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Convention issue: Who will be the next SBC president?

by Dan Martin and Norman Jameson

In addition to Duke K. McCall, immediate past president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, several other names are being touted as potential nominees for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McCall's availability was announced in last week's Western Recorder.

Others prominently mentioned in this connection are Jimmy Draper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.; Edwin Young, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston, and current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference; John Sullivan, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; and Perry Sanders, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La.

Draper said his final decision on whether to allow nomination "will be made after we get to New Orleans. I am an idealist and I want to feel I am

needed to be nominated."

He commented he believes Young "to be the most electable man" because Young will receive high visibility as president of the Pastors' Conference. "I would not want to compete with him for it (the presidency). I am not saying for sure I wouldn't; my feeling is that I would not want to," Draper said.

Young said his "primary concern" is the Pastors' Conference and the evangelistic rally in the Louisiana Superdome. "I haven't given any serious consideration to the presidency. I want to do the job with the Pastors' Conference, to set the tone of evangelism and missions for the convention. I don't have any sense of leadership or guidance about this thing (the presidency)," he added.

The Houston pastor said he "does not plan to be nominated," and said if he were to use the pastors' meeting as an "overt stepping stone" it would take

away from what "God wants to do in the meeting . . ."

Sullivan said he will be nominated but does not yet know who will do it. He said he was "surprised" by McCall's decision to be nominated, adding he is the only publicly announced nominee McCall's candidacy would hurt because no votes for McCall would go to an announced "conservative" candidate, but may go to him.

"I've said all along I think the term is convention control," Sullivan said. "The group that announced its intentions to take control of convention boards and agencies is using theology as an in. I do not see the great problem of the denomination right now as theological."

Sullivan believes the SBC president "must work from the middle of the constituency and not from either end," and said he represents the mainstream of

the denomination because he is "right in the middle."

"The denomination is a broad-based, cooperative organization to do the work of Christ," Sullivan said.

"I see myself as a conservative who's not angry about it," Sullivan said.

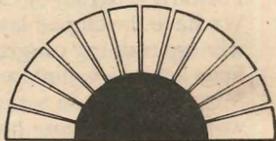
Sanders, mentioned early as a likely candidate, said he will not "run" for the office but is undecided on whether he will allow himself to be nominated. He is a close personal friend of Sullivan, but said Sullivan's candidacy will not affect his decision.

Sanders, 54, has been active on the evangelism circuit the past year, preaching in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Alabama. At the 1981 SBC meeting in Los Angeles Sanders delivered the closing address and was interrupted by applause 12 times, mostly, he says, after making strong theological points.

He considers the presiding function of the SBC president an enormous part of the presidential responsibility.

"I'm going to make my decision exclusively on the basis of what the Lord would have me do at this time in my life," Sanders said. He said people who may vote for him would be people concerned about denominational total support and cooperative missions. But he said the same people could vote comfortably for Sullivan or McCall for the same reasons.

An observer of denominational politics said the trio of Sullivan, Sanders and McCall could so split their votes that none would make a strong showing on the first ballot. But, combined, the three could likely prevent a first-ballot victory by the "conservative" candidate, assuring a run-off vote. The "most likely" candidate would then face the "conservative" nominee if there is, indeed, a united "conservative" nominee as most observers feel there will be.



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No paper June 2

As a consequence of the unprecedented postal rate increases earlier this year affecting non-profit second class mailers, Western Recorder will not publish an issue next week. The resulting savings is one of numerous economy measures adopted by the paper in an effort to remain solvent.

The annual mid-summer issue which is omitted will be the week of July 14 this year. All other issues during the summer are expected to be mailed on schedule.

Additional pages will be produced before and after any issue is missed to offset some of the loss to readers.

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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

What is Adrian Rogers saying?

All who cherish the present world-
wide ministries of Southern Bap-
tists and are grateful for the Co-
operative Program that undergirds
these ministries should take very
careful note of the recently ex-
pressed views of Adrian Rogers
(Western Recorder, May 19, page
1). Rogers, former president of the
Southern Baptist Convention and
pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church,
Memphis, directed the severest at-
tack upon the way Southern Bap-
tists go about their mission of any
influential pastor in this era.

Mr. Rogers has very strict doc-
trinal views, especially on the
inspiration of the Bible. He doesn't
believe any of the six Southern
Baptist supported seminaries teach
the views he holds as the only right
views. So he criticizes Southern
Baptist seminaries and not only
leads his church to support but
spends considerable time raising
funds for Mid-America Baptist
Theological Seminary, a non con-
vention supported Baptist seminary
in Memphis which teaches his
views.

As pastor of Bellevue Baptist
Church which historically has
strongly supported through the Co-
operative Program all ministries of
Southern Baptists, Mr. Rogers is in
an understandable dilemma. The
church he leads is supporting
things which are contrary to his
conscience. He regards this as
unfair and even immoral.

Not only does Mr. Rogers' view
of inspiration of the Bible discour-
age support of Southern Baptist
seminaries but his belief and par-
ticipation in ultra right wing politics
are out of line with other Southern
Baptist ministries like those of the
Christian Life Commission and the
Baptist Joint Committee on Public
Affairs.

When Mr. Rogers was elected
convention president in 1979 he was
criticized by some who thought it
was inconsistent for him to serve as
the top denominational leader while
giving such limited support to the
denominational program through
the Cooperative Program. He was
stung by this criticism. His disdain
of the Cooperative Program as a
test of loyalty has grown since then.
He has been saying this to individ-
uals and groups for some time and
now has said it to the world.

So where does this put Mr.
Rogers? He would like to have his
strict doctrinal views as the official
Southern Baptist position but he
realizes this is not likely. So he

wants latitude in the Southern Bap-
tist programs so he can be consid-
ered a loyal Southern Baptist
though he does not approve and
support all Southern Baptist minis-
tries. He would ditch the Coopera-
tive Program and pick and choose
what he and his church would sup-
port.

The right to designate gifts
should never be abandoned but it
should also be remembered this
was the prevailing practice before
the organization of Baptists in
America in 1814. With this method
some causes prospered because of
emotional appeals for support while
others without such emotional
appeal suffered or didn't even
exist. The far flung missionary
enterprise of Baptists today simply
didn't exist.

Mr. Rogers has the right to
designate contributions and to lead
his church to do so and still be re-
garded as a Southern Baptist.
Under such circumstances,
however, he should not expect to be
regarded as among the pastors
whose support and leadership are
responsible for our present denomi-
national educational and missionary
enterprise.

The present local, national and
worldwide ministries of Southern
Baptists could never have come
about with what Mr. Rogers wants
nor can they survive if many influ-
ential Southern Baptist pastors and
churches agree with Mr. Rogers.

This is the point at which Mr.
Rogers' views are disturbing and
dangerous. He sounds to many like
a true Southern Baptist. He is ex-
tremely able and has a large follow-
ing. The sheer power of his per-
sonality and his preaching can cap-
ture most any audience. If he
continues in his present direction,
Southern Baptists will be in trouble
and might ultimately have to decide
whether Mr. Rogers is right or to
reaffirm the Cooperative Program
not as "a sacred cow" as Mr.
Rogers says it has become but as a
divinely blessed method for sup-
porting our large denominational
enterprise.

Mr. Rogers' views are almost
identical to those of the popular in-
dependent Baptist preachers today.
There is one difference, however,
and hopefully it will remain so. He
is a Southern Baptist and has every
right to try to win Southern Bap-
tists to his views. He and the Belle-
vue church are vitally important to
Southern Baptists and any thought
of ultimate break with Southern

Baptists is sad.

Southern Baptists do differ in
doctrinal details but not in essen-
tials and in objectives. Differing in
love can be enriching instead of de-
structive and should result in
mutual acceptance instead of
separation.

Able Kentuckians to be recommended

Ten Kentuckians will be nominated
for service on boards of Southern
Baptist Convention agencies and
institutions at the annual conven-
tion in New Orleans in June. Five
will be new to replace those who
have served out their eligibility and
five will be recommended for
second terms of service.

John R. Christian, pastor of
Second Baptist Church, Hopkins-
ville, will be recommended for
membership on the Executive Com-
mittee of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention. He will replace Eldred
Taylor who was elected last year
but has since become a state
denominational worker and is not
eligible for service.

The two terms Ted Sisk, Lexing-
ton, has served as a member of the
Sunday School Board make him in-
eligible for reelection. He will be
replaced by Gary Watkins, pastor of
Florence Baptist Church.

Three trustees for Southern Bap-
tist Theological Seminary will be
recommended. John Sykes, Ash-
land, will be replaced by Martha
Layne Collins, Lt. Gov. of Ken-
tucky, and Leroy Highbaugh, Louis-
ville, will be replaced by Fred
Pfannenschmidt, another layman in
Louisville. Both Sykes and High-
baugh are ineligible for reelection.
Leonard V. Hardin, Louisville, will
be recommended for a second term
as a Southern Seminary trustee.

Joe P. Williams, Louisville, will
be recommended for a second
term on the American Seminary
Commission.

Billy G. Hurt, Frankfort, will be
recommended for a second term on
the Christian Life Commission.

Leo T. Crismon, Louisville, has
served out his eligibility as a mem-
ber of the Historical Commission
and Ronald Deering, Southern
Seminary librarian, will be recom-
mended in his place.

Franklin Owen, Louisville, will be
recommended for a second term on
the Stewardship Commission.

The report of the committee on
boards has not been officially re-
leased but all Southern Baptist
state editors have been provided a

copy. It will be printed in some
other state Baptist papers this week
and we believe the historic Baptist
spirit of openness is served by
printing at least the Kentucky
section of the report.

The two Kentucky members of
the committee on boards are Don R.
Mathis, Corbin, and Frank Brooks,
Louisville. They are to be com-
mended for suggesting highly qual-
ified Kentuckians for these places
of denominational service.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Laymen, we need you!

by John Dunaway,
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin

Southern Baptists have taken many
strides during the several years in the
development of lay people. We have
seen them grow in stewardship through
the utilization of such programs as the
Forward Program of Church Finance.
We have developed lay people through
witness training programs until many
have become volunteers in the Bold
Mission Thrust in some corners of the
world. Never before have so many lay
people been so willing to be used of
God and we are finding ways to use
them except in the development of lay
leadership within our denomination. A
former Southern Baptist Convention
president believes that a lay person
could be elected convention president
in New Orleans, especially because of
the theological differences, but there
are none standing in the wings with a
broad enough exposure to win.

The truth of the matter is this is a
fact not only on a Southwide level, but
also in many state conventions. There
are many capable lay people in our con-
vention to serve, but none in position to
be thrust into roles of leadership. In my
memory of 25 years, we have had only
two Southern Baptist Convention presi-
dents who were laymen and only two
state convention presidents in Ken-
tucky.

This needs to change, but how? I be-
lieve our agencies must open the doors
to use lay people both in the state con-
ventions and the Southern Baptist Con-
vention. Owen Cooper, the last layman
elected as an SBC president, was given
opportunities for exposure on state
evangelistic conferences and southwide
assemblies. It was through these means
he became known to Southern Bap-
tists. Lay people need to be given visi-
bility on evangelistic conferences,
summer assemblies, mission confer-
ences, convention programs and other
high level exposure meetings. There is
no other way for these willing and
capable people to become known and
electable.

If we believe in the priesthood of
believers in our local churches, then let
us also practice it in our conventions.

BAPTIST FORUM

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The point you've made is questionable

By now I am sure all are aware that the May executive board meeting reaffirmed the Dec. 1, 1981 decision to spend \$258,000 for the purchase of 21 additional automobiles for the state executives to use. Four cars had already been purchased earlier.

I appreciate the spirit of Dr. Franklin Owen in having put the matter "on hold" as a result of the negative comments he had received. I also appreciate the fact that president Bill Jagers and Dr. Owen requested the business and finance committee to take the matter back to the board for consideration even though several committee members objected.

Dr. Owen reported that he had received numerous phone calls and a total of 61 letters relative to the board's earlier decision. Of the 61 letters received 57 were in opposition. It was stated in the minutes of the business and finance committee that 28 letters came from the same church—a small church. "Small churches count too!" Also a letter was sent from the Daviess-McLean Association on action from our executive board.

According to a detailed report from Barry Allen on the operation of the four vehicles which the convention purchased in August, the convention's cost

per business mile was 25.9 cents. My question is where is the savings?

Even though I am very unhappy with the decision, I will live with it. I am a Kentucky Baptist and I love my church, my convention and my denomination.

L. C. Gray, Owensboro

He's for Coop Program, not superchurch

Perhaps if I worked on the staff of a "superchurch" my regard for the Cooperative Program would be as poor as brother Adrian Rogers. The church where I serve doesn't have its own seminary. Instead we cooperate with thousands of other churches and have six seminaries. We don't have our own television program like some churches. But through the Cooperative Program we are part of the largest religious programming ministry of any Christian group. We don't have our own missionaries. The Cooperative Program enables our church to be part of the ministry efforts of more than 5000 Southern Baptist missionaries throughout the world. Our church doesn't have a creed its members must subscribe to. We believe in something called "priesthood of the believer."

For now, brother Rogers can have his "superchurch" and the independent mentality that goes with it. For now, I am content to serve in a church that cooperates with other Baptists in sharing the gospel in so many ways throughout our needy world.

Harold A. Phillips, Louisville

People, the key to it all

Wednesday, May 5, I visited Faith Baptist Chapel of West Liberty Baptist Church in Morgan County. The chapel was beginning revival services that night, meeting in an unfinished building for the very first time. I was there as a representative of Kentucky Baptists to deliver a check from the building grant fund for \$2000 of assistance toward the completion of that building. I also was delivering some hymnals, which the Victory Memorial Baptist

Church in Louisville had shared and made available to this mission.

The interior of the building was still rough. The floor was unfinished; the walls were just the studs; the trusses were open in the ceiling; and the only illumination was two lights connected by an extension cord to a temporary service pole. But pews were in place, and a piano was there and a pulpit. People were there also, many of them who have helped to begin the work of that chapel less than two years ago. Also visitors from West Liberty Church, the mother church.

The pastor of the mother church, Carl Mullins, was to preach the revival. Bivocational pastor of the mission, Charles Stephens, was presiding.

It was a time of high emotion for the people who had struggled to begin the work, and had been meeting in a lodge hall basement. Then they dreamed of a building for the chapel.

When Pastor Mullins announced the gift that I had brought—a gift made possible by our state mission offering from hundreds of churches all across Kentucky—there was a deep sense of appreciation and thankfulness that others were trying to assist. West Liberty is the only Southern Baptist church in Morgan County, and though they are a relatively small congregation themselves (and only recently have ceased to be helped by our state mission board for their pastor's salary) they have had a vision and they have reached out. Now a second Southern Baptist congregation has been planted. This visionary church also is eyeing another area of the county and has started a witness there.

This is what state missions is all

about. People sharing, people praying, people working, people sacrificing, to reach other people for Jesus Christ.

Ross Figart, Winchester

Doesn't agree with editor

I am troubled by the strong negative reaction that you, Mr. Daley, and some readers have to crucifixes. Your editorial apology for its advertising indicated this was "deplorable and inexcusable" because it tends to become a religious charm that leads to idolatry. To the contrary, I believe the advertisement was written in good taste without even a hint of false worship.

Your reaction seems to me to be a sweeping generalization. A symbol is not inherently good or evil; this depends on the interpretation of its meaning by each individual. Your characterization of this symbol is nothing less than a slap in the face to many Christians, particularly Catholics, to whom the crucifix is a legitimate expression of their faith.

Personally, I prefer the cross to the crucifix because it symbolizes to me that the Lord has been resurrected. But this symbol is equally subject to abuse. Has not the cross, for some of the Christians who wear it, become merely a cosmetic status symbol? How far is this view from the scandal that the cross represented in Christ's day!

Certainly we should not advocate the religious abuse of symbols when either idolatry or false piety is involved. But the target of a blanket attack on the crucifix is fellow Christians; not false beliefs.

Harry Rix, Louisville

Meet Cumberland College Student...

Kimberly Mashelle Dick



When talking with Kimberly Mashelle Dick, one is immediately impressed with her poise and maturity. One quickly becomes impressed as she reveals her many talents and the many activities of which she is a vital part.

"Kim" a 19 year old sophomore from Hindman, Kentucky, is the daughter of a Southern Baptist minister.

Although undecided about her major (she is leaning toward Business) she is certain that music will be her minor field of study. This decision is appropriate when one discovers her many musical abilities: She plays keyboards and sings for the highly praised contemporary gospel group "Sunesis," sang with the Cumberland College Chorale, and is a member of the college's jazz band, concert band, and orchestra.

Kim is as active in campus life as she is in musical endeavors. She is president of the Circle-K Club, the world's largest service organization; serves actively in Cumberland's Student Alumni Relations Council and in the Student Government Association. She has also participated in weekend revival teams, vespers, and various musical groups for the Baptist Student Union.

Her beautiful face brightens as she explains, "I receive encouragement from home. My father is a minister at a small Baptist church, and despite the fact that the church recently burned, my family and I maintain our faith that God will provide a way to work His will in our life."

Kim chose Cumberland College "...because my father attended here and I liked the warmth and friendliness I found. I have stayed for those same reasons and also because I saw what a big effect campus student leaders can have in helping others discover the truly valuable things in life."

Kim hopes to someday to teach piano lessons and, perhaps, to teach business. "I want to do something to help others realize and reach their fullest potential as individuals with unique talents, abilities, and dignity, given to them by God."

Kim will be successful in whatever she decides to do. At Cumberland College, we want more students like her.

Dr. Taylor:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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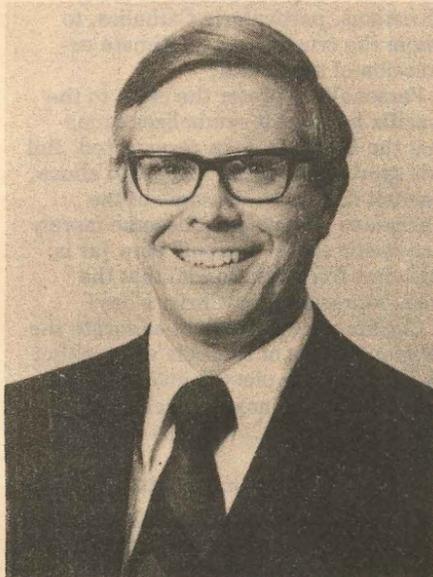
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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill Pinson will lead Texas Baptists Jan. 1



Pinson

William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, has been unanimously elected executive director of the 2.2 million member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Pinson, 47, will succeed James H. Landes, 69, who retires this year. Pinson will be executive director-elect until Jan. 1. He will join the BGCT July 1.

In presenting Pinson's name search committee chairman Dewey Presley said each of the 14 members of the committee "was furnished information on more than 100 individuals." The list was narrowed to 33, then to 16, later to seven. "We then moved on and the list was reduced to four, which the committee unanimously agreed should be invited for visits."

Presley, of Dallas, said three of the four agreed to visit, and on Apr. 23, after the interviews were completed, the committee "came together with hopes of ranking the three."

Reading from the minutes taken by Bailey Stone, pastor of First Baptist Church of Odessa, Presley said: "Words are simply powerless to describe what happened. . . . Remarkably, one person, Bill Pinson, was on the heart and mind of each committee member. It was a deep spiritual experience for us to sense the unity of the committee. It was not a reluctant unity; it was an overwhelming spiritual oneness."

Committee member Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, said the action is "not casual . . . but enthusiastic. Although Pinson and I have not always agreed in the past, I have always known him to be kind, considerate and fair, a visionary man who can lead us on."

Pinson was named president of Golden Gate seminary in 1977 after two years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex. From 1963-77 he was professor of Christian ethics at

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and was associate secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission from 1957-63.

He earned a BA degree from North Texas State University, Denton, in 1955 and the BD and PhD degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

Louisville church group sponsors SBC prayertime

Prayers for world peace will be offered during the Southern Baptist Convention by persons who gather for prayer meetings in the Superdome in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the Baptist Peacemaker, a publication of the World Peacemaker group at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, the prayer meetings will be held six times prior to convention sessions. The brief meetings will consist of scripture reading, devotional remarks, silent prayer and a closing prayer by a designated leader. The meetings will be located in the northeast section of the Superdome's convention level in front of the child care center.

Times and leaders for the prayer meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, 1-1:15 p.m., Dan Vestal, pastor, First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., and chairman of the SBC committee on boards;

Tuesday, 5:45-6 p.m., John Lewis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.;

Wednesday, 8:30-8:45 a.m., E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville;

Wednesday, 5:30-5:45 p.m., Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Seminary;

Thursday, 8:30-8:45 a.m., Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.;

Thursday, 1:30-1:45 p.m., Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and a former SBC president.

Help may be phone call away for a SBC room

There is another hope for persons who still need housing for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans June 15-17.

Following convention action, a bureau has been set up through Gene Richards, pastor of Bridgedale Baptist Church, Metairie, La., to offer accommodations with individual families in New Orleans.

Persons wishing to stay with a Baptist family in New Orleans during the convention should contact Richards at 504-888-6164.

Lottie Moon passes goal first time in three years

The 1981 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions has exceeded its \$50 million goal for a total of \$50,066,206.54.

This announcement, made by Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks, comes two weeks before the books close on the offering May 31.

"My deep conviction is that, given the conditions of our economy, this is evidence of the prayers of Southern Baptists and their commitment to world missions," said Parks.

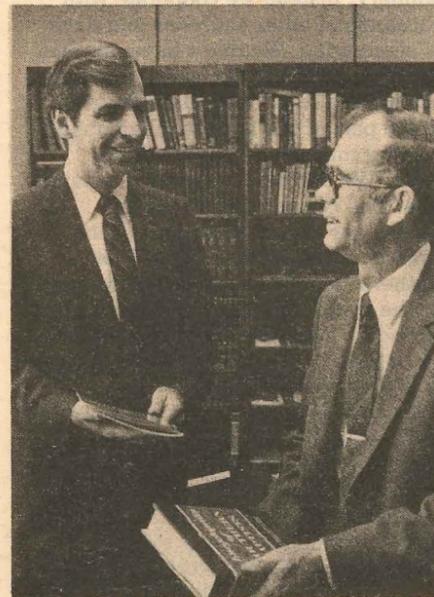
"This continued undergirding will help us to reach, as Southern Baptists desire, this world in our day."

In Birmingham, Ala., Carolyn

Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, said, "To be over the goal before the closing of the 1981 offering May 31 is a tremendous accomplishment of faith."

"WMU is grateful to God for his working in the hearts of Baptists to achieve this."

The 1981 offering marks the first time an offering goal has been surpassed since 1979. Last year's offering garnered \$44,700,339.76 or 99.3 percent of its \$45 million goal.



Lynn May [r], Historical Commission, was executive editor of the Volume IV of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists. May and Steve Bond, chief editor for Broadman, worked closely for three years to produce the recently released book.

Eat with Golden Gate; act now, save two bucks

The annual meeting and luncheon of Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, La., Wednesday, June 16 at 12:30 p.m.

The hotel is adjacent to the Louisiana Superdome where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet.

Tickets for the luncheon purchased before June 1 cost \$9. After that, tickets will be \$11 per person.

To order tickets, contact Larry C. Baker, vice president for alumni relations, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Georgia missionary dies in unusual circumstances

R. Bennard McCard, director of Baptist mission work in the Columbus, Ga., area, was found in Lake Hartwell May 15, three days after he disappeared from Georgia Baptist Assembly at Toccoa.

McCard, 53, was missionary for four local associations—Columbus, Merritt, Pine Mountain and Summerhill.

McCard, a diabetic, was attending a missionaries' workshop at the Baptist assembly in northeast Georgia. He complained of not feeling well May 12 and left the assembly that evening alone. He left his diabetes insulin kit in his room.

Searchers found his car the following day on the South Carolina side of Lake Hartwell, about 15 miles from the assembly. Two days later fishermen found his body on the Georgia side of Lake Hartwell. Early police reports did not indicate foul play. The family believes the death was related to his diabetic condition.

Peace conference set in Louisville Aug. 5-7

Congressman Jim Wright (D-Tex.), majority leader of the U. S. House of Representatives, has accepted an invitation to address a national peace convocation in Louisville Aug. 5-7.

Wright, a veteran legislator, joins a variety of speakers from throughout the country who will address issues related to the conference's theme of "Strategies for Peacemaking." The date of the convocation marks the 37th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima during World War II.

The conference at Louisville's Hyatt Regency Hotel is sponsored by Baptist Peacemaker, a publication of the World Peacemaker group at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville.

Other persons scheduled to deliver major addresses include Jimmy Allen, president, Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Helen Caldicott, president, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and her husband, William, pediatric radiologist, Harvard Medical School; Gordon Cosby, pastor, Church of the Saviour, Washington, D. C.; and Foy Valentine, executive director, Christian Life Commission, Nashville.

A personal testimony will be shared by Kasumi Hirayama, a professor at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., and an eyewitness of the bombing of Nagasaki.

"My hope for this convocation is that many more people will become aware of the awful danger of nuclear holocaust," explained C. Carman Sharp, pastor of Deer Park Church. "But beyond an awareness of this horrible potential for destruction, I want Southern Baptists and other Christians to leave the convocation with some positive tools for action and a renewed commitment to be involved in the name of the Lord of life."

Registration for the conference is \$40 per person, including materials and two meals.

If you turn it on, will SBC on TV do same for you?

Two broadcasting efforts before and during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans will support messengers' evangelistic activities.

The two efforts are to assist the evangelistic campaign planned by the Bold Mission New Orleans committee and to acquaint convention messengers with programing under development for ACTS, the proposed national Baptist TV network.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has produced TV spot announcements to be aired on all three network affiliate stations in New Orleans the week prior to the June 15-17 convention. The 30-second spots describe the meeting and promote the June 13 evangelistic rally in the Louisiana Superdome.

The commission also will be broadcasting for one hour during three convention nights on the New Orleans CBS station WWL-TV. The agency will use the 11-12 p.m. time slot June 14-16 to preview several pilot programs for the American Christian Television System. Time will cost just under \$3000 per hour and will be paid for by the Radio-Television Commission.

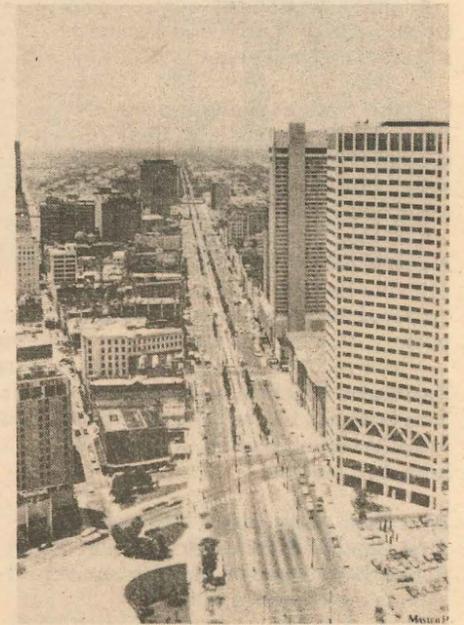
Three different TV spots have been produced by the RTVC at the request of the Bold Mission New Orleans committee. They will air 74 times June 6-12, mostly during prime time and local newscasts. The spots feature people from the New Orleans area and will cost approximately \$30,000, paid for through the budget of the Bold Mission New Orleans committee.



He's going back to the mission 'field'

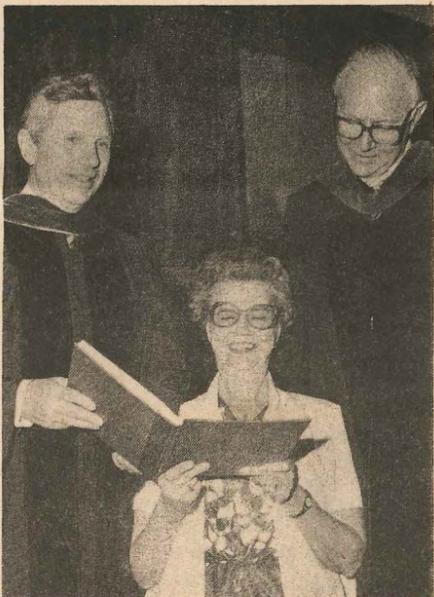
A little more than a year ago Oran Roberts, then living in Louisville, didn't know there was such a thing as a missionary agricultural evangelist. Now, he is one. Roberts, with his hand to the plow and two oxen, has been appointed, along with wife, Cathy Burris Roberts, by the Foreign Mission Board as agricultural missionaries in Upper Volta. He first read about agricultural missions in *Crusader* magazine while leading an

RA group at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, while a student at Southern Seminary. Roberts, who grew up in California and Nevada as a horse trainer and cowboy, spent last summer as a short term volunteer in Upper Volta. In August he will complete course work for a PhD in agricultural education at Kansas State University, planning to return to the mission field.



Canal Street beat

One of the world's widest divided streets, Canal Street, begins at the Mississippi River and extends through New Orleans' downtown business district. Southern Baptists will travel this thoroughfare while there for their June 15-17 session.



At left, Dudley Pomeroy [l], professor at Clear Creek Baptist School, and Kay and D. M. Aldridge admire the "memory book" given the Aldridges at Clear Creek's graduation ceremonies. The book contains hundreds of names representing \$75,000 given for the D. M. and Kay Aldridge Endowment Fund. Aldridge retires as president of the Pineville institution June 15.

Below, Holman Bible Publishers, owned by the Baptist Sunday School Board, is an exhibitor at the 1982 World's Fair. The case contains a collection of antique and contemporary Bibles. Shown [l-r] are BSSB officials Jimmy Edwards, vice president for publishing and distribution; James W. Clark, executive vice president; E. Odell Crowe, director, Holman Division; and David Peach, executive director, Baptist Ministries for the Fair.



In the good ol' summertime

Adam Winingham holds his sign high for his vacation Bible school class at First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tenn. More than three million Southern Baptists will enrol in vacation Bible school this summer.

PERSONNEL

Wade accepts Oak Grove pastorate
James F. Wade resigned the pastorate of Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association, Apr. 21.

He has accepted the call from Oak Grove Baptist Church in the same association and will begin in late May.

Faulkner resigns Bedford pastorate
David Faulkner, pastor of Bedford Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, recently resigned from the Bedford pastorate where he has served eight years.

Millville calls Tooley as pastor
Millville Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, has called Jerry L. Tooley as pastor.

Earl Goins is new Woodhill pastor
Earl C. Goins has accepted the pastorate of Woodhill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

First Paris notes pastor's 15 years
First Baptist Church, Paris, honored Robert B. Wallace on his 15th anniversary as the church's pastor.

Versailles honors pastor for service
Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, recently honored Henry Johns for 10 years of service as pastor.

Gardenside recognizes Heard's service
Gardenside Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, honored James Heard on his 10th anniversary as pastor.

Hargrove resigns senior adult post
Gary Hargrove, minister to senior adults at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, has resigned to accept a position with the Iowa Baptist Fellowship.

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Wayne Dehoney is pastor of Walnut Street.

Messer, Newman at Upper Cumberland
New pastors in Upper Cumberland Association include Dallas Messer at Coxton Baptist Church and Bruce Newman at Stony Point Baptist Church.

Hyland calls minister of youth/music
Hyland Baptist Church, Henderson, has called Steve Kincaid as minister of youth and music.

Pastor at Hyland is Ray T. Vinson.

Mark Purcell is Slaty Point pastor
Mark Purcell has accepted the pastorate of Slaty Point Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Griessers are music/youth ministers
Gary and Marie Griesser have joined the staff of Crescent Springs Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, as ministers of music and youth.

Sonny Smith resigns as youth minister
Sonny Smith, youth minister at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, has resigned that position to pursue a career in counseling.

Wayne Dehoney is pastor.

James Mills is pastor at Iuka Church
James C. Mills has accepted the pastorate of Iuka Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He recently resigned from Liverpool Baptist Church, Lake Station, Ind.

Faiths accept Forest Park music post
Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling

Green, has called Mr. and Mrs. Mark Faith as ministers of music.

Paul Welsh is pastor of the church.

CONGREGATIONS

Jonathan Creek gears up for drive
Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, one of Kentucky's larger Baptist camps, is preparing for its annual Father's Day offering June 20. Owned and operated by 11 associations in Kentucky the assembly is dependent upon the churches for contributions for its operations and is urgently seeking their support for this special offering.

The assembly, through its varied programs of retreats, seminars, leadership conferences, week-long camps, rallies and other scheduled events, has a year-round ministry that touches thousands of lives annually. Since 1972, 560 professions of faith, 1054 rededications and 79 life commitments to full time ministries such as preachers, missionaries and ministers of education, youth or music have occurred there.

George T. Gray, superintendent of Jonathan Creek Assembly, and the directors of the assembly are appealing to all churches in the 11 sponsoring associations to participate in the Father's Day offering in order to sustain the strong Jonathan Creek program.

Western Kentucky ministers will meet
Western Kentucky ministers' fellowship met May 24 at First Baptist Church, Princeton.

Pleasant Point youth honor Sandlins
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sandlin, youth leaders at Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Booneville Association, were recently honored by the church's youth. Two of the youth presented them with an amusing poster praising their



work.

Under the direction of the Sandlins the youth program at Pleasant Point has grown from three to 15 in recent months.

Robert Wyatt is Pleasant Point's pastor.

Glenn Armstrong will tour Holy Land
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, recently voted to send its pastor, Glenn Armstrong, on tour in Israel in recognition of his years of service to the church.

State historians to meet at Deer Park
Thirteen Kentuckians attended the 1982 meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society at First Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. They reported a highly interesting and profitable meeting.

Kentuckians attending: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Birdwhistell, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shurden, Leo Crismon, Ronald Deering, Chester Young, John Broom, Andy Rawls, Doris Yeiser and Barry Allen.

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society will hold its 1982 meeting at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, July 23. All interested in Kentucky Baptist heritage are invited to attend. Information on the meeting may be obtained by writing or telephoning Doris Yeiser, Baptist Building, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101.

Central has Sunday school campaign
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, recently conducted an intensive campaign to increase Sunday school attendance. During the eight weeks of the campaign the average was 675. The effort climaxed May 2 with 966.

Don Mathis is Central's pastor.

Gethsemane passes Aldridge resolution
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville, passed a resolution May 12 noting D. M. Aldridge's contribution to Kentucky and Southern Baptists.

The resolution made special note of the "leadership for churches and missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and world" which his presidency at Clear Creek School has produced.

Aldridge will retire from Clear Creek in June and will begin mission service in August in Zambia.

Bill Hall is pastor of Gethsemane.

MISSIONS

Miss Barnes will teach in Brazil
Jane Barnes was among 27 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board May 10.

Miss Barnes was born in Benton and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes of that city. New Bethel Baptist Church there is her home church.

She will work in Brazil as a teacher. Miss Barnes received her BA degree from Murray State University and the MRE from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Pounds begin service in Philippines
Jeffrey and Catherine Pound have ar-

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rived in the Philippines to begin their first term of service. She is the former Catherine Swaffer of Louisville.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Doctors return from missions points
Two Whitley City physicians have recently returned from Africa where they were volunteer missionaries at their own expense. Douglas Dewar served for a term of two weeks in Zimbabwe and M. A. Winchester and his wife were volunteers in Kenya approximately four weeks. The Winchesters have been spending considerable time on the mission field as volunteers for a number of years. Foreign Mission Board officials are high in their praise and gratitude to these volunteers.

Williamses arrive at field in Zambia
Douglas and Debra Williams have arrived in Zambia to begin their first term of service. She is the former Debra Bogie of Hustonville.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last December.

DEATHS

Marshall Whitehouse, layman, dies
Marshall W. Whitehouse, prominent layman in Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, died of a heart attack Apr. 4. Whitehouse was a Sunday school teacher, a deacon and church moderator at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Wilson Whitehouse; two daughters, Mrs. Marsha MacDonald and Mrs. Brenda Jones, both of Lexington, and seven brothers and two sisters.

Memorial services were in Lexington Avenue Baptist Church with Austin Roberts and W. B. Casey officiating.

ORDINATIONS

Covington ordains Hamilton as deacon
Steve Hamilton was ordained as deacon at First Baptist Church, Covington.

The church's pastor, David Moeller, preached the ordination sermon.

Beechridge ordains four deacons
Beechridge Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, recently ordained Carl Quire, Charles Stratton, William Carnish and Jerry Cheatham as deacons.

Severns Valley ordains Keith Mull
Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, ordained Keith Mull to the ministry May 23. Mull is pastor of

Round Top Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of Severns Valley.

Union ordains two, installs one
Union (Ky.) Baptist Church recently ordained David Craddock and Paul Huff as deacons. Howard Hale, who had been preciously ordained, was installed as deacon.

Pastor David Carter preached the ordination sermon.

REVIVALS

Three make decisions at Jamestown
First Baptist Church, Jamestown, reports three decisions stemming from its recent revival.

C. Eugene Hansford is pastor of the church.

Jay Brown leads revival at Central
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, recently had a revival with Jay Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, as evangelist.

The church reports 24 decisions. Don Mathis is pastor of the church.

25 make decisions at Gilead revival
Gilead Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, reports 25 decisions stemming from its recent revival.

First Tompkinsville holds April revival
First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, had a revival Apr. 18-24, reporting 38 decisions. Bob Phillips was the evangelist.

Billy Burton is the pastor.

Mill Creek revival yields eight decisions
Bill Neal David led revival at Mill Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, Apr. 16-25. The church reports eight decisions.

Amon Martin is the pastor.

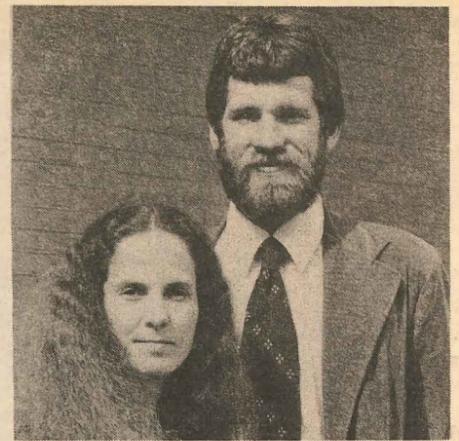
Phillips leads Tompkinsville revival
First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, reports approximately 40 decisions stemming from its Apr. 18-24 revival. Bob Phillips was the evangelist.

Billy Burton is the church's pastor.

Four make decisions at Cecilia revival
Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, reports four decisions in its recent revival.

Cecilia's pastor is Terry Wilder.

Berean Chapel reports 14 decisions
Berean Baptist Chapel, Severns Valley Association, reports 14 decisions made at its recent revival.



Two chaplains serving in Kentucky were among 41 persons commissioned at the Home Mission Board's spring orientation conference and endorsing service in Atlanta, Ga. Chaplain Dianne Bertolino-Green [r] was commissioned with her husband, Jackie. She serves Saints Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville. Chaplain Marshall N. Eastham serves the Kentucky State Police in Frankfort. He was commissioned with his wife, Myra.

Stithon reports three decisions
Stithon Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, reports three decisions made at its recent revival.

Gene Waggoner is pastor.

Lewell Mason leads Smithsboro revival
Smithsboro Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, reports 62 decisions at its recent revival.

Pastor of the church is Kenneth Felty.

Vertrees church reports three decisions
Vertrees Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, reports three decisions at its recent revival.

Joseph Vetter is pastor.

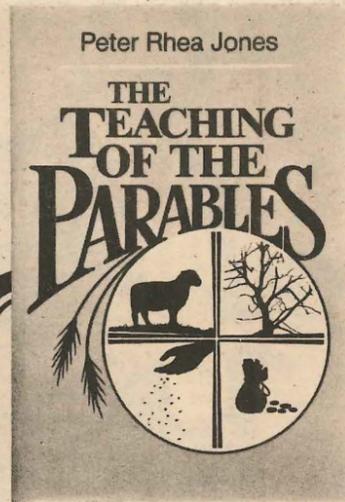
Decisions made at White Mills revival
One rededication and several decisions

"for special work" were made at the recent revival of White Mills Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Eight make decisions at Red Hill revival
Eight decisions were recently made at revival services at Red Hill Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. Red Hill's pastor is James Royalty.

Central secures eight decisions
Eight decisions were made at the recent revival at Central Avenue Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. William R. Bailey is pastor.

35 make decisions at Calvary church
Recent revival services at Calvary Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, yielded 35 decisions. Vaughn Chambers is pastor.



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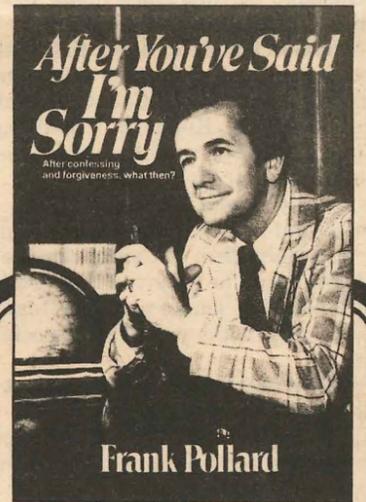
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The 60-member Oneida Baptist Institute Choir, directed by Rick Raymond, is one of many Kentucky Baptist choirs appearing at the World's Fair Baptist Pavilion. They sang there May 10.

Observers have said the choir is "of professional quality."

According to Barkley Moore, Oneida president, "Most of these boys and girls have never sung before in a choir in their lives."

An album of 17 hymns was recorded by the choir last year.

They were given a standing ovation at each of three performances at the fair, and were heard by thousands more before the fair's main gates opened for the day.

Have they stayed too long at the fair?

Multiplication: midstate pastor gives more impetus

Most pastors who complete MasterLife discipleship training come home and start a group in their own church.

"But God led me to begin first with pastors and leaders from several other churches in our Taylor County Association," said L. D. Kennedy. "By doing it that way I knew I could help discipleship training multiply faster."

Kennedy is pastor of Mt. Gilboa Church and associate professor of English and journalism at Campbellsville College. When he received certification as a MasterLife leader at Ridgecrest in 1981 he was moderator of his association.

At the annual meeting last August he asked not to be renominated so he could begin leading a MasterLife group composed of several pastors and wives, plus Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport. Davenport is president of Campbellsville College.

Developed by boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, MasterLife is "a sequential, developmental, group-discipling process that enables one to make Christ master and to master life," Kennedy explained.

"It develops the basic disciplines of abiding in Christ, living in the Word, praying in faith, fellowshiping with believers, witnessing to the world and ministering to others."

Developers of MasterLife researched 23 other discipleship programs but mainly MasterLife is biblically based.

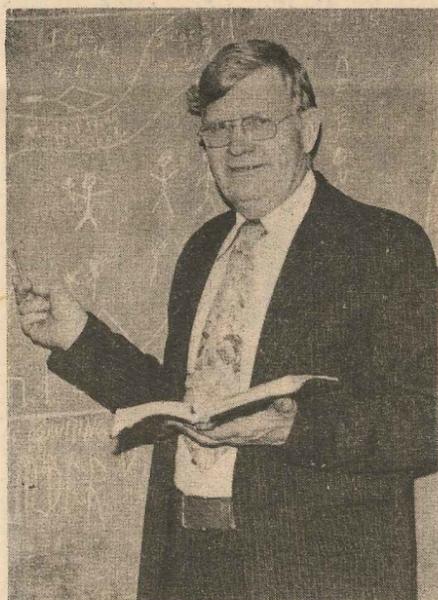
Kennedy's group met one night weekly for more than six months. Recently they completed training. Some are planning to begin groups in their own churches this fall.

"Instead of disciplining by addition," Kennedy noted, "MasterLife is a process of multiplication, using the principle of Jesus' leading of the 12."

"I'm eager to begin a group at Mt. Bilboa now," Kennedy said.

Much of MasterLife training consists of small group study, activity and interaction.

At the end of 1981 members from



Kennedy illustrates the steps to becoming a "wise masterbuilder" [1 Cor. 3:10].

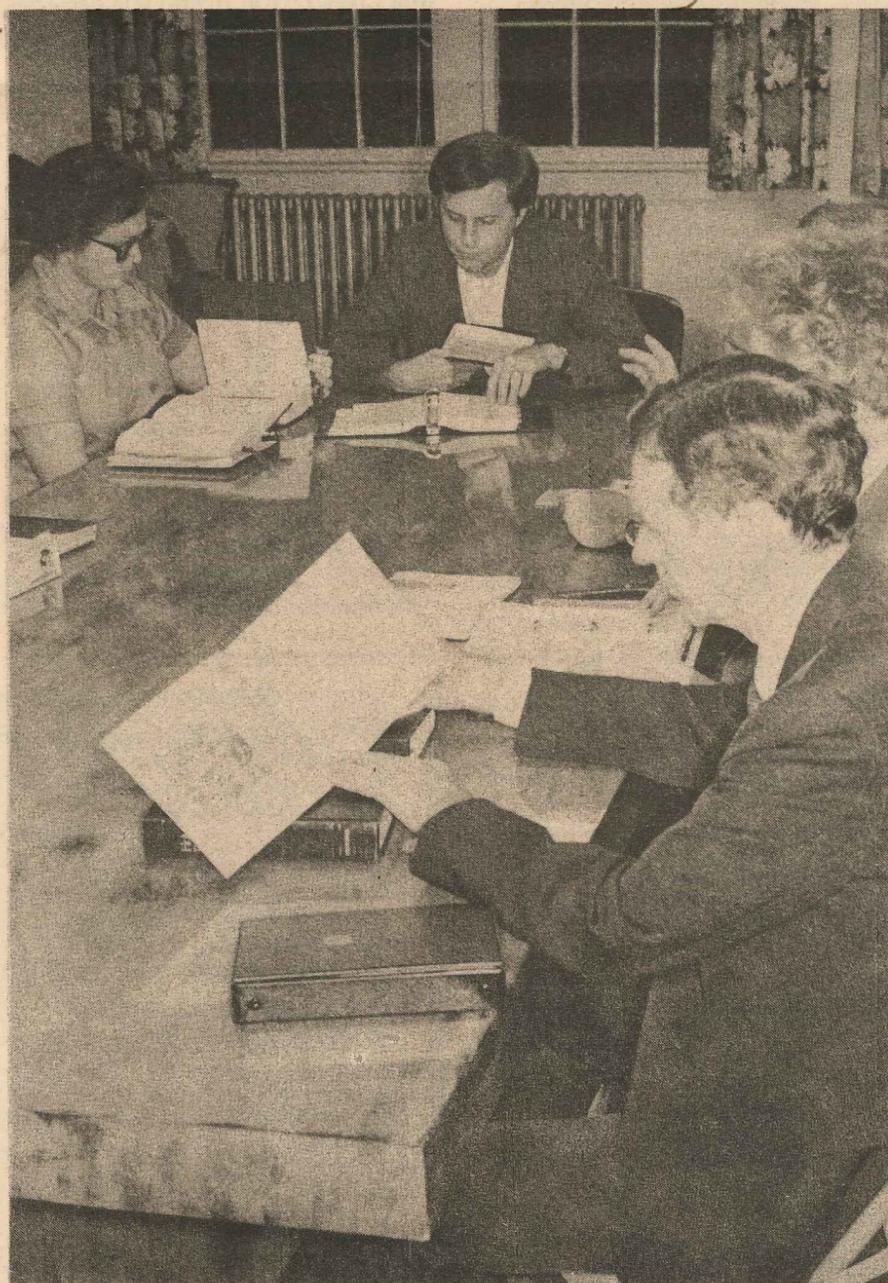
1119 churches had taken MasterLife training, according to Jimmy P. Crowe, Nashville, MasterLife coordinator. The Foreign Mission Board is encouraging all missionaries to get the training before going to the mission field or during their furloughs.

Two workshops were held in 1980 and 13 in 1981. At least 39 will be given in 1982.

Kennedy was a facilitator at the state MasterLife workshop in Owensboro last March. In his group were eight persons, including missionaries Paul and Peggy Grossman, on furlough from Senegal, West Africa.

A total of 49 participated in the workshop at Owensboro. Thirty-six were from Kentucky; 13 were from other states.

"I'm so convinced of the spiritual value of this training I intend to devote a good share of the rest of my life working with MasterLife," Kennedy said.



MasterLife often divides into small groups of two to four. From left: Mrs. L. D. Kennedy; Richard Reed, pastor, Robinson Creek Church; Mrs. W. R. Davenport; and W. R. Davenport, president, Campbellsville College.

Media workshop set

A two-week media workshop dealing with electronic news gathering and instructional television will be offered at Campbellsville College June 7-18.

Providing three hours credit either in journalism or education, the workshop will be led by Ed McGuire and other personnel from the staff of Kentucky Educational Television. The class will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in room 207 of the old music building.

Students will learn to operate and use video cameras and other small format equipment for news gathering or for classroom instruction. They also will be familiarized with production techniques.

The students will take a one-day field trip to KET in Lexington for observation and instruction.

Contact academic dean Robert S. Clark's office for more information at (502) 465-8158.

Southern gives degrees

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, celebrating its 123rd year as dean of Southern Baptist theological institutions, awarded degrees to more than 280 graduates during its 149th commencement May 21.

John M. Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., delivered the commencement address. The Florida native received the ThM and ThD degrees from Southern Seminary and has been pastor of churches in Virginia, Kentucky and Florida.

The May graduates will be the first class to graduate under the administration of Roy L. Honeycutt, elected in February as the seminary's eighth president. Degrees were awarded in the schools of theology, church music and religious education.

Georgetown honors 27

Twenty-seven Georgetown College graduating seniors were selected to receive academic honors and special mention during the school's 153rd commencement exercises May 15.

The top prize, the prestigious academic dean's honor award, was given to George Kent Price of Paducah.

Other honorees were Robin Carol Orem, Campbellsburg, Alpha Lambda Delta book and biology department chairman awards; Mark Kevin Wilthew, Garrettsville, Oh., outstanding senior in environmental science award; Elizabeth Marie Gayhart, Louisville, outstanding senior in elementary education award; Samuel Joseph Simpson, Georgetown, outstanding student in secondary education award; Melinda Jane Brady, Granville, Oh., outstanding home economics senior award; and Ann Marshall Long, Simpsonville, outstanding student in mathematics class of 1982 award.

Other students receiving awards were Cassandra Helen Fox, Louisville, and Janie Lynn Parker, Paducah, both receiving the outstanding senior woman in music award; Vickey Lee Hensley, Dayton, Oh., music senior honor pin; Tony Lewis Arrasmith, Erlanger, outstanding senior in art award; Roger Lee Nicholson, Nicholasville, Clyde T. Bates senior economics award and the outstanding student in international relations award; Timothy Gayle Farrow, Georgetown, outstanding senior in political science award; Samuel Joseph Simpson, Georgetown, outstanding physical education major award; and Scott Kevin Cox, Lexington, outstanding senior religion major award.

Also Gregory Allen Eldridge, Georgetown, outstanding senior social work major award; Daniel Shuford

Crawley IV, Frankfort, outstanding senior chemistry major award; George Jackson Palmer, Jeffersontown, and Donald Dwight Tufano, Jeffersonville, both received the outstanding communication arts senior award; Gregory Allen Eldridge, Georgetown, outstanding senior in sociology award; Leigh Ann Hiatt, Mt. Vernon, received the W. B. Jones prose award and the Coleman Arnold award for excellence; Joseph Edward Byrne, Franklin, Oh., Phi Beta Lambda senior accounting award; Roger Alan Gibbs, Bowling Green, Carl R. Fields history award; George Jackson Palmer, Jeffersontown, Rena Calhoun senior maskrafter award; Donald Dwight Tufano, Jeffersonville, Pi Kappa Delta award; and Ross Jerome Bauschler, Frankfort, Rice-Judson scholarship award.

She said the problems of the world are essentially problems of individuals. She said the seniors need to believe in their strength and be ambitious. She congratulated the seniors on their successes.

Don Gowin, president of the Campbellsville College Alumni Association, installed the alumni and advised them to continue to set high goals. He told the graduates to keep in touch with the college and continue to support it.

The annual senior banquet was May 8 in the Athletic Center. Giving the salute to the seniors was Donna Wise, instructor of physical education and head women's basketball coach.

She gave a "high five" to those graduating and mentioned five of her basketball players would receive degrees. "I am proud of all of your achievements—athletic, academic and artistic," she said.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pickett-Smith are tops

Campbellsville College conferred degrees on 104 seniors Sunday, May 9 in ceremonies at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Among the degrees given were those to the co-valedictorians, Valerie Nell Pickett of Greensburg and Karen Robertson Smith of Russell Springs.

Franklin P. Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, addressed the graduates telling them to adopt a pattern of life that encourages them to wait and not be impatient.

"You must be prepared to carry the cross before you'll ever wear the crown," he said. "So many want the prize without paying the price. First you fast, then you feast."

He told the graduates that their crown, prize and feast was their diploma for their hard work. "It won't be any different in life," he said.

Owen was presented an honorary doctorate of divinity by W.R. Davenport, president of the college. Receiving the same degree was Tal Bonham, executive secretary-treasurer of the state convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Henry B. Huff, former chairman of the college's board of trustees and a leader in the diamond jubilee fundraising campaign, was given an honorary doctor of laws degree.

A. Bert Sparrow, prominent Louisville surgeon, was given the distinguished alumnus award. He was given the award by Forest Shely, current chairman of the trustees and the first recipient of the distinguished alumnus award.

Davenport, in his charge to the graduates, said there are four great things education might do. These are to help the students think clearly, communicate effectively, make relevant judgments and discriminate among values.

Donna A. Godbey of Liberty, president of the senior class, responded to the charge. She thanked the faculty, Davenport and the seniors' families for their support through their college years.

She thanked the community and friends of Campbellsville College for their support of the senior class. She also said the seniors should thank God for the freedom to attend a private Christian school.

She challenged the faculty to con-

ships named in honor of Horner, Bible professor and chairman of the Bible and religious education department, 1966-76. He served also as director of promotion and student recruitment and was on campus 31 years.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$350 and is renewable for each year the recipient qualifies.

The scholarship winners were Brent Gupton and Charles Fermoye, both of Campbellsville; David Shepherd and Roger Nicholas Szymansky, both of Louisville; Laura Davis, Depauw, Ind.; Robert Freshour, Seymour, Ind.; Geneva Johnson, Evansville, Ind.; Alice Biskey, Applegate, Mich.; and Phyllis Schoenleben, Bradford, Oh.

Horner presented the certificates to the winners.

Gowin, as president of the Alumni Association, presided at the banquet which was attended by about 300 persons.

William Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, delivered the baccalaureate address Saturday night.

Alumni select four

The Georgetown College Alumni Association paid special tribute to four who were elected recipients of 1982 alumni achievement awards at the school's annual alumni smorgasbord May 14, in the dining commons of Lee E. Cralle Student Center.

Those named to the honor included William F. Atchison, professor of computer science, University of Maryland; Lewis Waller Martin, retired Southern Baptist home missionary from Atlanta; Louise Clark Switzer, educational administrator and consultant, Frankfort, and Dan H. Kong, director of development at Hawaii Baptist Academy, Honolulu.

The annual awards are a 26-year tradition at Georgetown College with tributes being paid to graduates who date back to the late 19th century and as recent as the 1960's. This year's selectees were individuals of outstanding achievement.

William F. Atchison is one of the world's leading figures in computer science. The 1938 alumnus is author of 45 scholarly papers that have been published by professional journals around the world. His research for more than 35 years has been on the cutting edge of computer technology.

Lewis Waller Martin, a 1923 graduate, thwarted by the great depression of the 1930s and unable to go to China as a missionary, was nonetheless able to invest his life in Appalachia and later in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. As a home missionary he led in the development of some of the denomination's plans for broadening an understanding of missions in America.

Louise Clark Switzer, a 1936 Georgetown College alumna, has devoted her professional career to public education. She has enjoyed success as a high school classroom teacher, guidance counselor, state educational department specialist and college professor. Her influence for almost 50 years has had a profound effect on Kentucky's public education.

Dan H. Kong, a member of the 1950 graduating class, director of development, Hawaii Baptist Academy, Honolulu, has brought to the whole of America the story of this young school he has served almost a decade. He has successfully surrounded the academy with individuals of considerable influence both in this country and abroad.

The annual Georgetown College alumni achievement awards were presented to 96 outstanding figures among the school's graduates including industrialists, business leaders, educators, physicians, surgeons, ministers and political leaders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

MAY 30, 1982

Extra lessons are provided this week because there will be no issue next week.

International Series ALL THINGS MADE NEW

For more than 19 centuries the book of Revelation has been a source of great inspiration and blessing to millions of believers in Christ. It has convinced many of the ultimate triumph of Christ and his cause.

The new creation—Revelation 21:1-7
In these wonderful verses we are given a splendid description of the great happiness which is in store for the children of God in their future abode. As children of God we are looking forward with great anticipation and joy to that day when we shall be delivered not only

from the penalty of sin and the power of sin but also from its very presence. Then the desires of our hearts will be realized fully. No longer will we be plagued by the temptations and evil machinations of Satan and his emissaries. Sickness, suffering and sorrow will not be experienced any more and our fellowship with the Lord will be complete, full-orbed and glorious. Life will be transformed, revitalized and made new through the power of him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The new city—Revelation 21:22-27
For a full description of this celestial city one should read the 21st and 22nd

chapters of Revelation. Even though one may not be able to understand and to explain all of the symbols recorded therein, he is made to rejoice in the wonders of the place to which by God's grace he as a Christian is going.

There will not be any need of a temple, a place which has been dedicated and set apart for God's habitation, in this new and holy city because the presence and all-pervasive glory of the Lord will make a place a sanctuary. Neither will there be any need of the sun or the moon for he who is now the light of the world will then illuminate the celestial city. The eternal and ineffable God will manifest himself in the lamb who is the light of the city.

KBC ACTIVITIES

MAY

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

JULY

4 Christian Citizenship Sunday
5-9 Mountain Missions Conference.
Oneida Baptist Institute

July Conference and Camp Dates

3-9 Bible/Preaching, Ridgecrest;
WMU/Brotherhood, Glorieta
10-16 Church Training Leadership/
Youth, Ridgecrest; Home Missions,
Glorieta

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POLITICAL OFFICE?

I remember "the good old days," when we went to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting thinking about our great denomination and its agencies whose growing reports we looked forward to hearing. Maybe sometimes a particular opportunity or proposal claimed our primary attention. We looked forward to Foreign Missions night and Home Missions night. Sometimes a current issue on the horizon claimed our primary attention and became the subject talked in the hotel lobbies and such as the fellowship gathered for annual meeting.

Recent years have seen us repeatedly now, go to the Convention with the election of a president seeming to be uppermost, in most peoples' minds. Permit the writer to confess great sadness at this circumstance. A great body of 20,000 people, who believe in the claims of Christ, upon coming together from 50 states, should have far more important things in mind than who is to be the next presiding officer.

It is a sign of disunity. In the good

old days, one had a mild curiosity as to who might be nominated and listened with interest to those who rose on personal privilege and nominated whom-ever they felt personally led to place before the body. A list of a half dozen or more nominees rarely revealed any marked differences of religious position. Partisan candidates and their advocates didn't exist. The body simply chose among brethren who were seen as well-poised Christian gentlemen, capable of presiding over the matters in which we had primary interest. Preconvention political activity was entirely minimal and completely non-partisan.

The office of the presidency of our great Convention will shrink in stature if the present trend toward preconvention political activity and planned partisan nominations continues. Political parties are just that. Applying spiritual nomenclature to them does not make them any less political. It does degrade whatever spiritual vocabulary is thus dragged into the dirt. In fact, it seems a travesty to make political hay out of terminology that deserves to be reserved for spiritual matters.

Life and Work Series PROVISION FOR THE POOR

Deuteronomy 15:1-5a, 7-11a As the year of release mentioned in these verses indicated God's interest in the preservation of the soil, so it should be pointed out that God is much more concerned about people and their needs. When Christians refuse to strive to alleviate poverty, they sin against God to

whom they will have to render an account for their disobedience.

Poverty is largely the result of an unequal struggle between the strong and the weak. Very displeasing to God is the attitude of the avaricious person who says, "What I have belongs to me and not to anyone else, and I am not going to share it with anybody."

Even though the poor will always be in our midst, we are never justified in becoming callous in our attitude toward them and miserly in our treatment of them. Instead, we should give generously and cheerfully to meet the needs of the unfortunate and poor. Failure to do so reveals a hardness of heart and a guilt of sin which is inexcusable. Those who share their possessions with the poor are promised rewards for doing so. **Deuteronomy 23:24-25** Those who owned vineyards and crops of grain were instructed to permit travelers to eat of the grapes and grain, which belonged to them, as they passed their way. However, when their hunger was satisfied, the poor and the transients were forbidden to place any additional fruit or grain in their pockets, baskets or other vessels and take it with them as they proceeded on their journey. They were permitted to meet their immediate needs only. Appreciation of the privilege of meeting their needs called for strict honesty on their part.

International Series MARY: FAVORED BY GOD

The promise—Luke 1:26-31 Mary, a devout and godly Jewish maiden, and Joseph, a devout young carpenter, were betrothed. Betrothal was as sacred as marriage. Unfaithfulness on the part of the young lady was punishable by death.

The angel Gabriel suddenly appeared in Mary's presence and informed her that through the grace of God she had been chosen by God as the one to conceive and to become the mother of a child, whose name would be "Jesus," as per the promise in Isa. 7:14. This promise was the most wonderful one that was ever made to any woman.

The prediction—Luke 1:32-33 For the encouragement of Mary, Gabriel also predicted the greatness of her son, Jesus Christ, and the perpetuity of his kingdom. This "Son of the Highest" deserves to be recognized as both savior and sovereign. Unfortunately, far too many desire the blessings of his saviorhood but do not have much interest in the benefits of his lordship.

The plan—Luke 1:34-37 Mary inquired: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" Gabriel informed Mary that God had the ability to make possible the virgin birth. He convinced

her that God could and would carry out his plan and accomplish his purpose.

The presentation—Luke 1:38 Believing God's promise and trusting him to perform it, Mary submissively and promptly presented herself to God as the human channel through whom his son might come and be the redeemer of sinners. She said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Mary set a noble example for all of us who have a long-ing to be used by the Lord in carrying out his purposes.

John 19:25-27 We are deeply impressed with the tender care Christ manifested for his mother while he was hanging on the cross. At that time of his greatest anguish, racked by the most agonizing pain of body, mind and spirit, his marvelous compassion caused him to forget his own sufferings and to think of the needs of his dear mother. Instead of his thoughts being centered upon his torn body, tortured mind, or darkened spirit, he placed them upon those who were standing near the cross, particularly his mother and John. As an act of most tender thoughtfulness and sanctified filial affection, Christ Jesus provided for his mother the best of care in the home of one whom he could trust to do his very best for her. What a noble example!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

JUNE 6, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Then, as now, the invisible God will become visible only in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nothing that defileth will ever enter the blessed portals of this city of absolute purity and complete holiness. Only those whose names have been written in the lamb's book of life shall enter there. The fact that the names of Christians have been recorded in that book should result in their living more holy and in their being more earnest and faithful in their service for Christ.

Life and Work Series A FAITHFUL PEOPLE

Every noble quality and praiseworthy

virtue draws its life and strength from faithfulness. Repeatedly God demonstrated his great love for his people by his faithfulness to them in every respect and always. Consequently their most sacred duty to God is obedience to his word and conformity to his will.

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 Inasmuch as God had been faithful in all of his dealings with the Israelites, Moses urged them to be obedient to him as an expression of their gratitude to him.

In summarizing God's requirements, Moses appealed to the Israelites to hold God in reverential awe daily, to walk with him in the path of obedience, to love him devotedly, to serve him faith-

fully and to obey him cheerfully.

God also wants his children to think, speak and act in such a manner as to please and honor him. God has a perfect right to command and to expect us to know him so well and to love him so much that we will walk humbly with him. Walking with God means friendship, companionship and fellowship. It implies trust, congeniality, and unity of thought, will and affection also. As we walk with him in the path of Christian obedience, we shall be the recipients of his peace, purity, protection, power and provision.

The assurance of God's presence, power and provision is the source of a courage which danger cannot dispel,

which sufferings and trials cannot exhaust and which death cannot destroy. Out of gratitude for what he has done for them God's children should eliminate from their lives anything that is contrary to God's will.

Deuteronomy 11:26 God instructed Moses to rehearse the account of his bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and into Canaan. They were informed that obedience on their part would result in their becoming the recipients of numerous blessings from God, but in the event they should disobey him they would thereby deprive themselves of his blessings and bring a curse upon themselves.

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LEAN DAYS BEFORE HARVEST

As an amateur beekeeper, I learn much from these little creatures of God's creation. Often I am asked, "When do you rob the bees?" My reply is, "I do not rob the bees, I harvest the honey." A robber takes all but when one harvests the honey he leaves plenty of honey to supply food for the bees through the long winter and early spring.

In late winter the bees come out of their semi-hibernation stage and begin raising new bees to increase their work force. This requires much more food. Since the nectar flow is very little until May, the months of March and April are critical for the bees. These are the lean days before the harvest. In fact a strong colony of bees may easily starve to death just before the nectar flow.

To protect the bees the keeper must sometimes provide extra food during those lean days. Then when harvest time comes the bees are ready to bring in a harvest of honey.

I remember as a boy on the farm when we sometimes had lean days before the harvest. Before frying chick-

ens were ready for the skillet and the garden vegetables were in, we mostly ate potatoes and beans. Those were lean days before the harvest.

Here at Baptist Homes for Children we now face those lean days before the harvest. Although our expenses of operation run quite regularly (about \$5100 per day), much of our income is seasonal and irregular. We receive almost \$12,000 each month from Co-operative Program gifts (about seven percent of our budget), but our main harvest is the Thanksgiving Offering. It constitutes about 33 percent of our budget. The other 60 percent comes from wills, estates, trust earnings and multitudes of individual gifts.

At this time of year we really walk by faith. God supplies our needs for these lean days through his people. We are greatly helped by Founders Club members, persons who send one dollar for each of our 113 years of ministry. A gift of \$113 makes one a member of the Founders Club. I am asking God to give us 500 Founders Club members this year. Pray for us and remember our needs during these lean days.

CHRISMAN, TWO-TIME WINNER OF PRESIDENT'S AWARD

James Chrisman, pastor of Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, was this year's recipient of the President's Award at Clear Creek Baptist School. An interesting sidelight on Chrisman and this award is that he received the award when he graduated in 1966 from the school's certificate program. Chrisman is the only student in the history of the school to achieve this award for the second time.

Eighteen years ago Chrisman and his wife sold their furniture to buy a car so they might attend Clear Creek Baptist School and prepare for the ministry.

Chrisman served as pastor of Livingston Baptist Church and taught school in the Rockcastle school system.

Eight years ago he went to Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, and continues to serve there. During his tenure as pastor, the Sunday school average attendance has grown from 60 to 145. The morning worship attend-

ance has climbed from 100 to 275. A new church building has been erected and more than 100 people were baptized into the church.

In the past year Chrisman felt a need for more training and enrolled again in Clear Creek Baptist School for the four year degree program. When he was preparing to leave the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church presented him with enough money to cover his tuition and books and transportation for this year. He motored to the school each Monday morning and stayed through Wednesday afternoon classes when he made the journey back to Berea for the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Thursday morning found him back on the road to Pineville for classes Thursday and Friday.

Chrisman was among the 31 students to receive diplomas or certificates during commencement exercises held at Binghamtown Baptist Church.

PRAISE WITH UNDERSTANDING

A constant throughout Oneida's history has been the quality of our music program.

Our founder's wife was a very accomplished musician who played concerts all over the nation. In her years at Oneida she made a great contribution to the musical tradition of our school, still much in evidence more than 50 years later.

Omer "Blue" Hensley, Oneida class of '29 and presently a member of Winchester First Baptist, is the first Oneida music teacher I can personally remember. A most vivid memory is sitting in the seventh grade classroom in old Marvin Hall. I daily heard "Blue" practicing the school chorus in the chapel above my head and heard the steady pat-pat of his number 12 shoe. One morning while leading a lusty rendition of "Coming In On A Wing And A Prayer" with that big foot keeping steady time, the rhythmic vibration caused a piece of the old ceiling plaster to fall and come sailing by my head. I nearly went out without benefit of either wings or a prayer!

He was followed by Florence Sanders (Carson-Newman College) who for many years with her husband John Griggs has been a foreign missionary to

Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). Then followed Paul Howerton (Georgetown-Southern), now a Louisville area pastor, and Mrs. Randall Hughes, whose sister Mrs. Ferguson was the longtime state WMU executive secretary.

Then came Frances Patrick (Georgetown), now the wife of Ande Clark both who are visiting professors at the University of Hawaii this year and owners of their own very successful English Language Institute in Nashville where the English language is taught to foreign students.

George Hensley (Cumberland College), now minister of music of a Danville, Va., church returned to Oneida where he graduated in 1957 and led our music program nearly 10 years.

He was followed by Mrs. Billie Conrad (Morehead University) who began our current band program among other accomplishments. She and her husband were with us five years but she was on leave one year to get her master's degree at Morehead. Her brother-in-law, John Conrad, now a Louisville area youth minister and seminary student, filled in that year.

Mrs. Conrad was followed by Mrs. Bonnie Hawkins Turner (Campbellsville) who is still with us as an art teacher as she has concentrations both in art and music.

For the past three years our music director has been Rick Raymond (Campbellsville). Mr. Raymond will have an assistantship this next year at Eastern Kentucky University. Also away on leave will be our history teacher for the past 10 years, John Sanderson (Murray-Eastern-Southern). He will be teaching at University of Kentucky while working on his doctorate while on leave from Oneida. Returning from leave at University of Kentucky will be long time Oneida Baptist Institute teacher Bob Turner who has been working on his master of business administration.

Our 60-voice choir under Rick Raymond's direction has given many memorable performances this year. Earlier this month they sang two performances at the World's Fair. They were ranked tops at the church music festival held at First Baptist, Barbourville and at the Kentucky Music Educator's Association meeting at Eastern Kentucky University.

Other performances included major ones at churches in Richmond, Hazard, London, Stanton, McDowell, Booneville, Cynthiana, Horse Creek; at Glen's Creek, Versailles; Garrard Presbyterian; Manchester Memorial Adventist; "My Old Kentucky Home"; Calvary Baptist in both London and Somerset;

Riverview Baptist at Cox's Creek and many others.

Last year one of our girls in the choir was not a Christian. After having made her profession of faith, she exclaimed with wonder and excitement following a performance, "Now I understand what we are singing about!" Thus we named our album of 17 hymns recorded in our chapel, "Praise, With Understanding."

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The rest of the story.

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