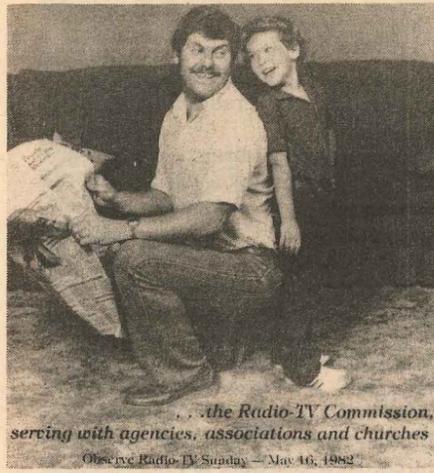
Donald Hustad, professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told participants in a convocation on congregational singing in Nashville, Tenn., "We are successors of those who believed we teach best that which we sing."

"We as evangelical believers have been known as a people of the Book," he said. "Actually we are a people of two books—the Bible and the hymnal. When our pilgrim forefathers went to and from church, they carried two

books—the King James Version of the Bible and the Bay Psalm Book."

Hustad said most people are more interested in the tune than they are in the words. However, "a hymn is a text," he said. "It says something God has said or it puts in my mouth a response to God."

The work of the Radio and Television Commission [in photo at right] will be spotlighted May 16 when churches across the denomination observe Radio-TV Sunday. The Baptist broadcasting agency is serving with other agencies, associations and churches to bring men to God through Jesus Christ.



Cooperative Program giving. April mission gifts through the Cooperative Program continued a fiscal-year trend that surpasses all budget projections.

April's undesignated total of \$7,847,634 surpasses April 1981 by \$1.5 million, a 23.1 percent increase. Receipts for the first seven months of the fiscal year are \$54,839,170, nearly \$7.5 million or 15.8 percent ahead of the same period last year.

Total designated and undesignated gifts forwarded by 34 Baptist state conventions to the national work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the first seven months of the 1981-82 fiscal year are \$113,028,831, an increase of \$14.5 million or 14.8 percent.

KBC ACTIVITIES

MAY

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. Cedar-
more
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
28 Interfaith Witness Conference.
Corbin, Central Baptist Church
31 Memorial Day

JUNE

6 Religious Liberty Sunday
13-17 Southern Baptist Convention

Meetings. New Orleans, La.
20 Father's Day

June Conference and Camp Dates Ridgecrest

5-11 Church Recreation
12-18 Church Training Youth
19-25 Church Music
26-July 2 Foreign Missions

Glorieta

5-11 Church Training Youth
12-18 Sunday School
19-25 Sunday School
26-July 2 Sunday School

Cedarmore All full weeks are from 1
p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Friday

All Youth Weeks are filled.

14-18 Acteens & GAs, Cedar Crest;
RAs, Camp Rabro: Grades 4-12
21-25 Acteens & GAs, Cedar Crest;
RAs, Camp Rabro: Grades 4-12
28-July 2 Acteens & GAs, Cedar
Crest; RAs, Camp Rabro: Grades 4-12

Jonathan Creek
28-July 1 GA Camp

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LIKE BIRDS LIKE MAN

Just outside my window at the Baptist Building is a maple tree in which Robins have aspired to nest. At two different stretches in life, I have pursued the bird hobby, maintaining a considerable aviary. I learned there that each pair of birds requires sole possession of a reasonable territory for nesting. Other birds are not allowed to intrude into the area.

For three days the Robin outside my window has fought his own image in the glass. He goes back to the tree and watches his own every move in the reflection from the window. He dive bombs the reflection and crashes against the glass again and again, sometimes falling to the ground in a stunned condition. There is another war just like it going on at another window on the opposite side of the hall.

After fully three days of the above self encounter, the Robin (I presume it is a male) has given up. At least I haven't seen him for some days. The project seems to have been abandoned. He and his mate must be in process of

selecting another sight.

I observe in this process that the bird's reflection of himself was as effective in driving him away as any other bird capable of whipping him in a fight could have been. Did you ever see a human being who was afraid of himself, or suspicious of himself, or at war with himself? I have. Have you ever seen a human being whip himself, or surrender to himself in a battle? I have. Have you ever done it? I have.

Notice also that as the bird looks from the tree limb to the glass and projects a warlike attitude, his reflected image goes back in the same posture. It is thus that his response to himself brings on the war with himself; and the defeat that forces him to abandon the position he sought. Have you ever done that to yourself? I have.

We might note in closing too that the response of one's projected image in the glass illustrates the probable response of one's neighbor. Hostility begets hostility. Friendship begets friendship. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured into you again." (Matt. 7:2)

International Series PERSECUTED BUT TRIUMPHANT

Revelation 7:9-17 These verses have to do with a specific time and a certain people in connection with an event yet to take place. They refer to a future ingathering of newly redeemed ones from every division of humanity then living on the earth. About this group the following two things are noted: their great

number and their coming from all nations and races in the world.

This innumerable multitude will be standing reverently, confidently and triumphantly before the throne and the lamb. They will be standing in token of their subjection and of their willingness and desire to serve him who sitteth upon the throne.

The members of this worshipping congregation will be arrayed in white robes, the emblem of purity and righteousness, and the only vestments that would enable them to feel quite at home there. These white robes will be the symbol of redemption by means of the blood of Christ, symbols of freedom from sin and symbols of purity and preparedness to serve in the presence of God. All who have been redeemed and have emerged triumphant will sing joyously, "Salvation to our God who sitteth on the throne and unto the lamb."

This throng of tribulation saints shall stand "before the throne of God;" shall "serve him day and night;" shall be satisfied for they shall "hunger no more, neither thirst any more;" shall be sheltered for "neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat;" shall be sustained "for the lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters;" and shall be solaced for "God shall wipe away all tears from

their eyes." Everlasting consolation will be the portion of all God's people.

Thus in the beauty of figurative speech we are assured that God's provision for his children will satisfy completely every need of theirs. They will have divine guidance and everlasting joy. There will not be anything that will cause anyone to shed a single tear. God will be their great comforter and they will be serving him continually.

Life and Work Series A HOLY PEOPLE

It is important that we remember that God said, "For I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy." Because God is holy, he calls upon all of his children to be holy also. He rightfully expects them to be separated from sin and dedicated to his service.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 From all the peoples of the earth God chose the Israelites, set them apart from others and commanded them to live in compliance with his instructions. In his choice of the Israelites, as in his selection of us who are now Christians, God took the initiative. This great truth was expressed beautifully by Christ, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16).

God selected the Israelites to be a

holy people and set them apart for a particular and redemptive purpose, but he did not choose them in order that they might indulge in self-praise. Being holy in nature, character and practice, God required his people to be holy too.

Not only did God want them to live by the requirements sent forth in the covenant, but he encouraged them to do so by assuring them of his greatest blessings upon their obedience to him. God will use and bless his children who are faithful in their service in his redemptive program.

Deuteronomy 8:1-3 Centuries earlier God had lovingly and graciously promised Abraham and his descendants he would give them the land of Canaan and now the Israelites were on the verge of entering and taking possession of it. The varied and trying experiences which were theirs as they journeyed through the wilderness under God's leadership had taught them some invaluable and unforgettable lessons which they had sorely needed to learn. God's testing and disciplining them, and their conduct during those experiences, revealed their willingness to fulfill their role in his service. God never forsakes his own, but he always provides for his obedient children the guidance and strength which they will need in the performance of their duties to him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

MAY 16, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Mission Day Camp at Convention. The Brotherhood Commission of the SBC, the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the New Orleans Baptist Association will sponsor a missions day camp during day sessions of the SBC meeting in New Orleans.

Children in grades one through six may register for the camp which will be at Audubon Parkland Zoo about eight miles from the Louisiana Superdome housing the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 15-17.

Camp cost is \$5 per child per day. Parents may register their children at the Missions Day Camp booth at the Superdome. Fees cover insurance, lunches and transportation to the camp.



Opening ceremonies for the 1982 World's Fair took place in the Court of the Flags adjacent to the Southern Baptist Pavilion [at left] with its SBC logo, carillon tower and theme proclaiming, "The Word Is . . . Energy." President Ronald Reagan spoke to the crowd on the other side of the "Waters of the World" lake, protected by a bullet-proof blue enclosure just in front of a flaming red World's Fair symbol [seen just to the left of the sign saying "World of Travel"]. Just after the President spoke, combined Knoxville bands and choirs marched into the Court of Flags for the finale and the Baptist Pavilion carillon pealed the end of the ceremonies.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

God wants families to be strong with healthy attitudes and relationships. After all, the family is God's idea; he invented families. It is also clear that he wants each individual to be a whole person. The scripture says that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Every person deserves a family in which he or she can grow physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

But how can families experience this strengthening? I feel that the family and church should be closely tied together in a common task, each strengthening the other. With such ties and cooperation, the church reinforces and nurtures the family as the family strengthens the evangelistic reach of the church.

I recently saw this taking place in a beautiful way in Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort. It was my privilege to lead in revival services there with Pastor Malcolm Lunsford and his people. Night by night I saw families come and sit together in the services. Al-

though school was in progress, the children were there involved in revival activities and attending with their families. In the midst of such mutual help, it was not surprising to see older children and youth make decisions for Christ. This is strengthening families and individuals in a wonderful way.

I am thankful that so many of our churches have a new awareness of the need to strengthen families. But I am grieved that so many families are not being strengthened. Many families are falling apart. Such disintegration leaves broken hearts and hurting lives, especially among children.

At the point of desperation, hurt, frustration and futility, the call often comes to Baptist Homes for Children for help. At the time of such calls, the needs are so great that much skill and wisdom are needed to help put the pieces of life together. Because Baptists care, you are providing the financial and prayer support to make possible Homes for Children. I am so glad we can be the extended arm of churches and caring Christians to help strengthen families. Pray for us!

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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CONVERSATION

For several months now I have used this column in Western Recorder to share some of my interests with you. In particular we have talked about the ministry of Clear Creek Baptist School.

There are many people who have supported Clear Creek Baptist School over the years and I would like to mention only a few.

First I thank the Lord for his leadership on this institution. Without it, we surely would have failed. Because he cared—and approved—we are here.

Second I appreciate so many leaders of our state and national conventions who have prayed for us and helped us in so many ways. Many of those leaders came to our campus, spoke in chapel services and commencement exercises and met our students. They always left expressing appreciation for the work.

Next our alumni have always been strong supporters of our school. They, most of all, understand our ministry and believe in it. They go with a strong conviction that God led them here. They feel that it was God who made it

possible for them to come and secure a theological education that is second to none. Alumni send personal contributions. They encourage and lead their churches to help. And they send students to us. Just the other day, during a chapel service, two of our alumni were present. One of them brought a prospective student to see the campus.

I also want to thank our students. They chose Clear Creek Baptist School and they told their friends about it. They bring their families here and often invite out-of-town guests to come and tour the facilities. Students bring church members to see what we are doing.

Last I would like to express my deep gratitude to you—our supporters—who have made this ministry possible. Your gifts have enabled us to continue the work started in 1926 under the leadership of L. C. Kelly who was then pastor of Pineville First Baptist Church.

Please—in the days ahead—continue to pray for us and include the school in your financial planning. After all I don't know of a better way for you to witness the wonderful love of Christ!

GRADUATION HONORS

We will graduate at least 65 seniors Sunday, May 16. This is the second largest graduating class of our history, five times larger than the one in the spring of '72, which is indicative of the school's growth in the past 10 years.

The faculty recently met in a five hour faculty meeting ending at 1:30 a.m. to choose those to be honored on commencement day. Normally, only two or three are considered in detail to receive the school's highest award, the Evans Cup. This year 12 were discussed in detail before several votes were taken and the award made. Each would have been worthy of the honor.

Academically, the "top 10" have grade point averages of 3.2 or above.

Valedictorian is Lawrence Washburn, son of a coal miner in Leslie County. His mother, Patsy Witt, attended Oneida for three years. An aunt and uncle both graduated from here having worked four summers on our farm and in the kitchen. Lawrence has a nearly perfect attendance record throughout his school career. He plans to go to Berea and then on to University of Kentucky to study law.

Carol Combs lives within eyesight of

our campus. Her entire school career has been in the Oneida Elementary School and our school. She is an outstanding Christian young lady and active in her church. She sings in our school choir, is on the fencing team and several other athletic teams and is very active in senior class activities. Her parents are both Oneida alumni. In fact, Carol is the fourth generation of her family to attend Oneida. She and one of our boys have tied for salutarian. Carol plans to go to Campbellsville College.

Co-salutarian is Greg Slade of Lexington. Greg came to us seven years ago as a tiny little fellow in the 6th grade. He was immediately nicknamed "Fruitloop" by some of our husky black athletes who insisted he be their roommate. Seven years later Greg is an Oneida institution, perfectly capable of taking over classes in a variety of subjects and acting as a substitute teacher which he frequently does. No teacher has any better classroom discipline than Greg can command by the force of his personality. Greg plans to attend University of Kentucky and law school.

David Jukes, son of pastor Herb Jukes of First Baptist, Hazard, will receive an advanced diploma because he carried a heavier academic load.

David Vaughan, who first came to us as a sophomore from Shelbyville, has been nominated by our Kentucky senators to attend the United States Naval Academy upon his graduation from Oneida. David, at the end of his sophomore year, received our Oneida "President's Award," the only non-senior ever to receive that honor.

On our most recent honor roll were eight of our foreign students. Their achievement is even greater than our American students for each is studying in a foreign language. Achieving a "B" average, these foreign kids did something that 300 of our American students did not.

Three of these are boys from Thailand. Andreas is a senior and stands only four feet tall. His parents emigrated to America some years ago, but decided to return to Germany. Andy wanted to stay in America. He is a fine soccer player and is a fencer also. Roderrick, raised in Iran, speaks three languages fluently, made a profession of faith last year and was baptized in our fellowship.

Delilia is a senior girl from Ethiopia and a member of the Ethiopian Coptic Church. Jin Ju came to us from communist China and is now a baptized be-

liever, maturing into an outstanding Christian.

At least three on the recent honor roll were "dropouts" before coming to Oneida, unable to get back into a public school. Oneida gives such young people another chance and many become outstanding students.

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