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## Cothen requests medical retirement starting March '84

Baptist Sunday School Board president Grady C. Cothen announced July 20 he is asking the board's trustees for medical retirement effective Mar. 1, 1984.

Cothen, 61, said, "This entire matter has been discussed in detail with the officers of the trustees and with the plans and policies committee of the trustee board. The planning process was under way long before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting" at New Orleans, La. in June.



### Not because of SBC conflicts

Cothen then emphasized there is "no relationship between his request for medical retirement and current conflicts within the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said he was notifying the trustees 20 months in advance of his retirement date "to allow ample time for an orderly transition which will include the selection of a search committee, the election of a new president and a time of orientation to the job before March 1984."

Cothen noted the process he outlined is almost identical to that which was followed upon the 1975 retirement of his predecessor, James L. Sullivan.

The president of the institution which has a 1982 budget of more than \$125 million said he had planned to make a formal announcement of his retirement request at the Aug. 3-4 meeting of the trustees.

### Banner story inaccurate

"The release of the erroneous story by the Nashville Banner (July 20) made it necessary for me to communicate with the trustees by telegram immediately." The Banner story quoted "unnamed Southern Baptist sources" as speculating that Cothen might resign due to the "volatile situation within the Southern Baptist Convention . . . rather than help."

Cothen said he was advised by his physician almost one year ago to consider retirement. In March 1980 he underwent abdominal surgery for a malignancy. At that time 75 percent of his stomach was removed. This June he had urological surgery and returned to work July 19.

"There has been a general decline in the state of my health during the last year," said Cothen. "While there is no evidence of a recurrence of the malignancy, there are inescapable physical complications that are aggravated by the necessary functions of this office."

However, he said, "If health allows—and I think it will—I expect to be president of the Sunday School Board in every sense of the word until March 1984."

After notifying the trustees by telegram, Cothen announced his retirement plans to the board's 1100 Nashville employees.

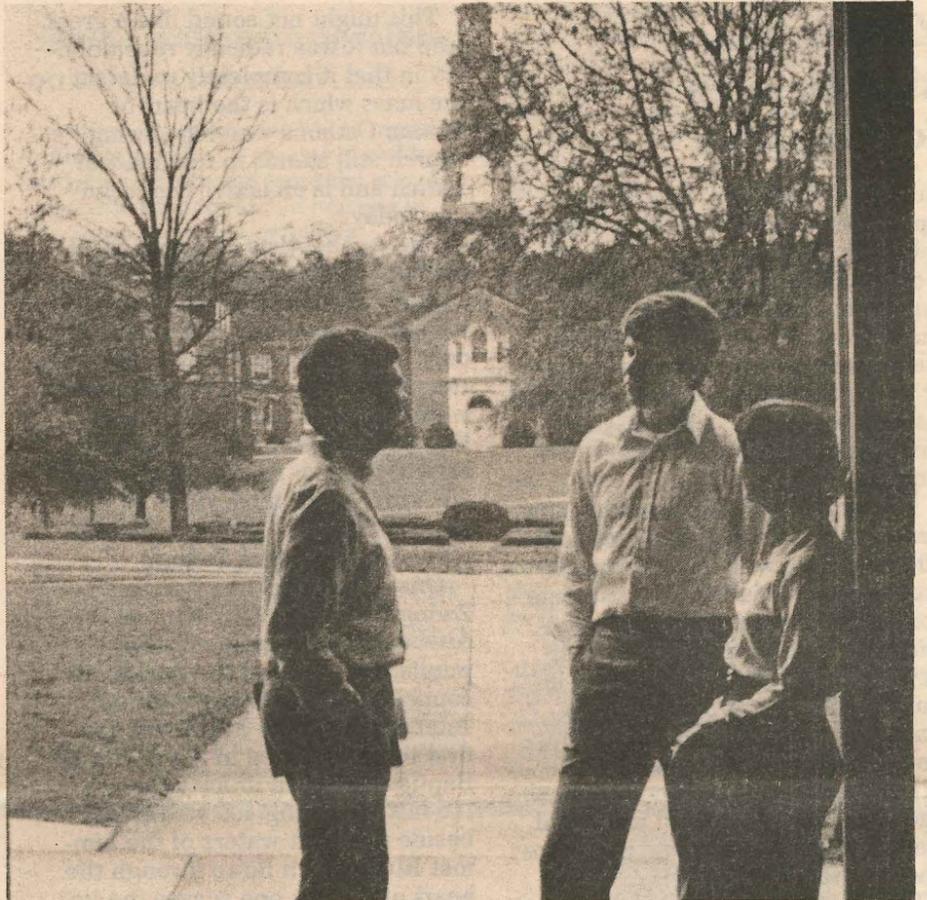
## Temporary rate reduction set for non-profit mail

A temporary postal rate reduction for Baptist state papers and other non-profit mailers has been set for July 28 as the result of an amendment to a recently enacted urgent supplemental appropriations bill.

The \$42 million added to the emergency appropriations measure by Senate and House conferees will partially rescind the large increases which doubled postage costs for most preferred-rate mailers last January. A Postal Service spokesman estimated the

extra funding will mean a reduction of postage rates of about 25 percent for most second-class mailers through the current fiscal year which will end Sept. 30.

Technically, the new appropriation will move these mailers to step 13 of a 16-year phasing process Congress initiated in 1970 to adjust preferred rates toward full attributable costs in gradual increments. That phasing process was short-circuited last January after Congress sharply reduced funding for the



### No raccoon coats here

This year's On-to-College Day theme, sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries is "Serving Christ on Campus." Here Louisville native Jim Barnette takes a few minutes to chat with Daryl Weaver (l), Trussville, Ala., and Bonnie Stewart, Charlottesville, Va., on the Samford University campus in Birmingham, Ala.

## State campus ministry adds 2, loses 1

In a series of changes in campus ministry personnel around Kentucky Morehead State University and Campbellsville College filled positions while Murray State University's campus minister

resigned.

Danny E. Flanagan, Campbellsville's campus minister from 1976-79, has again filled that position. Flanagan resigned to become Campbellsville's vice president for student affairs, a post he held until June.

Flanagan, an Ohio native, is a graduate of Campbellsville and Southern Seminary. His wife, Virginia, is Campbellsville's director of public relations. They have two children.

Eugene Parr Jr. has accepted the campus ministry position at Morehead. Parr is a Nicholasville native and a graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, and Southern Seminary. He and his wife, Lucia, have one child.

Jerry Hopkins has resigned the student position at Murray, a post he has held since 1981. Hopkins will assume the pastorate of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah.



Flanagan



Parr

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C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### Zurich has significance for Baptists

Zurich, Switzerland, where European and Southern Baptist editors joined in an International Baptist Communications Seminar, June 29-July 2, has both an ancient and modern significance for Baptists. Its present significance is due mainly to the International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, a Zurich suburb overlooking beautiful Lake Zurich.

Begun in 1949, the seminary now has comfortable facilities for about 70 students. It will have a capacity student body this fall with students coming from most European countries and several from other continents. The faculty will compare in quality with any of our Southern Baptist seminaries and the assumption of the presidency on July 1 by Clyde Fant means the seminary has one of the most able and insightful leaders Southern Baptists have produced in this generation.

The four day stay at Ruschlikon was an unforgettable experience for Christine and me. The campus with its luxurious trees and beautiful flowers would rival the garden of Eden. From the campus one can view the heavenly blue waters of Lake Zurich below and the glistening snow capped Swiss Alps above. Befriended by faculty and staff members and by students from several areas of the world, we experienced a new dimension of the tie that binds Baptist hearts together regardless of where they live and serve.

Zurich also has an ancient significance for Baptists because it was there Zwingli and Swiss Anabaptists paid the ultimate price for their convictions. Zwingli was born and reared in the Swiss countryside. He revolted against the Catholic dogma he inherited and, as pastor of the largest church in Zurich, he became the leader of the reform movement in Zurich. He paid a high price for his convictions and zeal being killed outside Zurich in a battle between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Zwingli's evangelical views went even further than those of Luther and Calvin. He never came around to the Anabaptist view on baptism of believers only by immersion but he totally rejected the sacramental view of the Lord's Supper and espoused the memorial view which Baptists hold.

This might not sound like a great step but it was radically revolutionary in that it completely undercut the mass which is the heart of Roman Catholic worship. Zwingli's church still stands in the heart of Zurich and is an active congregation today.

The Anabaptists of Zurich went further than Zwingli in their rejection of infant baptism and their insistence upon believer's baptism only by immersion. They held some extreme views which Baptists today would reject but they were more like Baptists than any of the other reform groups. Anabaptists in Zurich suffered for their views at the hands of Roman Catholics and the reformers including Zwingli.

One of the dark chapters in Zwingli's life is his turning on the Anabaptists who once were his pupils. He even led the Zurich city council to imprison and execute Anabaptists. Felix Manz was the first to be executed in Zurich for his Baptist views but unfortunately not the last. Standing 400 years later beside the swift waters of the Limmat River which flows through the heart of Zurich, one senses the immortal presence of these heroes of faith and is tempted to take off his shoes because he is surely on holy ground.

### How it happened in New Orleans

The outcome of the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans was a decisive victory for the ultraconservatives. This was especially so in the positions expressed in the adopted resolutions on prayer in public schools and the teaching of creationism in public schools. Veteran convention observers were surprised that the strong views of these resolutions which messengers would not approve in earlier years were approved this year.

The explanation is contained in the article by Stan Hasteley on page four of this issue. It's a strong article but all investigation points to its essential accuracy. No convention rule was apparently broken and such lobbying of the Resolutions Committee is available to anyone who so desires.

What happened in respect to the Resolutions Committee in New Orleans does demonstrate how the convention process can be manipulated when persons in high office choose to do so. Mr. McAteer's strong influence in the committee's

work could never have been without the deliberate stacking of the committee by president Bailey Smith.

This editor voted against these resolutions and was disappointed with their adoption but I respect the right of the majority of messengers present to disagree with me and to prevail in voting.

What is of infinitely more concern to me than being on the losing side is the fact that in New Orleans a representative of radical right wing politics and religion exercised far more influence upon the Resolutions Committee than the respected president of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

Keith Parks, a long time faithful missionary before being asked to head up the far flung Southern Baptist foreign mission enterprise, recognized in the proposed resolution on Israel a real threat to our mission efforts in Arab countries. The messengers saw the danger also and referred the resolution back to the committee which should have been the death of it. The committee, however, turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of Parks, a trusted, proven denominational leader, and went with McAteer, a zealot of the New Right in America, who is relatively a newcomer to Southern Baptist Convention affairs. Under Mr. McAteer's influence the committee tried to push the Israel resolution through in the last convention session over the objections of Parks.

Anyone so far doubting the mission and methods of the radical right wing in Southern Baptist life should take note.

### West Kentucky is a Baptist Zion

In western Kentucky Baptists are as plentiful as the waters of Kentucky and Barkley lakes and as vigorous as the Johnson grass that vies with corn and soybeans for sustenance in the fertile fields. Graves County and Mayfield, the county seat, are in the heart of this Baptist Zion and the hospitality for Baptist preachers is beyond description.

Graves County has 42 Southern Baptist churches nearly all of which are strong supporters of Kentucky and Southern Baptist mission programs. Mayfield has two strong Baptist congregations; First Baptist and Northside Baptist. First Church gives nearly \$75,000 a year through the Cooperative Program and Northside's contribution through the Cooperative Program is about

\$15,000 annually. Another Graves County strong church, High Point, where James Tharp is pastor, provides about \$25,000 a year for world outreach through the Cooperative Program.

Graves County Association is one of the best organized in the whole state thanks to mission director Jim Watt who has unusual knowledge and intense interest in every church and every pastor in the association.

The First Baptist congregation in Mayfield has always been a leader in Baptist denominational life. Organized in 1844 with 14 members, the church now has over 1700 members. The list of pastors includes some of the truly great leaders of Kentucky Baptists. On the Sunday we visited First Church more than 30 church leaders were at Ridgecrest for training and a dozen or more young people were off to Cedarmore the next morning for a youth week.

An interesting historical footnote in Mayfield First Baptist history is that Western Recorder editor W. P. Harvey assisted in the formation of the Graves County Association which took place in the Mayfield church in 1893. Harvey and J. W. Warder, the corresponding secretary of Kentucky Baptists (as they were called in those days), were present on the occasion and were appointed reading clerks for the enrolment of the messengers.

It is not surprising then that the Mayfield congregation took note of the 25th anniversary of the Western Recorder editor this July and made it a truly delightful occasion with a morning worship service, an evening dialog and an after service reception.

Mayfield First Baptist pastor Guy Futral, a relatively recent newcomer to the Kentucky Baptist fellowship, suggested the occasion and made it most meaningful for the editor.

As if the warm reception by the congregation was not enough, Guy and his charming mate, Nancy, had Christine and me in their home with Elizabeth, one of their four daughters, for one of Nancy's special Louisiana style meals climaxed with Guy's special homemade lemon ice cream.

Such an occasion confirms the conviction that the Lord has a large corps of choicest souls in western Kentucky. It's a pity Kentucky Baptist Convention officers are not nearer the heart of the state to make for easier access to Baptists in west Kentucky and other far away areas of Kentucky.

# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Walker leaves Hawaii post for HMB consultant role

Edmund Walker, executive director of the Hawaii Baptist Convention for 19 years, has resigned to become a national consultant on senior adult ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Walker, 63, said his resignation will be effective on the election of his successor or when the Hawaii convention meets in November, whichever comes first.

Walker will move to Sacramento, Cal., where he will help the Home Mission Board Christian social ministries department develop state, associational and local church ministries to senior adults, especially in the area of housing, according to Paul Adkins, director of the HMB department.

He is a native of Arkansas and was pastor of churches in Modesto and El Monte, Cal., and assistant secretary and director of missions for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California before going to Hawaii as executive director.

## Unchurched Americans exceeding Baptist efforts

The number of unchurched Americans increased almost twice as fast as the number of Southern Baptists during the decade of 1970-80, the director of the Home Mission Board's research division told more than 1900 persons attending Home Missions Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Orrin H. Morris said recent research indicates Americans who are not affiliated with any religious group increased by five million, or 23 percent, from 69 million in 1970 to more than 84 million persons in 1980.

The number of Southern Baptists, however, increased only two million or 15 percent to 13.6 million in 1980.

Morris said the data indicates Southern Baptists are going to have to work harder to keep up with the increase in unchurched Americans if the denomination is going to meet the goal of Bold Mission Thrust.

Pointing to another research report, Morris said the number of new churches established by sect groups in America increased by more than 30 percent during the past decade, compared to only four percent for Southern Baptist churches.

## Block room reservations for 1983 convention drawn

John E. Saunders of Kansas City, Mo., will set first preference for block room reservations for the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Saunders' name was the first one drawn July 19, as the order of priority in assigning blocks of rooms for the convention was established.

The drawing marks the third time the system has been used to establish the order of assignment of block rooms for the annual meeting of the 13.8-million-member denomination.

Tim Hedquist, convention manager for the SBC Executive Committee, said the system was established to give everyone an equal opportunity to reserve blocks of rooms. Previously it was a "first-come, first-served system." Hedquist said travel agents and others made requests two or three years in advance, "tying up the available rooms so that pastors from Podunk didn't have a chance."

The drawing establishes an order of priority, necessary 191 requests were made for the 1983 annual meeting. Of those, only 35 or 40 will be filled, Hedquist said. Convention guidelines allow only 40 percent of the available hotel rooms to be assigned through the block reservation system. Each block is limited to 50 rooms, he said.

"This means that 60 percent of the hotel rooms in Pittsburgh will be available for individual reservations," Hedquist said. "Requests for individual room reservations will be received after Oct. 1, and the reservation forms should be available through most state conventions by mid-September."

## British and Argentine Baptists come together

Emotional delegates spontaneously burst into chorus after chorus of "Alleluia" after Argentine and British Baptist leaders clasped hands at the Baptist World Alliance meeting.

The celebration occurred as both Samuel Libert, a pastor from Rosario, Brazil, and Bernard Green of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, seconded a motion that Baptist youth of the world go ahead with plans to hold

their meeting in Buenos Aires as originally scheduled, but postpone it one year, until July 1984.

"The overriding concern for Christians is the peace of the world," Green said. "Some have suggested cancellation; I say we must go because we bear witness to Christ's reconciling power, and the greatest sovereign of all is God's sovereignty over the world."

"We love the British people and the American people, but we hate war," Libert, a past president of the Argentine Baptist Convention, said. "We in Argentina hope to have justice, peace, freedom and light. We love our brothers in Christ everywhere." He was baptized 40 years ago by a British Baptist missionary.

## Senate stalemate possible on tuition tax credit bill

President Reagan's proposal to provide tuition tax credits to parents of children attending private and parochial schools may be headed toward an impasse in the Senate Finance Committee.

During a hearing on the proposal two veteran supporters of tuition tax credit on the committee—Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y.—questioned the degree of administration commitment to push for the measure. Packwood further questioned how that support might be affected by possible changes in the bill.

Describing the situation as a possible "stalemate," Packwood said he and Moynihan are dissatisfied with the bill as it now stands and pointed to the likelihood that the administration would not support the measure if the panel approved significant changes.

The administration bill provides tax credits of up to \$100 per child for tuition paid in 1983, a figure which adjusts upward to a maximum of \$500 per child in 1985. Families with incomes of

\$50,000 or less would qualify for the full credit while partial tax credit would be available for those with incomes between \$50,000-\$75,000.

## Hargroves from Louisville appointed missionaries

Acting on behalf of the HMB executive committee, the personnel committee named Deborah and Samuel Snyder of Homewood, Ala., missionaries, and appointed Gary and Linda Hargrove of Louisville, Ky., missionary associates.

The Hargroves will reside in Des Moines, Ia., where he becomes state consultant in Christian social ministries for the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship. He has served as a campus minister, associate pastor and pastor in Arkansas and assisted in social work placement in Louisville. A graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southern Seminary, he served as minister to senior adults at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville before appointment.

Mrs. Hargrove is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has worked as a nurse in hospitals in Little Rock and Louisville.

## Baptist pavilion tickets free at World's Fair

Due to the popularity of the Baptist pavilion performances and presentations at the World's Fair, fairgoers wishing to attend pavilion shows should pick up the free tickets at the pavilion's front doors in advance of show times.

Tickets are available for guest choirs, which perform at 11:45 and 12:30 each day and the 9 p.m. Potpourri hour every night but Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Potpourri is a 20-minute Power-Source performance of Christian music.

## Meet Cumberland College Student. . .

### Cheryl Frazier



Cheryl Lea Frazier, a 20 year-old Cumberland College Junior from New Albany, Indiana, rarely has a spare moment to waste. When not involved in the myriad of classes required for her music education major, Cheryl can either be found participating in music department extra-curricular activities or hard at work in her job in the academic dean's office.

Cheryl, a talented musical performer, is constantly in demand for some musical endeavor. She has been a member of the acclaimed Cumberland College Chorale, the Baptist Student Union Choir, the contemporary gospel singing group Sunesis, and the Cumberland Chamber Choir. Last summer Cheryl traveled with "Hossanah", a gospel singing group that spread Christ's love through their music into several southeastern states.

She says, "I was accepted at several larger schools in the East; however, I wanted to be with my friends and attend a small school where I would feel confident and comfortable." She chose Cumberland.

"I fell in love with the school and felt immediately that the Lord wanted me here. The people are concerned about each other and I felt wanted and not as if I had to fit into someone else's mold."

As evidenced in her many musical and work activities, Cheryl has grown and developed while at Cumberland. "The college gave me room to grow and realize my potential through my studies. The small student-teacher ratio, especially in music, has made me feel closer to my instructors and has enabled them to give me individual attention and help when I needed it."

Both Cheryl and her husband Mike would like to go into some form of missions work. "We both feel called to missions wherever God wants us to go. I feel that I can perform His missionary calling through my music teaching. My music is an expression of myself, but it is a gift that God has given me and I want to use it in any way that He wants me to. I firmly believe that Mike and I will become missionaries."

Dr. Taylor:

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

# VIEWPOINT

## McAteer is key figure in SBC swing to right

by Stan Hastey

Whether purposefully or out of simple weariness, messengers to the St. Louis convention in 1980 and to this year's meeting in New Orleans have effectively delivered the denomination to the right-wing fringe on a variety of volatile issues such as prayer in public schools, creationism, abortion and women's rights.

What is also clear in assessing those conventions is that New Right leader Edward E. McAteer is the one person most responsible for this dramatic shift in social and political attitudes as expressed in SBC resolutions.

McAteer, a Southern Baptist layman who three years ago founded the Roundtable (sometimes called Religious Roundtable), is a tireless crusader for a whole range of extremist causes. While his emergence on the SBC scene has been recent, he has long espoused the standard litany of right-wing causes. Along with other veteran extremists such as Paul Weyrich, Howard Phillips, Richard Viguier and Robert Billings, McAteer helped put together in recent years what is now called the New Right.

Formerly a highly successful sales executive with the Colgate-Palmolive Co., McAteer, with the aid of former SBC presidents Adrian Rogers and Bailey Smith, has compiled an impressive string of successes in his newest endeavor of delivering the 13.8-million member SBC to the New Right fold.

As a former field director for Conservative Causes, McAteer knows plenty about organizing politically and, because of his proven track record, the Memphis, Tenn., resident and member of Bellevue Baptist Church was designated by the New Right intelligentsia three years ago to the critical task of recruiting preachers to the cause. Among his early converts were Jerry Falwell, whom he helped organize the Moral Majority, and such Southern Baptist headliners as Rogers, his pastor, Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and Texas evan-

gelist James Robison.

McAteer first appeared on the scene of an annual SBC meeting in 1980, the year Rogers presided. He actively lobbied an already rightish resolutions committee which reported out and received convention approval for statements condemning the Equal Rights Amendment and espousing a constitutional amendment to ban virtually all abortions. Before 1980 messengers had avoided taking sides on the divisive question of the ratification of ERA and had taken a carefully compromised middle-of-the-road position on abortion, recognizing at once the sacredness of all human life while affirming the necessity in some cases for women to have access to abortion.

St. Louis was but a prelude to New Orleans, however. Whereas in St. Louis McAteer had worked behind the scenes, almost invisibly, in New Orleans he was clearly the orchestrator of much of what the resolutions committee did. Throughout nearly 25 hours of committee deliberations, he continually offered counsel and assistance to newcomer chairman Norris W. Sydnor Jr., a McAteer Roundtable protege.

In addition McAteer accompanied the resolutions committee during presentation of its report to the platform, where he was observed offering counsel to Sydnor and other committee members throughout debate on the panel's proposals.

In true Baptist form the committee got most of what it wanted from the messengers. For the first time the Southern Baptist Convention is on record in support of a constitutional amendment to return state-sponsored and state-written prayers to public school classrooms. Also for the first time the convention approved the teaching of so-called "scientific

creationism," a scheme ruled unconstitutional by an Arkansas federal judge as a clear violation of separation of church and state. Surprisingly, yet to the committee's credit, it did not report out a statement renewing Southern Baptist opposition to tuition tax credits, even though that position barely won out in the panel's deliberations.

As expected the committee succeeded in having the convention renew its opposition to abortion but in the most extreme possible manner, urging a constitutional amendment to ban virtually all abortions and linking abortion with what the committee described as "infanticide."

The committee's most significant defeat came when messengers wisely—and twice—refused to go along with a resolution which would have expressed the denomination's carte-blanche support for anything the state of Israel chooses to do militarily. According to McAteer, that was the one statement he most wanted to see the convention adopt.

As proposed, the resolution embraced a dispensationalist view of modern Israel. It declared the modern state of Israel has been given by God "the land which is to be their eternal possession" and stated that "God's prophetic program as presented in the scriptures includes the present state of Israel as part of God's completion of all things."

Both McAteer's dogged determination and pervasive influence within the resolutions committee were perhaps best demonstrated when the panel ignored a request by SBC Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks and the drafter of the Israel resolution to let them work out a more appropriate statement for presentation next year in Pittsburgh. Parks and Jim DeLoach, associate pastor at Second Baptist Church, Houston, appeared jointly before the committee between sessions Thursday after messengers had tabled the Israel resolution. But the committee chose instead to attempt to revive the resolution in the afternoon session. Only a dramatic appeal by Parks and

DeLoach to the messengers averted a situation which could well have imperiled Southern Baptist mission work in Arab nations for years to come.

Although no one has directly implicated immediate past president Bailey Smith as the one responsible for McAteer's role in New Orleans, a pre-convention meeting in New Orleans of Falwell with Smith, Rogers, Stanley and McAteer did not go unnoticed.

And surely Smith must have known about the Sydnor/McAteer connection and that at least two other members of the resolutions committee are Moral Majority activists. The reason for his pre-convention refusal to disclose who would comprise the resolutions committee quickly became apparent in New Orleans: he had plenty to hide.

Smith, Rogers and McAteer have indisputably accomplished one of McAteer's primary objectives as a mover and shaker in the New Right: they have for the first time put the Southern Baptist Convention on record in support of extremist political causes.

In McAteer particularly, Southern Baptist leaders who have championed separation of church and state against the New Right's theocratic vision of America, have found a formidable opponent. He is an adversary who by his own admission is driven to see certain ultraconservative principles implemented in American life. He is an opponent who is aptly described in the title of an upcoming Public Broadcasting System special about him: "Portrait of an American Zealot."

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Be it resolved that we express our desire, as members of a cooperating Southern Baptist church, that the appointments of the Southern Baptist Convention officers, the Committee on Committees, and the Committee on Boards be released in full to the Baptist Press for publication in every state Baptist paper, at least 30 days prior to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Audubon Baptist Church  
Louisville, Ky.

## Campbellsville compiling history

The Campbellsville Baptist Church is seeking to locate its old minute books and the names and photographs of its past ministers. Campbellsville Baptist Church was formerly Pitman and Robinson Creek Baptist Churches. Constituted in 1791 in old Green (now Taylor) County.

The following minute books are missing: 1. Robinson Creek Baptist Church, 1790's-1802; 2. Pitman Creek Baptist Church, Green (now Taylor) County, 1810's; 1852; 3. Campbellsville Baptist Church, Taylor County, 1852-1885.

The following list of names of pastors is incomplete. Photographs have been found by the names with asterisks. Pitman and Robinson Creek Baptist Churches: Joseph Anderson, 1793; James Hill, 1801; Baldwin Clifton, 1802-07; John Mulkey, 1808; Isaac Hodges, 1809-15; James Shipp, 1815; John Harding, \* 1815-1843. Campbellsville Baptist Church: George W. Robertson, 1852-56; William T. Green, 1856-59; R. T. Blakeman, 1866; V. E. Kirtley, 1869; Willis Peck, 1870-77; G. A. Coulson, 1873-74; J. J. Felts, 1876; A. F. Pearson, 1878; E. H. Brooks, 1879; W. B. Arvin, 1880-90; A. C. Graves, 1890-91; J. M. Thomas, \* 1891-92; A. M. Vardeman, 1892-94; J. W. Loving, \* 1894-1900; Arch C. Cree, \* 1900-01; D. P. Montgomery, 1901-02; J. B. Bozeman, 1902-03; J. S. Gatton, 1904-10; R. F. Jaudon, \* 1911-13; L. C. Kelly, \* 1913-19; W. W. Horner, \* 1920-21; Hollis S. Summers, \* 1921-25; D. P. Montgomery, 1926-27; George D. Faulkner, 1927-29; James L. Robinson, \* 1929-42; Harvey T. Morrison, \* 1943-49; J. Chester Badgett, \* 1950-80; Paul G. Horner, Interim, \* 1980-81; James E. Jones, \* 1981-.

Anyone with any information concerning the history of this church, please write Betty Gorin, 112 Kensington Way, Campbellsville, KY 42718, or call 502-465-8742.

Betty Gorin, Campbellsville

## Victory for Satan

After attending the SBC in New Orleans, I must say we Southern Baptists need to get our act together. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). I realize it would be asking

a lot for everyone to dot every i the same way. However it seems that we're disagreeing more all the time.

Now we have always disagreed on some theology and certain issues. But what has triggered this spirit of diversity that is so prevalent among us today? Is there a legitimate cause for alarm?

It seems the most controversy is over the Bible. And more so, over whether words such as "infallible" and "inerrant" should be used to describe the Bible. I have been hearing many say these words and this thought is something new and that it has only been around for four or five years. This last statement I challenge. This view of inspiration has been strongly supported by outstanding Bible scholars through the centuries.

C. I. Scoldfield wrote: "Inspiration extends equally to all scripture . . ." "Every word of scripture is inspired or God-breathed." "Because the scriptures are inspired, they are authoritative and without error in their original words, and constitute the infallible revelation of God to man."

Pilgrim's footnotes: "Therefore there must have been one all wise person who planned the book and told each one what to write. That person is God's Spirit . . ." Not just a part of the scriptures is inspired, as we know from this verse in 2 Tim. (3:16). All is literally every scripture . . ."

Unger's Bible Dictionary (based upon a 1900 edition): ". . . it is not the result of human research nor the product of the writer's own thought." "Accordingly, if it can be demonstrated that we have the words they wrote and spoke transmitted substantially in identical form with the original documents, and the science of textual criticism enables this to be done, then a charge of error is a charge against God . . ." "Absolute freedom from error must be attributed to the original copies of the inspired writings. It is unthinkable that inaccuracy and mistake can co-exist with inspiration."

May I say that God is not the author of doubt and division. The sin of doubt originated with Satan and was put in the heart of man when Satan said, "Yea, hath God said . . ."

All this squabbling has not caused mature Christians to stumble, but what are the questions and doubts about God's Word doing to young Christians and babes in Christ? It is absurd to think that doubts will cause a babe in Christ to grow and mature. Satan has won a victory when he can cause doubt.

Clark Brown, Eddyville

## Blasphemy in Jesus?

Some believe a moment of silence in school will change the very character of American education. As a Christian, I find this a move toward the secularization of the gospel. This seems to be a move to change the gospel so no one really knows that they are becoming a Christian. Our faith in Jesus is not built on silence or a wrongly written commandment on the walls of school rooms.

My faith in Christ is an open commitment and the heritage of my faith is not to slip around and to hide under silence because of possible persecution. In our nation, secularization is such a temptation for Christians.

The main reason I believe in separation of church and state is to keep a clear understanding between salvation in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior and one who just "believes" in God. Indeed, many in our nation believe in a god, but that doesn't reflect anything when compared to our sacred scripture that demands much more than believing in something "way out there."

If prayer in public school, or even

public meetings and clubs, means a definite address to God in the name of Jesus to have God's will done, that is one thing. But to say a prayer like a magic formula to please any god, then that is blasphemous on our part.

Bruce Sloan, Shepherdsville

## A treat to beat your feet

Aug. 15 this church will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a "Homecoming Day."

Because of nearby Mississippi University for Women and Columbus Air Force Base, thousands who have worshiped here now serve in every state and many foreign countries.

We will appreciate your assistance in inviting former members to be present with us that day. Hospitality in homes is available for those contacting us.

Secondly, we are asking those who have been touched by this church's ministry over the years (but who are not able to attend Homecoming) to write letters to us, which will be bound and presented to the church. Please use 8½ x 11 paper.

Joe N. McKeever, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Box 829  
Columbus, MS 39701

## Billy who?

Since I was to be in Moscow May 7-10 on a tour around the world, I began hoping and praying several weeks before that it would be possible to see and hear Billy Graham speak at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral May 9 at the invitation of Patriarch Pimen.

On arrival in Moscow May 7 I asked our Russian guide to get information as to whether Billy Graham would speak at Russian Orthodox Cathedral Sunday May 9, the time, how to get there, etc. Saturday afternoon she answered, "We communists don't care anything about God, so we can't get you information about Billy Graham."

Then I asked the information clerk at Intourist Hotel for the phone number of American Embassy. I called the embassy several times and finally Sunday morning, May 9, a fellow there said, "We're not keeping up with Billy Graham and are not on very good relations with him at this time." I asked, "Why, is it because President Reagan did not want him to come to Moscow?" He replied, "Something like that."

Faced with a challenge, I decided to take a chance, returned to the information clerk and asked if she would write down the address of Russian Orthodox Cathedral. At 10 a.m. I got into a taxi stationed in front of the hotel, showed the address to the driver, and in about 15 minutes arrived at R.O.C., surprisingly at the same time as Billy Graham, although he was in a limo and was driven through gates to the back. Services were in progress, so Billy Graham and his group of about 10 sat in chairs next to the altar placed there for his group. There were only a few other chairs placed in another section of the huge cathedral. I was fortunate to stand behind the Billy Graham group—six people back from him. The Russian

service continued 'til about 1 p.m. A young girl next to me was interpreting the Russian service into English for another fellow so I was able to hear the entire service in English. It was fantastic.

As to Mr. Graham's message at Russian Orthodox Cathedral, he very forcefully presented the gospel of Christ as the answer and only hope for peace for all mankind, the devastation of war and how everyone could personally appropriate God's love and redemption unto themselves. I believe he should be commended for so boldly proclaiming the most powerful message in the world as he did publicly and privately.

Mrs. Ida R. Landis, Leitchfield

## Do the honorable thing

Like a majority (probably 85-90 percent) of Southern Baptists, I believe that the Bible is inspired, inerrant, infallible word of God.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The Bible tells us how to be saved, and how to live the Christian life while we are on earth; and it tells us what will happen to us after we leave this earth.

Certainly there is diversity among Southern Baptists and certainly no two Southern Baptists will agree on every detail of the Bible. But diversity does not excuse one of denying the great distinctive doctrines of the Bible.

If there are those among us (and there must be a few) who deny the virgin birth, the other miracles, the resurrection, the deity of Christ, life after death or the other great distinctive doctrines of the Bible, they should do the most honorable thing. First, if they can find it in their heart to do so, they should repent of their unbelief and confess faith in Jesus Christ and then confess publicly that they have been wrong. Secondly, if they cannot find it in their hearts to do this, they should do the next most honorable thing and withdraw from among Southern Baptists to become part of a denomination with which they agree.

Perhaps that problem is that we don't read and study our Bibles enough. We read and study so much about the Bible, but not enough of the Bible itself. We are told, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). And he said, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). There is no disagreement between the Bible and the Holy Spirit. The Bible is "the word of truth" because it is the word of God and the Holy Spirit is our guide as we study the word of God.

As we study our Bibles more with the Holy Spirit we will find less diversity among us and more agreement, less division and more unity. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1).

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

# Sleeping sickness

It hasn't reached epidemic proportions yet, but some west Kentucky associations are curing a few ills by caring for their out-of-town guests in a most hospitable manner. If the remedy catches on, you may find it turning up in more and more Baptist centers across the state.

by James H. Cox, *Associate Editor*

They're sleeping on the job at Baptist associational offices in west Kentucky. Literally.

At least, some people are. "They" are visiting evangelists, prospective staff members and other guests of the churches, as well as state and national denominational leaders.

And they sleep there with the blessing and encouragement of the local associations and their supporting churches.

Six Baptist associations in west Kentucky have now equipped their office facilities with one or more guest rooms for on-premises lodging of the association's guests—without charge.

## Green Valley: a gigantic idea

It began 21 years ago when Green Valley Baptists, now including 27 Southern Baptist congregations in Henderson County, opened a new associational office building a few miles southwest of downtown Henderson. Their far reaching vision incorporated not only a spacious office and meeting room complex but a residence for the associational missionary as one wing of the structure.

Little did they realize at the time, however, that they were setting a precedent that would be copied by other associations in their state. The inclusion of a private bedroom and bath for overnight guests of the association and its churches would be beneficial to hundreds across the years. It would also

become a model for planning future associational buildings.

In fact, says R. G. Shelton, the present director of missions who assumed the post a decade ago, there has been some talk that the guest lodging will be expanded to two rooms at some future date, perhaps when he retires.

The Green Valley guest room, a few steps down a short hall from Shelton's office, is equipped with a double bed, sofa sleeper, desk, chairs, clothes closet, TV set, telephone and tile bath with shower stall. The room is carpeted, and furnishings were carefully selected to provide comfortable quarters for those who use it.

As in each of these offices with overnight accommodations, there is a kitchen in the building which is accessible to those spending the night. Light meals, snacks, coffee and continental breakfasts may be prepared by guests. In some of the facilities, food is provided; in others, those staying are expected to bring their own food.

## Two rooms and a kitchenette

Green Valley's next door neighbor, Daviess-McLean Association, now including 56 congregations in or near Owensboro, was quick to respond to Green Valley's lead in planning a new associational office building with modern design. The structure they completed in 1962 at 1003 Scherm Rd., Owensboro, provides a spacious meeting area for many of the association's activities, plus offices and a two-room guest suite with private bath. There is also an adjacent residence for J. V.

Case Jr., director of missions for the last 14 years.

The tastefully appointed guest lodging includes a living room with sleeping couch, TV, desk, comfortable chairs, a dining table and kitchenette. The kitchenette provides a sink, stove and refrigerator, as well as storage area for dishes and food.

Off the living area is a separate bedroom equipped with twin beds, night stand and large walk-in closet.

The adjoining tile bath offers tub and shower and has a linen closet.

The bedroom and living quarters are beautifully carpeted and the facility is air conditioned.

Following Green Valley and Daviess-McLean's lead, more than a decade elapsed before other associations in the state were in a position to add overnight lodging to existing or new facilities.

## A 'tallanted' couple

Warren Association, presently including 40 congregations in Warren County, became the third to provide such accommodations. Warren's ability to do so resulted from the purchase of a former Assembly of God church as an office site, coupled with the labor and determination of director of missions Francis R. Tallant and his wife, Charlene, to include overnight provisions in the facility. The former church was almost totally remodeled, and considerable space was added at the rear of the existing structure.

Tallant, himself, provided much of the physical labor involved. In the last

year, he and Charlene have almost single-handedly finished and equipped a second guest bedroom and bath on the office facility's second floor level, including paneling, cutting doors, dropping ceilings, plumbing, carpeting and furnishing the room.

The "upper room" is presently occupied by a student summer missionary employed by the association. The room will be used for overflow in other seasons of the year as more visiting speakers and denominational leaders arrive than the guest room on the main floor will accommodate. This second floor room includes two single beds, chest, dresser and TV. A bath down the hall has a shower stall.

The primary guest room, bearing a plaque on the door reading "Baptist Hilton," is fully carpeted and includes two single beds, night stand, clothes racks, built-in desk-vanity and has cable TV. Its adjoining tile bath has a built-in lavatory cabinet and shower stall.

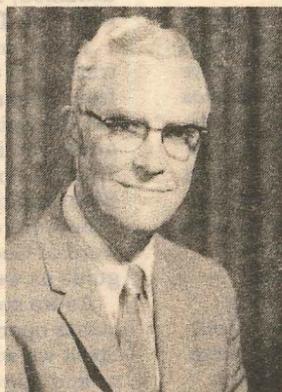
Both upper and lower rooms are air conditioned.

A spacious kitchen is located near the main floor guest room, and guests are encouraged to use it freely. Its equipment is typical of that found in many associational office kitchens now, including built-in cabinets, refrigerator, stove (and steam table), automatic dishwasher, small dining table, disposal and 190-degree hot water spigot.

Most of the furnishings here, as in the other associations, have been donated by individuals, Sunday school classes, WMU circles and churches.



R. G. Shelton  
Green Valley



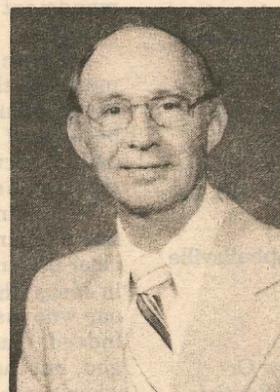
J. V. Case Jr.  
Daviess-McLean



Francis R. Tallant  
Warren



Harold L. Greenfield  
Caldwell-Lyon



Hughlan P. Richey  
Little Bethel



Charles H. Ham  
Ohio County



Typical of the associational offices with overnight accommodations is this one owned by Daviess-McLean Baptists.

Someone recently gave a washer and dryer to Warren Association, too, making processing the bed linens a little easier for the staff.

#### A new twist

In 1977 Caldwell-Lyon Association, including 35 congregations in those two counties, opened a new office building a few miles west of Princeton. Included was a beautiful and spacious guest room on the second floor, dubbed by a plaque on the door, the "Elisha Room." This one includes two single beds, TV and other furnishings, with an adjacent bath, including shower.

Harold L. Greenfield has been director of missions here for about 11 years, and lives on property behind the associational office.

Caldwell-Lyon added a new wrinkle not included in any of the previous overnight facilities—an outside entrance, certainly a nice touch. In those already mentioned, access is through the associational office building.

#### A dream come true

Little Bethel Association (44 congregations in and around Madisonville) included this same feature in its guest room lodging. This space was added at the rear of the association's office center in 1978. The offices were completed five years earlier. But it was not until Baptist Homes for Children sought space for a regional office there that it became feasible for local director of missions Hughlan P. Richey to realize a dream for lodging for his churches' guests. When the Homes for Children office was planned, a guest room was also included by the association.

The paneled room includes two twin beds, central heat and air, cable TV, carpeting, private bath with shower, closet, desk, night stand, lamps and telephone.

#### No matter of choice

While each of the aforementioned guest lodging facilities was provided in areas where there are several motels to select from, Charles H. Ham, director of missions for Ohio County Baptist Association, admits that his accommodations were provided "out of necessity."

There simply were not any good motels in the Hartford-Beaver Dam area, according to Ham. Thus, last year the association converted two rooms of its recently purchased building on the

square in Hartford into space for overnight lodging. There are 41 churches in the association, and the building they bought in 1980 was constructed in about 1938 as a medical facility for the county. It has been remodeled and upgraded throughout, and provides offices, meeting rooms, three classrooms for Seminary Extension, a kitchen, four baths and the two guest rooms.

One of these rooms is furnished with twin beds while an adjacent one includes a combination living and hide-a-bed sofa.

Having visited all of the present associational offices with overnight lodging facilities in western Kentucky, we interviewed each of the six missionaries concerning these facilities. Each was happy to share his experiences.

#### A book of names

Most of the associations maintain a guest book in which those occupying the rooms are encouraged to record their visits. As we examined the books, we found names written there of many church and denominational servants. Some names appeared several times; some appeared at more than one association.

Nearly every member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention professional staff in Middletown had been the guest of one or more of these six associations. Many KBC agency personnel had been there. There were seminary presidents and professors, pastors, musicians, retired Baptist leaders and lots and lots of Baptist Sunday School Board employees among the crowd.

In the main, the associational missionaries agreed the rooms are most often used by those who participate in some way in an affiliated church, or on a program sponsored by the association itself.

In addition to visiting evangelists, there are those who supply pulpits while a pastor is away, revival musicians, summer missionaries, traveling campus ministers, performing groups, student pastors, prospective church staff members, state and SBC personnel leading conferences and workshops and so on. There is a variety of reasons why the facilities are frequently in demand.

#### Who's on first?

What happens, such as during simultaneous revival season, when more than

one church requests use of the available guest lodging space at their associational office for the same week?

"First come, first served," the missionaries reply in unison. No matter what the contribution record, size or influence of the church, the first one on the books for a particular date is the one honored by every association. This encourages making early reservations.

Often an evangelist who comes to a church for a week will bring his wife with him, and sometimes preschool children, too. Or his family may join him for the weekend. But much of the time those who use the overnight facilities are by themselves, or two workers (such as evangelist and musician) are staying together.

We frequently heard from the missionaries that those who have used their facilities before "prefer us to a motel."

In one book, a guest had written, "This is the best place I have ever stayed."

Anyone who has seen the accommodations may agree, for in several instances the Baptist facilities are a definite cut above the typical chain or small town motels. Some could be ranked decidedly above the average Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, Travelodge and Howard Johnson's rooms, in the writer's opinion.

#### Public relations advantage

Green Valley's R. G. Shelton is convinced that the guest room his office building provides is "one of the best things we do in this association." He said it "buys us more good will than anything else."

J. V. Case, in Daviess-McLean, agrees.

"We try to make it a point to show these facilities to our local folks coming through," he declares. "They seem pleased that they have provided such adequate accommodations for the association's guests."

Hughlan Richey, in Little Bethel Association, reported that their guest room was utilized 72 days in 1981.

He cites the fact that guests with allergies do not find smoke in the carpets or drapes. This is particularly attractive, since smoke is so prevalent in motels.

He estimated that, if an evangelist's wife accompanies him for an eight-day meeting, or his singer comes with him, at today's prices the guest room could

save the church \$200. Both he and Charles Ham pointed out that keeping an evangelist in homes is a thing of the past now.

"I don't know what the churches do with the money they save on expenses when they use the guest room," says Shelton. "I hope they give it to the evangelist."

The writer was prompted by Richey's statement about savings to do his own research into what a church would pay for using a chain motel's room for seven nights in the Madisonville area. Presently, the two-person two-bed rate is \$40 nightly, or \$280 for seven nights, plus tax and food. By having kitchen privileges, at least some of the food cost may be reduced, too.

In Bowling Green, another popular national chain currently charges \$51 nightly for the same room arrangement. Comparable figures exist in Owensboro and other cities.

One may quickly see that, in a year's time, these six associations, their churches and individuals save many thousands of dollars by using the overnight guest lodging.

"Our room more than paid for itself in just two years," interjects Caldwell-Lyon's Harold Greenfield.

Ham, of course, points out the "necessity" of providing the lodging accommodations in his area for visitors to Ohio County churches.

He sees the guest lodging as a natural step in a building in which there was plenty of space already available, as a service to the people and churches of the association.

Francis Tallant underscores what Ham has said.

#### A lighthouse in the community

"We operate as a service-oriented facility," he explains. "We emphasize the positives, the capabilities and the possibilities."

He says he tries to help the churches of Warren Association with their printing needs, keeps a coffee pot perking for anyone dropping in at any time, has free tracts available and attempts to be accessible to those who need help.

Providing overnight lodging is just one more way they've become a service-oriented helper to the churches and people.

"We're really a 'lighthouse in the community,'" says Tallant. "It's the Lord's work, and we're just here to help each other do it."

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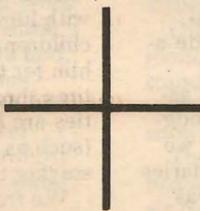
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# MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

## PERSONNEL

**Fuller is Stamping Ground pastor**  
James R. Fuller has assumed duties as pastor of Stamping Ground (Ky.) Baptist Church. An Indiana native, Fuller was recently the associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, Winchester.

**Casey resigns Eastern Gate pastorate**  
Hayward R. Casey resigned the pastorate of Eastern Gate Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Long Run Association, July 18 to accept a call to Green River Baptist Church, Cromwell, Ohio County Association. He will begin his ministry there July 25.

**Johnson accepts West Point pastorate**  
West Point Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Charles Johnson as pastor. Johnson is a student at Southern Seminary.

**Churches call Clear Creek students**  
Wayne Riley, a second year student and a native of Indiana, is pastor of Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell Baptist Association.

Dennis Dockins, a second year student, is minister of youth and music at Caryville (Tenn.) Baptist Church.

Walter Lee Campbell has accepted the pastorate of Leatherwood Baptist Church, Three Forks Association. He is a second year student and native of Florida.

**Carl Moman to seek pastorate**  
Carl Moman resigned his position as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, July 31. Moman plans to seek a pastorate.

Richard W. Bridges is pastor of the church.

**Crescent Hill calls William Johnson**  
William M. Johnson has accepted the minister of education position at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. He will begin Aug. 8.

Johnson was minister of education at St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Pastor of Crescent Hill is Stephen Shoemaker.

**Friedly retires as Lexington pastor**  
David Friedly has retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington. Friedly served the church 24 years.

**John Penick is Mt. Sterling pastor**  
First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, has called John G. Penick as its pastor. Penick goes there from Northgate Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

**Watson is Sulphur Springs pastor**  
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, has called Steve Watson as pastor.

**James Majors is Little Flock pastor**  
James Phillip Majors has accepted the pastorate of Little Flock Baptist Church, Shepherdsville. He goes there from Dry Ridge (Ky.) Baptist Church.

**Estate shared by Annuity Board, KBC**  
The estate of Mamye W. Hamilton of Mt. Sterling became the first estate and the largest single donation ever made to the Annuity Board's Retired Pastors' Support Fund.

The Annuity Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention shared the estate with each receiving \$120,000.

Mrs. Hamilton, a member of First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, asked that the Kentucky half be invested in state missions.

**David Hinson accepts Georgia pastorate**  
David K. Hinson has resigned as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association. He has accepted the pastorate of Norton Park Baptist Church, Smyrna, Ga.

**Richard DeBell accepts Piner pastorate**  
Piner Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Richard DeBell as pastor.

**Wann is Trace Creek minister of music**  
Don Wann is minister of music at Trace Creek Baptist Church, Mayfield. Wann goes there from Fairview Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn.

**Trinity calls Floyd Blake as pastor**  
Floyd Blake Jr. is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. Blake is a student at Southern Seminary.

**Smithfield calls Edmonds as associate**  
Smithfield (Ky.) Baptist Church has called Daniel Edmonds as associate pastor. Edmonds is a native of Nashville and a student at Southern Seminary.

**Wayne Carter is Scott's Grove pastor**  
Scott's Grove Baptist Church, Murray, has called Wayne Carter as its pastor. Carter goes there from New Zion Baptist Church, Marshall County.

**Adamson accepts Chaplin pastorate**  
Chaplin (Ky.) Baptist Church has called Gerald Patrick Adamson to its pastorate. He goes to Chaplin from Kiddville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Wilmington calls Coffman as pastor**  
C. K. Coffman has accepted the pastorate of Wilmington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**McHargue fills Highland interim post**  
Gene McHargue has accepted the interim minister of education position at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville. Highland's pastor is Paul Duke.

**Walters is Poplar Grove interim pastor**  
Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association, has called Gifford Walters as interim pastor.

**Clonts leads Long Run music, youth**  
Jerry Clonts is minister of music and youth at Long Run Baptist Church, Louisville.

Bill Shoulta is Long Run's pastor.

**Hubbard resigns Mt. Olive pastorate**  
Jimmie Hubbard has resigned the pastorate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Russell County Association.

**Clarkson has Miss Arley Wheeler Day**  
Clarkson (Ky.) Baptist Church honored Arley Wheeler June 6 for teaching the church's youth Sunday school class for 50 years.

She was honored with special music during the worship service, a fellowship dinner and a program.

During the program a group, the Harmony Trio, sang several songs and a tribute was read. Messages from former members of her Sunday school



Fuller



Majors

class were also read and testimonies were offered. Miss Arley was called "a peacemaker" and a "mature advisor." One of her former members quoted Miss Wheeler as saying, "If you do not like someone, you just don't know that person."

Francis Tallant, director of missions for Warren Association, and Chester Mays, moderator of Grayson County Association, spoke during the program.

The program ended with a presentation of a silver tray and a plaque to Miss Wheeler.

## CONGREGATIONS

**Centertown to have handbell choir**  
Centertown Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, is forming a handbell choir. They will celebrate their 75th anniversary Aug. 29.

Tom Woodson is Centertown's pastor.

**Faith Baptist Chapel asks for support**  
The Brotherhood of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, recently spent a Saturday installing insulation and other building materials in a new building for Faith Baptist Chapel, a mission of First Baptist, West Liberty.

This building is already being used but is far from completion. Since there is only one Southern Baptist church in Morgan County this mission effort needs support from other churches.

Churches interested in helping should contact Charles M. Stephens, Rt. 4, Box 263, West Liberty, KY 41472.

**Porter Memorial has "Miracle Day"**  
Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, recently observed "Miracle Day" with a Sunday school attendance of 1324 and an offering of \$49,000 for a new parking lot.

Pastor of Porter Memorial is James K. Pierce.

**Sapp honored with appreciation day**  
Russell County Appreciation Day was proclaimed to honor Gilbert Sapp June 25. Sapp recently announced his retirement from Russell Springs Baptist Church, Russell County Association, after serving the church 15 years.

A "Gilbert Sapp Recognition Fellowship Service" was held at the Russell County Fairgrounds.

**First Church Jamestown burns note**  
First Baptist Church, Jamestown, burned the note on the church and pastor's home July 11. C. E. Hansford is pastor.

**Rosemont honors Yates with portrait**  
The deacons of Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, recently presented the church with a portrait of W. O. Yates who was the church's pastor for 16 years and later its pastor emeritus.

The portrait "will be placed in fellowship hall which will be known as Yates Hall," according to Jerome F. Browne, Rosemont's pastor.

**Crescent Hill church renovates chapel**  
The Memorial Chapel of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, is being refurbished. Members of the church are designating gifts for particular improvements.

Steve Shoemaker is pastor.

## REVIVALS

**First Louisa reports 22 decisions**  
Pastor Leon Greer of First Baptist Church, Louisa, reports a recent revival resulting in 18 additions by baptism and four by letter. David Walters from First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg, was the evangelist and Bob Young from First Baptist Church, Paintsville, was song leader.

**Several make decisions at Concord**  
Concord Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, reports several decisions stemming from its June 21-26 revival. Ron Riley was the evangelist. Concord's pastor is Joe Morrow.

**20 make decisions at Highlands revival**  
Highlands Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, reports its recent revival yielded 20 decisions. Louis Rideout Jr. was the evangelist and Jim Whitsel led the music.

William Hanshaw is Highlands' pastor.

**John Bisagno to lead Starlite Crusade**  
John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will be the evangelist at the Starlite Crusade, Aug. 22-25 in Iroquois Amphitheater, Louisville.

## MISSIONS

**Kentuckians volunteer for missions**  
Among those serving as volunteer foreign missionaries in recent months are Dr. and Mrs. William Rowlett, Hopkinsville; Miss Dona Melton, Bardstown; and Miss Willie Elizabeth Crenshaw, Louisville.

Dr. and Mrs. Rowlett (a registered nurse) served for one month in Zimbabwe and returned to the states in June. The Rowletts are members of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Miss Melton served as a nurse in Gaza for about three months and returned to the states in May. She is a member of Bardstown (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Miss Crenshaw served as a volunteer teacher in Ceres, south Brazil and returned to the states in June. Miss Crenshaw is now a member of First Seminole Indian Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

## ORDINATIONS

**Guston ordains its associate pastor**  
Garry C. Hicks, associate pastor at Guston (Ky.) Baptist Church, was ordained at Guston June 27. Hicks is a student at Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

Pastor of the church is Allen Walworth.

## DEATHS

**Mrs. Darter dies in North Carolina**  
Mrs. J. E. Darter died Apr. 12 in Reidsville, N. C. Her remains were returned to Harrodsburg for memorial services and burial.

She and her husband had lived most of their retirement days in Harrodsburg before moving a short time ago to North Carolina where other family members lived.

During her life, Mrs. Darter was very active in church work including serving as church organist, teacher of smaller children and leadership roles in Woman's Missionary Union.

**Lyndon charter member Miller dies**  
George Miller, 91, a charter member of Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, died in June. Miller had been Sunday school superintendent and a deacon at Lyndon and helped build the church in 1921. The funeral was June 19.

# Christian Education

## Two from state take MRE

Two Kentuckians were among the 180 graduates receiving degrees July 16 from Southwestern Seminary, Ft.



Burke

Barkley

Worth, Tex.

Nancy Baker Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salin Baker Jr. of Georgetown, and Lloyd Webber Barkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barkley of Stamping Ground, received MRE degrees.

James A. Langley, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, was the commencement speaker.

## Whitfield to Georgetown

Tony Whitfield, minister of music at Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, will join the music faculty of Georgetown

College this fall.

Whitfield, a 1964 Georgetown graduate, has been on the Lone Oak staff for nine years.

"Tony Whitfield joins the Georgetown faculty with outstanding experience and credentials," noted Georgetown president Ben Elrod.

Whitfield has also held positions at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, and First Baptist Church, Paris.

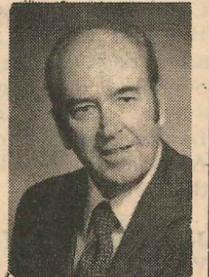
A native of Madisonville, Whitfield holds degrees from the University of Tennessee and Southern Seminary.

He is married to the former Georgann Hamrick of Frankfort. They have a daughter, Alice, and a son, Tony.

# KBC ACTIVITIES

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## JULY

31 WMU Area Meeting. Oneida Baptist Institute

30 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society and Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission. Louisville, Deer Park Baptist Church

## JULY CONFERENCE AND CAMPS

Ridgecrest  
31-8/6 Sunday School

## Glorieta

31-8/6 Church Training Leadership/Youth

## AUGUST CONFERENCE AND CAMPS

Ridgecrest  
7-13 WMU Leadership  
14-20 Home Missions  
21-27 National Student Ministries  
Glorieta  
7-13 Foreign Missions  
14-20 National Student Ministries  
21-27 Small Sunday School

## AUGUST

2 Interfaith Witness Conference. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Church

3 Interfaith Witness Conference. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church  
5 Interfaith Witness Conference. Walton, First Baptist Church  
5-7 Early Childhood Education Workshop. Cedarmore  
8 Language Missions Day  
9-11 Pastor/Wives Retreat. Cedarmore  
13-14 Sunday School Weekend. Cedarmore  
15-18 Kentucky BSU Retreat. Cedarmore  
16-20 Sunday School Children's Whistle Stop Conferences. Paducah, Immanuel Baptist Church; Bowling Green, First Baptist Church; Paintsville, First Baptist Church; Lexington, Calvary Baptist Church  
21 Sunday School Conference, Jonathan Creek  
21 WMU Area Meeting. Mayfield, First Baptist Church  
21-22 WMU Leadership Conference. Cedarmore  
22-29 Church Music Week  
26-29 WMU Leadership Conferences. Cedarmore

It has now been two years since we first wrote in this column about Old Bracken Baptist Church building at Minerva, Ky. It was the site of the final work (both as builder and pastor) of Lewis Craig who established the church in 1793 and, as best we can tell by existing records, also built the building about that time.

The sturdy well-proportioned four-column brick structure could still be preserved and some activity continues afoot to that end. This together with the nearby 1825 burial site of Lewis and Betsy Craig would preserve one of Baptist history's most unique stores, namely, that of "the traveling church."

Craig established the upper Spottsylvania Baptist Church in Orange County, Va. in 1767. He was jailed and otherwise harassed with his congregation for such free church activity.

Finally, a caravan of 600 trekked through the Cumberland Gap and across Kentucky, establishing communities, free churches and Baptist work generally. Craig's trail ends at Minerva and Old Bracken Church. Much history of well-known Baptist

work today connects with this trek, of which the yet standing building is the final landmark.

A year ago, Bracken Association voted to buy the old building and site for \$18,000. The previous owner expects \$6000 per year without interest. One year is paid and about \$3000 on a second year. The remainder is due.

Brother Kenneth Forman, Route 5, Box 375, Maysville, KY 41056, superintendent of missions for Bracken Association, reports that volunteer work has shored up the interior timbers, structure and roof. Materials are being gathered for use in reconstruction. Timbers from a dismantled church building some distance away have been transported.

The writer commends the worthwhileness of this project undertaken by a Baptist association of very modest financial strength. We appreciate the previous gifts of a few friends. It is prayerfully hoped that many others who love Baptist history will contribute. Send it to Brother Kenneth Forman or to our office. We'll see that it gets to the right place.

## International Series APOLLOS: A LEARNED TEACHER

Acts 18:24-28 After Paul left Ephesus there came into the city a zealous young preacher from Egypt whose name was Apollos. A native of Alexandria, a city renowned for its wealth, learning and culture, Apollos was both learned and eloquent but those things did not qualify him for the ministry. He was

fervent in spirit but he sorely needed instruction for he lacked knowledge of the meaning of the cross, the power of the resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Detecting a serious deficiency in Apollos but recognizing his outstanding ability and tremendous possibilities and admiring his fervency of spirit and fluency of speech, Aquila and Priscilla kindly and graciously took Apollos into their home and carefully explained to him much of the background of Christianity and the content of the gospel with which he was not familiar. When they had finished their instruction he was a different and much improved preacher but he was still embarrassed over his former immature preaching.

Upon his decision to leave Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla gave Apollos a letter of introduction and hearty recommendation to deliver to the brethren in Corinth on whom he made a tremendous impression with the power of his eloquence and the content of his message.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 When Paul focused on the carnal Corinthian Christians he caught them fussing and quarreling over the leaders in their church. Divided over their leaders, each group contended their preacher was superior to all the others. The Holy Spirit through Paul declared the absurdity of

their division into factions which revealed their carnality, hindered their spiritual growth and dishonored the Lord. Paul said he and Apollos were "ministers," meaning they were running errands for the Lord, going where he sent them and doing what the Lord commanded. It was their duty to do God's will, speak his mind and declare his message. These ministers, whom the Lord saved, used and blessed, were compared to husbandmen who prepare the soil, plant the seed, water them and then wait and watch for God to perform the miracle of give life and the increase.

## Life and Work Series RESISTING SIN

Hebrews 3:12-15 Inasmuch as the Hebrew Christians had been blessed in so many ways and God was so desirous that they not follow the example of the Israelites in rebelling against him, he earnestly besought them that they make the most of their God given opportunity to be of great use to him in his redemptive mission. In love God warned them of the deceitfulness of sin and the inevitable and perilous effects of their indulgence therein. He emphasized the importance of their demonstrating the genuineness of their Chris-

tian faith by their lives of obedience and devoted Christian service. Hebrews 4:1-2, 6, 11 The writer admonished the Hebrew Christians to be cautious, circumspect and watchful lest they should fail to enter into his rest. In seeking to interpret the meaning of the "rest" of God, it is good for us to recognize the fact that the term is used in three ways in the Epistle to the Hebrews. It is used in reference to the peace which is received from God when one believes on Christ as savior.

This expression is also used in connection with the promised land in which the surviving Israelites were to be eventually according to God's gracious desire but due to their unbelief and disobedience they did not enter it and deprived themselves of the peace and privileges offered to them there.

The "rest" of God also referred to his cessation of his creative activities on the seventh day.

Hebrews 10:26-29 If those who have made a profession of faith in Christ willfully and habitually persist in the practice of indulgence in sins, their doing so is a clear indication that their claim is not true. It is evidence that they just pretend to be saved but really do not possess salvation. All such should know for a certainty that God does not have any intention of making another sacrifice for them.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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H. C. Chiles

# Retired pastor can't 'slow down enough to pastor full time'

by Glenn Mollette, *State Correspondent*

Many would say a pastor's ministry ends at the beginning of retirement but this is not the case with James T. Ryan. After holding Kentucky pastorates for almost 40 years he is convinced his ministry is just getting ripe.

When asked if he would consider taking a pastorate full time again he replied with a twinkle in his eye, "I don't want to slow down enough to pastor full time."

Ryan stays busier than most people

who are not retired and he enjoys it.

Each morning is a new day for Ryan to do something for the Lord. Presently he is a part time chaplain for the Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport.

Approximately 20 hours weekly he is engaged in pastoral care among the sick and aged there. The chapel services he conducts at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays are among the highlights of his week.

On Wednesdays Ryan is at Lakeside Nursing Home, Highland Heights. There he, along with Mrs. Ryan and

other volunteers go room to room inviting and assisting the elderly who wish to go to chapel. Ryan then preaches to the 30-40 who normally attend.

"I love to preach," he responded when asked why he goes freely and devotes his retirement time faithfully each week.

Besides his weekly service to these two homes, Ryan stays active in the church. Since his retirement he has held several interim pastorates. He recently completed an interim pastorate at Trinity Baptist Church, Falmouth.

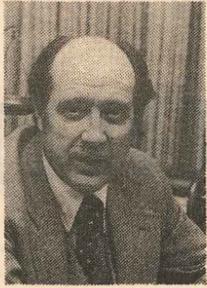
Ryan noted, "I do these things because I've always done them. I can't see quitting what I love to do because I'm retired."

Lee Hopkins, administrator at Baptist Convalescent Center, said, "J. T. and Mrs. Ryan are very committed to their work. They identify with the patients and know them personally."

Mrs. Ryan declared, "We've made an attempt to make retirement enjoyable. We want to be busy and live until we die. We're not interested in ending our lives before we die."

## HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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### BENT TREES

Bernheim Forest is a very beautiful park near Shepherdsville. Walking through the quiet beauty of the forest one may have the joy of seeing small animals and birds in the wild, as well as various kinds of trees and wild flowers.

Once when our family had gone there for a picnic, we decided to follow one of the marked trails and observe the wonders of nature. Along this particular trail signs had been placed to tell about trees and the slow development of the various types of forests.

As we walked along the trail we came upon an unusual tree with an explanatory sign attached. The tree was not large—perhaps two inches in diameter—but it was badly bent. In fact the top was bent toward the ground so that the small trunk formed an upside down "U."

The small sign on this ill-shaped tree explained with three brief statements why trees are sometimes crooked. "Some trees are crooked," it read, "because (1) they are bent when young by man or beast; (2) they are bent by

disease or storm; (3) it is their nature to grow crooked.

Your Baptist Homes for Children is a ministry of caring for children that have been hurt and sometimes bent. Like the tree bent when young by man or beast, many children are bent because adults have stepped on them or abused them or neglected them. Through love and a Christ-like life style we are working to help them grow straight.

Some trees are crooked because of disease or storm—and likewise, some children have scars because of the storm of a broken home or parents hit by illness and left unable to care for their children. We are committed to stand in for such parents and help their children grow tall and straight.

It may be the nature of some trees to grow crooked. It is the nature of all human beings, however, to grow crooked. The nature of sin causes us to be crooked. Only the transforming power of Christ can change this crookedness. Pray for us as we present Jesus Christ to children in our care, that their nature may be changed from crooked to straight.

### GOD IS WITH US

One of the most precious truths in all of scripture is expressed in the word "Immanuel . . . God with us." The prophet (Is. 7:14) and angel (Matt. 1:23) specifically gave this name to our Lord as God's greatest demonstration of his love and care.

The assurance that we have and can enjoy God's presence at all times brings great comfort to the Christian. When the angel came to visit Gideon, his words were "The Lord is with thee" (Judges 6:12). When Paul and his Roman captors were lost at sea, they were greatly encouraged by Paul's affirmation that "there stood by me this night the angel of God" (Acts 27:23).

As we perform the vital ministry at Clear Creek of training those who are called by the Lord, it is a blessed truth to know that God is with us. He watches over every student and his family. God gives his providential care to every

professor who guides and helps and teaches our men. He gives direction and inspiration to every staff member at Clear Creek and encourages him as he keeps the school functioning for Christ.

God also watches over our school to keep it true to its original purpose. For 56 years Clear Creek Baptist School has trained preachers and pastors for the work of our Lord. God is with us now as he was when we began.

And God is also with you. His power and presence is with every Christian. God uses individual Christians to further his work on the earth. You are important to us at Clear Creek. Your prayerful support and encouragement will make a great school even greater. Yes, God is with us. When our journey is ended and he welcomes us home, he will remind us that he was there all the time; and we will confess that Jesus led us all the way!

### RIDE THE MORNING WINDS . . .

The sun had set. The evening shadows had fallen. The Oneida Baptist Church chimes were echoing in the valleys and hollows that surround our village and our mission school.

On the brow of Cemetery Hill facing eastward, looking across the campus and valley and the three surrounding rivers, nearly a hundred people stood. Some had traveled hundreds, yes thousands of miles to share those moments.

The cremated ashes ("dust to dust, ashes to ashes") of one much loved, dead in an automobile accident, more than 2000 miles from Oneida, had been placed in mother earth and a stone was already in place. Our local elementary library had prepared a beautiful bouquet from her lovely garden and the school's 84-year-old gardener had fashioned a large basket of fresh cut flowers from our campus beds.

Brought back by his family to Oneida, where he had only spent a few short months of his life, was this one who had found the Lord and had been baptized under the swinging bridge across Goose Creek leading to our school's farm.

Two of our graduates played the guitar and sang "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4). Coach Larry Gritton led in prayer as the

chimes rang out "What a Friend We have in Jesus." Pastor Rackley read appropriate scriptures and sang "It is Well with my Soul."

I spoke of the life of love for others lived by the one we had assembled to honor and read excerpts from his written thoughts on salvation and his months at Oneida and on life and death. Jerry Smith, our long time Bible teacher, prayed a final prayer. As he did so, the chimes were playing "Amazing Grace."

God timed it—for the service had not been so planned or synchronized. The chimes fit so beautifully with what was being said and thought on that hillside in the last glow of day. The service was one to uplift and inspire with the peace the Christian should have in the presence of one gone to be with Jesus.

"Though dead he yet speaketh." The deceased spoke to us in the words of the 139th Psalm which he had requested be read in a handwritten "last will and testament." I read:

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought. You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment, you know where I am. You know what I am going to say before I even say it. You both precede and follow me, and

place your hand of blessing on my head.

"This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe! I can never be lost to your Spirit! I can never get away from my God! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the place of the dead, you are there. If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, your strength will support me. If I try to hide in the darkness, the night becomes light around me. For even darkness cannot hide from God; to you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are both alike to you.

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe! Every day was recorded in your Book!

"How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn towards me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!

"Search me, O God, and know my

heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes me sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Our students had been invited to come to the service. Many mentioned afterwards how much the service meant to them. For some received new insight into the meaning of a life to be lived, a death to die, a judgment to face and an eternity to spend.

## ONEIDA JOURNAL



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