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## Parks: Question of biblical authority blinds Southern Baptists to missions

Overemphasis on biblical authority is a heresy among Southern Baptists which is creating confusion and causing the denomination to stray from its purpose of missions, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks said.

Parks, addressing 2000 participants at the Sunday morning worship service during the Foreign Mission Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, said:

"Anytime anyone among us would pick any of our beliefs (such as) the authority of the Bible as sole rule for faith and practice and emphasize that to the point it is the only criterion that is chosen and nothing else matters—that is the only thing that makes you Christian or makes you Baptist—that's heresy." Omitting such a belief about the Bible also is heresy, he added.

Parks said the current debate within the Southern Baptist Convention over biblical authority is threatening the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust—a plan to share the gospel message with every person in the world by the year 2000.

"Just as this Bold Mission Thrust was catching us up as Southern Baptists there began to move among us distractions about doctrinal integrity. We're beginning to try to focus on other truths to the neglect of our basic purpose and we will lose the blessing of God if we continue to do so," Parks declared firmly.

"There is confusion among us because some would have us believe that our identity, our characterizing principles, our unifying force is not, in fact, missions, but something else," he said.

Parks attributed some of the confusion to ignorance. He said he believes Southern Baptist churches are not teaching these principles to enough of the new members. Many do not understand much about what it is to be a Christian or a Southern Baptist.

Southern Baptists are not God's chosen people, he said, but "as long as we have been faithful in carrying out our purpose God has blessed. Anytime throughout the Bible and, I believe, throughout Christian history, a person or a group of people failed to do the

primary thing for which God had called them they lost their usefulness in the kingdom of God."

Parks likened Southern Baptists today to the Jews of earlier times who were blessed by God but failed to grasp that they were blessed in order to carry God's message to the world. That half truth, he said, prevented them from being the people God would have made them. "They never did understand the rest of the message."

The answer to the convention's problems, Parks said, "does not lie in trying to out-argue each other about what we believe about the Bible or anything else. The answer to our problem lies in each of us."

He urged Southern Baptists to allow "the living, risen Christ to so dominate us that he will carry out in us what he came to do."

The greatest problem and the greatest reason the truth of the gospel is in jeopardy today is not because of our doctrinal differences or our denominational wrangling but that Christians

refuse such domination by Christ, he said.



Parks

Bisagno

### RTVC to film Starlite Crusade

John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will be the evangelist for the Starlite Crusade at the Iroquois Amphitheatre Aug. 22-25 at 7:30 p.m.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will film each service for nationwide viewing.

Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will lead the music while Rick Land, organist at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., will be the organist and Geoff Benward, a music evangelist, will sing.

Ferrill Gardner, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, and Starlite Crusade publicity chairman, says the Crusade will be at the Iroquois Amphitheatre each night and will not move inside because of rain as in past years.

### Newell resigns post at Louisville church

J. Altus Newell, 38, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, announced his resignation to the church's board of deacons Aug. 11, effective Aug. 29.

Newell has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala., near Auburn University.

He went to St. Matthews in 1975 from Crestwood (Ky.) Baptist Church; he has also been pastor of Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

Newell holds a BA from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

Newell chaired the Kentucky Baptist Convention's administrative committee in 1981 and its business and finance committee in 1982.

His resignation comes shortly after plans for a new building have been completed to replace the buildings lost to fire last Jan. 10.

## Baptist help needed for higher drinking age

Southern Baptists are being asked to join the National Transportation Safety Board in urging the legal minimum drinking age be raised to 21 nationwide.

The NTSB, in an effort to cut the death toll from drunk driving, is urging governors and legislators of 35 states and the District of Columbia (where the drinking age is less than 21) to change their laws. Statistics show a direct correlation between minimum drinking age and alcohol-related accidents in the 18-21 age group.

"Southern Baptists can help in this vital effort by making personal contact with governors and legislators in those states which have not yet raised their legal minimum drinking age to 21. Churches and associations could help by adopting resolutions calling upon their state governments to act," said Ronald D. Sisk, director for program development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Sisk said the board's recommendation reflects a realistic assessment of the facts. "More young people die from drinking and driving than any other age group. Each state which has lowered its drinking age to 18 has experienced significant increases in alcohol-related driving fatalities in the 18-21 age group," he said. "People are dying on our streets and highways every day in part because they live in states which allow underage young people to drink legally."

According to the board's recommen-

dation, four of their investigations were major highway accidents involving young drivers in the 18-21 age group where alcohol was a factor. In just these four accidents the board reported 30 fatalities and 15 injuries.

"The best laws," Sisk pointed out, "are those which prohibit any consumption or purchase of alcohol by persons under 21 and which impose strict penalties on those who sell to underage individuals."

"It is also foolish subterfuge to allow

those between 18 and 21 to drink 'just beer.' Beer alcohol content is just as deadly and impairs judgment as much as the highest-proof whiskey," he said.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, said, "We are supporting this important initiative not only because of the impact it can have on the drunk-driving problem, but also because of what it can do to reduce alcoholism, crime, prison expense and the abuse of humanity's most dangerous drug."

### NOBTS preaching prof Stanfield retires

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has announced the retirement of V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching there for 23 years.

Stanfield began teaching at New Orleans Seminary in August 1959, going there from a similar position at Southern Seminary where he taught 13 years.

After more than 45 years of preaching and teaching preaching, Stanfield says, "I am adjusting my schedule, but plan to continue short term preaching and teaching assignments such as workshops, pulpit supply opportunities and interim pastoral service."

He and Mrs. Stanfield will reside in the Hattiesburg-Laurel, Miss., area. Stanfield is author of six books and numerous articles in encyclopedias, theological journals, religious magazines, and denominational publications.

He holds the BA degree from Northeast Missouri State Teachers' College and the MA and ThD degrees from Southern Seminary. He has done post doctoral studies at Northwestern University, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary and Oxford University.



Stanfield



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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### Forks of Dix River is alive and well

Two Kentucky Baptist churches, South Fork near Hodgenville and Forks of Dix River near Lancaster, celebrate their 200th anniversaries this year. A visit with the Forks of Dix River congregation on July 25 gave assurance this church is alive and doing well.

Unfortunately the early records of the Forks congregation were lost so not much is known of its constitution and history for the first few years. What is known is that its founder was the famous Lewis Craig who brought the "traveling church" from Upper Spotsylvania in Virginia and planted it at nearby Gilbert's Creek in 1781.

Craig, however, apparently did not serve as pastor of Forks of Dix River. Accounts indicate he was a "traveling preacher" having stayed at Gilbert's Creek only a short time before moving in 1785 across the Kentucky River with some of his members and joining the South Elkhorn Church, the first Baptist congregation north of the Kentucky River. He was associated with the constitution of Great Crossing Church near Georgetown in 1785 and with the beginning of Bryant's Station Church four miles northeast of Lexington in 1786. In 1792 Lewis Craig moved to Mason County in northeast Kentucky and is known as father of the Bracken Association.

For its first few years the Forks of Dix River congregation had no associational connection simply because there were no associations to join. Elkhorn Association, the first in Kentucky, was organized by the churches north of the Kentucky River in 1785. The Forks church helped organize the Southern Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists in 1787 and remained with this group until 1793 when the church helped form the Bates Creek Association. Since 1802 Forks of Dix River has been associated with the South District Association.

The church today sits upon one of the gently rising slopes in the famed, beautiful Bluegrass section of Kentucky. The rich farmland surrounding it along with its scenic beauty makes it easy to understand why earlier settlers felt they had reached the promised land and so went no further.

Members treasure the beautiful old sanctuary dating from the last century. A modern education annex blends into the old building and makes for an adequate facility.

The vigor and vitality of the congregation today give no hint of age and weariness. One strong reason is the leadership of pastor Bobby Brooks and his wife, Elizabeth, Bobby is aggressively evangelistic as well as attentive to the needs of all members.

The congregation is spreading its 200th anniversary celebration over the entire year. Earlier this year Founders' Day brought together many present and former members to reminisce and rejoice. Later this month executive secretary Franklin Owen will join the congregation for the formal celebration of 200 years of kingdom service.

Travelers along Highway #27 between Lancaster and Stanford would find inspiration in stopping by Forks of Dix River long enough to see the historic building and the adjoining cemetery.

### The peacemaking movement is attracting Baptists

The peacemaking movement is taking hold among Southern Baptists. This was clearly demonstrated by the interest and response in the peacemaking convocation in Louisville recently. This event was not sponsored by any state or national Baptist agency or institution. Not one dime of denominational money was used in its planning and implementation. Most of the more than 250 participants used their personal resources to pay their transportation and lodging costs as well as a \$40 registration fee.

Though this meeting sought and had no denominational sponsorship, three Southern Baptist Convention agency heads and the executive director of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union accepted invitations to make major presentations.

And why should they not? Peacemaking is the very essence of our ministry wherever and in whatever form it takes.

In one sense evangelism, missions and all organized Baptist activities are peacemaking and that's as far as many Baptists have been willing to go. Unfortunately but understandably, we have refused to be identified with peace movements because a few of these have been fronts for extremists, draft dodgers and even subversives. This is not true of the peace movement today. It is the furthestest from true of Bap-

tist Peacemaker, the Louisville publication which sponsored the recent convocation.

This growing peace movement began several years ago with the urgings of Robert Parham, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student. A local pastor, C. Carman Sharp, and two seminary professors, Glen Stassen and Glenn Hinson, became involved working mostly in local churches. One of these churches, Deer Park Baptist which Sharp serves, sponsored the first peace convocation which met with more success than expected. With a few dollars left over from the expenses of this meeting the first issue of a mailout featuring articles on peacemaking was published and sent to about 3000 people. This, too, met with such surprising success that the paper has been expanded and through voluntary contributions is now being mailed several times a year to 30,000 readers.

This experience seems to say active peacemaking has come of age among Southern Baptists as it has among millions of Americans and more millions in the world. And why should it not? Sparing the world of a nuclear holocaust is the agonizing prayer of every sane soul on earth. And from appearances the hope of slowing down the rush toward doom day lies not in government leaders but in a movement of the masses.

Peacemaking for Baptists is not to be confused with pacifism, draft dodging, unilateral disarmament or any other view that is regarded as extreme. Peacemaking for Baptists means first of all personally coming to peace with God through Jesus Christ and working to bring all people to peace with God and with one another. It also means feeding the hungry, working against all discrimination, striving for social and economic justice and opposing all threats to the material and spiritual welfare of all humanity. It even means loving Russians and praying for their as well as our being spared of a holocaust.

The peacemaking movement among Baptists will be cautiously considered by many and criticized by some. It will be falsely associated with liberal theology.

Before falling for this false labeling and accepting proof texts for justifying war, sincere Christians should remember the conduct and the teachings of Jesus as revealed in the Bible. He rejected the expectations and urgings of his closest followers to be a military messiah.

When Peter acted to defend him against his enemies, Jesus commanded him to put his sword away.

On the contrary when he set forth the characteristics of kingdom members, he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." That's pretty good company with whom to be associated.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

### He came to win the lost

by William A. Hartung, Pastor  
Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort

Jesus was continually being criticized by the religious leaders of his day. They resented his audacity at identifying himself as God. But what really got them was that his choice of companions and those who he associated with were considered the "scum" of society. It seems they would have viewed Jesus a little more palatable if he had not been so content on a personal ministry and supported the laws and rules they had devised. Since Jesus wouldn't play their game, they rejected everything he said and did.

An old adage cautions that things may not be what they seem to be. Just as the religious saw Jesus doing certain acts and associating with certain people and rejected him, modern church members may find themselves guilty of the same thing. For many years the church has frowned on and rejected the alcoholic, the gambler, the divorced, the law breaker and many other people who have been in trouble. These folks are the ones who need our love and compassion the most. Sometimes that love and compassion has to be administered with discipline. Jesus told the adulterous woman, after her accusers had left, "Go and sin no more."

Jesus told us in the parable of the 90 and nine he had not come to "pat the righteous on the head" but to reach out to the one that was lost. You rarely find lost people in church who come on their own. People without Christ often feel unworthy to come to church. Some feel rejected by God's people. When we talk about lost people in general terms, we are all in favor of the gospel for all who'll listen but when it comes to going into a lost person's home, explaining the plan of salvation, welcoming a visitor or going out of our way to care for an individual, we recoil. We can never win our world to Christ by insulating ourselves from the cries of need. If the gospel is going to reach lost hearts, it will have to be taken to them. That type of service can be done by involving oneself in community projects, civil cooperation or even working in some type of volunteer work. If Christ is in our lives, then our time belongs to him and let's use it wisely and unselfishly.

# FORUM

## Labeling devices

The term "moderate" is increasingly being used in the secular and religious press in referring to the contemporary controversy in the SBC.

It should be avoided. For many it implies a compromise position somewhat between conservative and liberal. However, the vast majority of Southern Baptists are theologically conservative. They should insist that the term "conservative" should not be surrendered.

If it is necessary or wise to use labels for purposes of distinction, let it be "conservative" and "ultraconserva-

tive."

Also, it should be recognized that the present controversy is not basically theological. It is primarily and ultimately political. It seems increasingly apparent that an effort is being made on the part of a relatively few to gain control of our institutions and agencies.

Proof that it is primarily political is evidenced by the fact there are pastors who are ultraconservatives theologically but who will have no part in the political maneuvering. Good for them!

I am personally disappointed that some capable, dedicated pastors are permitting themselves to be used politically. It is time that they woke up to

what is being attempted and became aware of the ultimate results if the effort to "take over" is successful.

Whatever may be our specific position in regard to the contemporary

struggle, let us refuse to accept or to use "moderate" as a theological label for the vast majority of Southern Baptist pastors and people.

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## Meet Cumberland College Student...

### Kaye Pingleton



Charlotte Kaye Pingleton, a 19 year-old Cumberland College sophomore from Brindle Ridge, Kentucky, shines with warmth and love as she tells of her work with Cumberland's Love-In-Action program.

Kaye, the daughter of a Baptist minister and the first of her family to attend college, works in Cumberland's ministry to the mentally handicapped at Oakwood Institute, in the Love-in-Action program, and in a ministry to the elderly.

She says, "The elderly can teach us so much about life and its real values, and children can teach us innocence and open honesty. When I teach them, it's really almost as if they are teaching me."

Kaye's tireless efforts in her work with children are all worthwhile. "When I start to leave, the children get this certain kind of look in their faces and say, 'You are coming back, aren't you?' and when I tell them I will, their faces just light up with joy. All they need is someone to love and to teach them."

Kaye doesn't confine her work to just children. She also enjoys hospital work and frequently visits patients with her minister father. "I love hospital work of any kind. I feel really worthwhile if I can aid someone who is sick."

The children, the elderly, and the sick are all special to Kaye, but the most important is God. "I tried living my life without God leading me, but it just didn't work. Cumberland helped me in this. Before I came here, I had never really dug into myself to find out who I really was and what God wanted me to do. Cumberland has helped me strengthen myself and my relationship with God. I believe I am now a much better witness."

"God is vitally important to me. He gives me peace and settles me down when I need that."

She is glad she chose Cumberland. "I wanted a quiet college and Cumberland was the only one I found that made me feel just like I was at home. Everyone here is really friendly. If I had the choice to make over again, I would still choose Cumberland."

Kaye, patient, quiet, loving, and giving has all the qualities necessary to teach and help others, whether they be children, the elderly, or the ill. As she continues to grow and develop through the leadership and love of God, she will become even a greater asset to those who need her the most.

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## PERSONNEL

**Hales called to First Pikeville church**  
David and Rebecca Hale began work at First Baptist Church, Pikeville, July 1. They are both employed as music, youth and education directors. They moved to Pikeville after working six years on the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School.

Jeff Sames, a senior at Georgetown College, has worked at First, Pikeville as a special youth worker this summer.

Marsha Charles, a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University, has been on the staff as recreation minister.

Curtis Warf is the church's pastor.

**Davis twins born and reborn together**  
Twins Barry and Larry Davis, born only minutes apart, "both accepted Christ as their savior Apr. 8 with only about 10 minutes difference in their rebirth," according to Barbara Davis, their mother.

The twins' father, Collas Davis, pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church, Logan Association, baptized them June 6.

**Southside calls Hutchens as pastor**  
Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Richard Hutchens as pastor. Hutchens is a graduate of Southern Seminary and is leaving the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church, Horse Cave.

He will begin his work at Southside Aug. 15.

**Calhoun resigns Buck Creek pastorate**  
Larry Calhoun has resigned the pastorate of Buck Creek Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, to become pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Winchester, effective Aug. 8.

Calhoun is a native of Sonora and is married to the former Wanda Reynolds of Larue County. They have three children: Rhonda, 18; Richard, 14; and Leslie, 3.

He attended Boyce Bible School.

**Parkway offers Wallace sabbatical**  
Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington, recently celebrated the 33rd anniversary of pastor John T. Wallace Jr. The congregation presented the pastor and Mrs. Wallace with a six-week sabbatical leave and a love offering of more than \$1600.

The Wallaces used the sabbatical leave to study at Mansfield College of Oxford University in England.

Wallace is a native of Texas and a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Mary Curtis of Lexington. The Wallaces have three children: John III, James and Fern.

Wallace became pastor of the congregation in 1949 when it was known as the Felix Memorial Baptist Church in downtown Lexington. The church purchased new property on North Broadway in 1958 and the congregation worshiped in two locations until 1963 when the congregation changed its name to Parkway Baptist Church.

Wallace has been very active in Elkhorn Baptist Association and Kentucky Baptist Convention affairs. He is the author of numerous articles in religious publications and has written a book which will be released by Broadman Press in 1983.

**Eastham accepts Bethany pastorate**  
Bethany Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has called Marshall Eastham as pastor.

**Hopkins called to Reidland pastorate**  
Jerry Hopkins has been called as pastor of the Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, and will begin his new responsibilities Aug. 15.

He goes there from Murray State University where he was campus minister. Earlier he was pastor of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore.

During the interim the Reidland congregation has been served by John Huffman of Mayfield who is on the faculty of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield.

**Kentucky represented at Ridgecrest**  
Craig Worley, Mayfield, and Catherine Polsgrove, Frankfort, represented Kentucky as state Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament winners during the Church Training leadership week at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

**William Willham is missions director**  
William Willham, pastor of Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, has been elected director of missions for South District Baptist Association. Willham is a native of Harrodsburg and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will begin his duties there in late August.

South District Association is composed of 25 churches in the Danville-Lancaster area.

**Stallons need housing assistance**  
Rodney Stallons and his family will begin their ministry at Latonia Race Track Sept. 7. They need financial assistance for housing while they will work in Latonia. For further information contact Dianna Rowe, (606) 525-8108.

**Plum Point calls Haynes as pastor**  
Lewis Haynes has accepted the pastorate of Plum Point Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**Dennis accepts Taylorsville pastorate**  
Barry Dennis, pastor of Youngers Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, effective Aug. 29.

Dennis, 35, is a native of Laurel, Miss., and a graduate of Louisiana College and Southern Seminary.

He is married to the former Linda Willis, also of Laurel. They have two daughters, Emily Carol, 7, and Amanda, 5.

**James Hagan is Mt. Washington pastor**  
Mt. Washington Baptist Church, East

Lynn Association, has called James Hagan as pastor.

## CONGREGATIONS

**Ormsby Heights youth work in Ohio**  
Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, sent a mission team of 27 youth and nine adults to Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Akron, Oh., July 17-24.

According to Michael D. Hudson, Ormsby Heights' minister of music and youth, "There were 35 children and teenagers saved during this week," and "a newly started mission church was saved from closing."

The group led three vacation Bible schools, surveyed the area, witnessed door to door and the youth, ensembled "Persuasion" sang throughout the community.

Dallas Vincent is pastor of the church.

**Deer Park youth share in bold missions**  
The youth from Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, recently took a mission trip to Wallaceburg, Ontario, and St. Clair, Mich.

C. Carman Sharp is pastor.

**Yuma mission becomes a church**  
Yuma, a mission of Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church since 1954, organized into a church July 18. Alan Todd has been pastor nearly five years.

The missions committee of the mother church presented the deed to the newly elected trustees of Yuma Baptist Church. Henry Mardis, an original member of the committee, recounted some of the history of Yuma from its beginning.

"What's happened here today is a dream come true!" he exclaimed.

Yuma now has 76 enrolled in Sunday school and 35 in Church Training.

"I challenge you to keep first and foremost—evangelism," James E. Jones, Campbellsville pastor, admonished the congregation. "You've got an area that needs to know Jesus Christ. Coupled with evangelism is missions. Always support Taylor County Baptist Association and Southern Bap-

tist Convention causes."

Many guests and former pastors were present for the dedication of the new church. Jones recognized J. Chester Badgett who was Campbellsville's pastor when the mission was organized.

Badgett paid tribute to Henry Mardis as the one who "has had more to do in establishing churches than any other man in our church." He also mentioned a number of faithful workers at Yuma who have since "gone to glory."

Sunday at 7 p.m. Yuma members gathered at Green River Lake for the baptism of four new converts. Jones had preached in revival services at Yuma during the preceding week.

## MISSIONS

**Castlens to return to Philippine work**  
James and Shelby Castlen, who were reported earlier to have resigned as missionaries to the Philippines, plan to seek reappointment upon completion of Castlen's doctoral studies at Southern Seminary.

Because of Foreign Mission Board policy which limits study leave to two years, the Castlens resigned effective June 30. But their resignation was processed with knowledge the Castlens expect to seek reappointment.

With the encouragement of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, where they had served since 1975, Castlen chose to remain the additional months to complete his doctorate in music.

**Immanuel members work in Tennessee**  
Seven members of Immanuel Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, recently traveled to Spring Creek Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., to work as volunteer missionaries.

They conducted a vacation Bible school and revival for Spring Creek where H. D. Standifer, a former Severns Valley Association director of missions, is pastor.

The Immanuel members financed their own trip and stayed in campers.

## ORDINATIONS

**First Maytown ordains three deacons**  
Howard Ramey, Joe Stephens and Paul Hagans were ordained as deacons Aug. 1 by First Baptist Church, Maytown. Bob Varney is the church's pastor.

**Cane Valley ordains White as deacon**  
Cane Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, recently ordained Douglas White as a deacon. Robert Judd is Cane Valley's pastor.

**Four deacons ordained by Greasy Creek**  
Rex Houk, Rex Keltner, Vernon Houk and Wendell Curry were ordained deacons by Greasy Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, July 25. Wilburn Bonta is the church's pastor.

**First Murray ordains Ronald Sanders**  
Ronald S. Sanders, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders, was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church, Murray, July 25.

Participating in the ordination service in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Sanders was Judson B. Holloway, Sanders' maternal grandfather from Hamilton, Oh.

## ASSOCIATIONS

**Mrs. Meadors remembered by \$980 gift**  
McCreary County Missionary Association has given the Kentucky Baptist Convention a \$980 gift in memory of Hazel Meadors who died June 24.

Mrs. Meadors was the wife of Harry Meadors, McCreary County director of missions. She had requested money be given to the state convention's World Relief Fund in her memory.

# MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI



**PIERCING TOGETHER AN OLD STORY**—In more than 25 years of archaeological research Joseph A. Callaway of Southern Seminary has examined countless fragments of ancient pottery and other artifacts. The senior professor believes recent developments in biblical archaeology may challenge many commonly held assumptions in Old Testament studies. But Callaway is convinced new findings will ultimately provide "a more secure basis for understanding the Bible."

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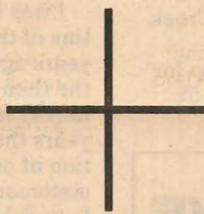
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# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Former Shively pastor named OBU president

Bob R. Agee, special assistant to the president for institutional planning and vice president for religious affairs at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., has been named president of Oklahoma Baptist University. He was pastor at Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, 1964-70.

The 45-year-old native of Brownsville, Tenn., was elected unanimously by the school's board of trustees to succeed E. Eugene Hall, who resigned June 30 to become professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological

Seminary. Agee will assume his new duties Sept. 1 at the private four-year college of approximately 1500 students, owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Agee, a 1960 graduate of Union University, earned a master of divinity degree in 1964 and a doctor of ministry in 1974 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He recently completed requirements for a PhD in higher education administration at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

He has been professor of religion at Union University since 1975 and was named to his current position in 1980. He was pastor of Ardmore Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., 1970-75.

He was adjunct professor in educational administration at Vanderbilt in 1981.

Agee has been a member of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a member of the Union University board of trustees.

## Bryan invites suggestions for new BSSB president

John J. Bryan, chairman of the committee seeking a successor to Grady C. Cothen as president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced an address where persons may send recommendations.

# KBC ACTIVITIES

# FRANK OWEN

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**AUGUST CONFERENCE AND CAMPS**  
Ridgecrest  
21-27 National Student Ministries  
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21-27 Small Sunday School

### AUGUST

16-20 Sunday School Children's Whistle Stop Conferences. Contact Sunday School Department, KBC for information  
16—Paducah, Immanuel Baptist Church; 17—Bowling Green, First Baptist Church; 19—Paintsville, First Baptist Church; 20—Lexington, Calvary Baptist Church  
21 Sunday School Conference. Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly  
21 WMU Area Meeting. Mayfield, First Baptist Church  
21-22 WMU Leadership Conference. Cedarmore. 1:30 p.m. on 21st through lunch 22nd. Reservations through Cedarmore  
22-29 Church Music Week. Materials in Church Music publications  
26-29 WMU Leadership Conferences. Cedarmore. Contact Cedarmore for all reservations.

26 and 27—Drive in days. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 28-29—Overnight. 1:30 p.m. on 28th through lunch on 29th

### SEPTEMBER

5-11 Brotherhood Leadership Week  
6 Labor Day  
6-8 Senior Adult Convention. Memphis, Tenn. Contact Church Services Division, KBC for details  
10-11 WMU Leadership Conferences. Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations  
12 Single Adult Day. Suggestions for observing are in Family Life 1981-82 Planbook

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM In Support of Missions!

### HERESY HUNTING

Looking back over the years, I can sort of note that about every 20 years someone undertakes to lead Southern Baptists into a heresy hunt. I am sure that such attempt is made more often by people of this type mind, but it seems about every 20 years that noteworthy success is achieved by those who like to generate this kind of controversy.

I was looking through some old bulletins of the church I served 20 and more years ago and note that I wrote about the then current Southern Baptist heresy hunt during those tension-filled years that culminated in the 1963 adoption of our Baptist Faith and Message statement. We were grateful then when heresy hunting again largely cooled off as a Baptist sport.

It was during the above years that I was talking about it with my very conservative and eminently wise Father. Father stated that heresy hunts rarely achieve much and often result disadvantageously for both the hunted and the hunters. "In fact," he said, "a

heresy hunt tends to end up like a skunk hunt—the more successful the hunt, the worse the hunters smell."

It is well when heresy hunts fail to finalize. Discussions in this realm have a way of helping to clear the air best when we stop short of final battle. When after hearing one another we patiently allow time for prayerful thought and healing, we always find that our Lord still presides over us and will help us to understand each other well enough to do His will together. After all, we are God's people.

A well-poised, democratic body that is submitted to the will of Christ always comes through crises of this kind, because the desires of real Christians is not to destroy one another, but to share prayerful minds together in seeking to follow the will of Christ.

Southern Baptists have always come through these times. We can do so again, unless too many of us want to destroy our brethren (which is not Christian) or deny freedom of conscience to each other (which is not Baptist).

### Life and Work Series THE NATURE OF FAITH

Hebrew 11:1-3 "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In these verses we have a classic description of faith and an explanation of what faith does. Faith is firm persuasion and expectation God will fulfill to us the promises he has made. Faith makes us certain of reali-

ties we have not seen. After the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews had reminded his readers their forefathers in the faith had earned a splendid reputation through the sincerity of their devotion and loyalty to God he urged them to emulate their worthy and noble example. Since God created the world and still had control over it they were obligated to use it in such a way as to please and glorify its creator.

Hebrews 11:6 It is thrilling to know that a Christian can please God. In fact the highest and noblest ambition that one can have is to please God. When a Christian walks with God in Christian obedience and serves him faithfully God is highly pleased. Pleasing God is the greatest purpose that one can have in life.

Hebrews 11:13-16 Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah were notable, excellent and never-to-be-forgotten examples of those who exercised great faith in God. Since faith is a venture with God, when he calls us to take any step with him, let us take it and leave the results with him.

Hebrews 11:39-40 These heroes and heroines mentioned in Hebrews 11, who did such great exploits for God within the divine purpose and whose faith God approved were not permitted to remain on earth and see the fulfillment of God's promise when the Mes-

siah came. Their remarkable examples should inspire us to endure our trials, which are less severe than those which they encountered, in the expectation of appropriate rewards at the time which God has designated.

Hebrews 13:20-21 In his earnest and remarkable prayer for the recipients of this letter the writer extolled the person and the work of God, whom he called the "God of peace."

Following his ascriptions of praise, he made an earnest request that God would fully equip and empower the Christians for the work which he had assigned them in compliance with the divine will. He was very anxious for his readers to do God's work in the way in which he wanted it done, regardless of the number of obstacles or the enormity of the opposition they might encounter in the process.

### International Series TIMOTHY: TROUBLESHOOTER

Acts 16:1-3 Although he was the product of a mixed marriage—his father a Greek and his mother a Jew—from his early childhood Timothy received excellent religious instruction from his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, both of whom were devoted followers of Christ. Their explanations of the stories recorded in the

Old Testament made an indelible impression upon Timothy's mind during his childhood and youth. Timothy likely became a Christian during Paul's first visit to Lystra. Referring to Timothy as his son in the faith, Paul manifested an unusual interest in his spiritual growth and Christian usefulness.

When Paul returned to Lystra on his second missionary journey he chose Timothy to be his companion on the tour. Paul selected him because of his sterling qualities and the fact he had a good name among the brethren because he had lived a consistent Christian life and been very active in the work of the Lord. Timothy readily answered Paul's challenge to full time Christian service. Anxious to avoid any complications in the work of evangelizing the Jews, Paul circumcised Timothy so he would be allowed to teach in the synagogues. 1 Corinthians 4:14-17 Since Paul had established the church in Corinth and had introduced the Corinthian Christians to Christ he knew it was his duty to instruct and discipline them. Unhesitatingly he urged them to imitate him or to follow his example. Since he was in Ephesus at the time, Paul told them Timothy, whom he was sending to them, was so nearly an accurate representation of the apostle, he would be an excellent model for them to follow Paul's teachings and manner of life.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

AUG. 22, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Bryan, a layman and pathologist, said recommendations should be mailed to him at Box 1728, Bluefield, W. Va. 24701.

Bryan said any member of a Southern Baptist church may recommend a presidential candidate. He said recommendations should be made in writing and include a complete biographical sketch of the nominee and a concise statement of the reason for the recommendation.

## BSSB names Johnson to head student work

Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School

Board last week named Charles H. Johnson as secretary of National Student Ministries.

Johnson will go to the board's student department from the Missouri Baptist Convention where he has been director of the student ministries department since 1974. He succeeds Charles Roselle, who retired earlier this year.

A native of Nashville, Johnson was student director and professor of Bible at Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, for nine years before assuming his present position. He has served churches in Arkansas and Texas as associate pastor and minister of education and youth.

## Kentucky Cooperative Program Receipts

for month of July, 1982 — \$968,823.15

To date this year .....	\$10,652,572.94*
Operational goal to date this year .....	9,478,337.00
To date this time last year .....	9,628,126.98*
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH	
OPERATIONAL GOAL .....	861,667.00
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH FULL	
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL .....	1,200,000.00
Over operational goal .....	1,174,235.94
\$1,024,445.96, or 10.64% increase compared to this time last year.	
After 11 months (91.66%) of this year, 73.98% of full CP goal received.	

## HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director  
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### CONSERVATION

"Production Through Protection" is the motto of soil and water conservation agencies. A demonstration of how to do it was provided on the Glen Dale Children's Home farm Aug. 6, 1982. It was Soil and Water Conservation Field Day on the farm and what a day! It was the state's first such demonstration in more than 25 years and a first ever for Glen Dale Children's Home as more than 1500 watched.

Due to the unprotected sloping hillsides of the Glen Dale farm erosion of the topsoil had become a serious problem, causing an annual soil loss of about 12 tons per acre. The work, which began in April and was completed during the field days, is expected to cut the topsoil loss to 3.5 tons per acre immediately and less thereafter.

The Kentucky Land Improvement Contractors Association, their suppliers and government agencies provided the materials, fuel and other out-of-pocket expenses. Equipment valued at thousands of dollars was provided by the contractors. They reshaped the land with terraces, built a .86 acre pond,

constructed a diversion ditch, a sod waterway and laid thousands of feet of underground drainage tile. More than \$50,000 worth of conservation work was completed; however, it cost us nothing because Glen Dale was chosen for the demonstration. The Glen Dale farm is now an example of how Kentucky farmers can fight soil erosion and increase productivity.

I watched those huge earthmoving machines operate and listened to engineers explain how this all works to conserve the soil. It felt good to be a part of saving our farm. However I felt even better as I thought of a more important conservation: conserving lives and talents of children and youth.

Only eternity will reveal the added production of good that has been and is being done because Baptist Homes for Children reaches out to conserve neglected, dependent children. Thousands of children are being swept along in the angry waters of the world. It is our joy and privilege to conserve lives by working to instill an inner faith and discipline in youth in our care. This is conservation of human lives and souls.

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President  
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977



### EATING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Psalmist said, "Thou preparest a table before me" (Psalm 23:5). Surely these last few days we have been eating the food of Zion from God's table!

Our annual Alumni Conference brought more than 175 registered alumni and families to our campus. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Lord tremendously. The food and the fun were also a part of the celebration of God's goodness and mercy to Clear Creek. It was my first Alumni Conference at Clear Creek and it impressed me greatly.

More than the inspiration afforded, the alumni enjoy the fellowship of being together as God's children, learning the news of the past year and singing the songs of Zion. One of the characteristics of Clear Creek is that we like to be together and share our lives one with another.

Clear Creek is a school, a business

and an operational institution. But more than anything else, Clear Creek is a family. We are one with each other and with all who name the name of Christ. When something wonderful happens to one of our students at Clear Creek, all of us rejoice. When calamity comes our way, all of us suffer together.

Underlying all of our celebration, however, is a knowledge that it is only temporary here. This world is not our home; we're just a' passing through. We belong to Clear Creek but, more importantly, we belong to the Lord. We are on our way to the marriage supper of the Lamb and we shall rejoice there together.

Come to Clear Creek anytime. You don't have to wait until our Alumni Conference or until we have a special celebration. Come when you can and we will eat at God's table together!

### CORN ON THE COB

What a feast it was!

Scene: the yard of the Oneida farm manager, on the east side of the house.

Time: early Tuesday evening, sun setting, the yard shaded by the house.

Cast: 12 hungry teenage boys, ranging in age from 13-19, city boys mostly; Oneida farm manager Zane Fraker and wife Gale and two of the farmer's daughters, and myself.

Occasion: one of the periodic and much anticipated dinners given by the Frakers for differing groups of boys who work on the farm as a part of our effort to teach students responsibility, discipline, the challenge and joy of work and how to help themselves.

Menu: fresh corn-on-the-cob, rolling in butter; barbecued pork; fresh onions. All of this was grown on the farm by our boys. Then there was fresh baked bread and baked beans. Homemade ice cream and wonderful blackberry cobbler pie baked from fresh berries picked by the boys on our hillsides completed the feast.

There is something "special" about homegrown food, especially when you've raised it yourself. The boys showed hearty appreciation for the fruit of their labors. This writer was no less enthusiastic. An unbelievable amount

of food was consumed in short order, and ear after ear of corn simply vanished. Teenage boys can really eat corn, but Mark, a young man from Lexington, enjoyed himself so much that he had to finish the evening with Alka-Seltzer.

Each boy is growing and developing, their muscles hardened by a summer's work, their skin bronzed by hours of gardening and baling thousands of bales of hay in the hot sun. How precious is each one, to us and to God.

I recall how each one came, some nearly four years ago, others no more than six months, and my normal two hour interview with each. There is "Papaw," senior member of the group, so nicknamed because of his stolid head-of-the-hollow manner; young Bill from Maryland, his father blind and one leg amputated from the ravages of diabetes; Buddy and Griffin, brothers from California, their father dead at age 38 of a heart attack; Paul from near Dayton, Oh., born when his parents were older, father dead several years, came to us in need of a man's discipline, nearly expeled, now one of our finest; Greg, both parents dead, so miserable when he came to us three years ago from Harlan, now a bright smile and sunny disposition; Ian and Jeff from Lexington, Kyle from Somer-

set, Terry from the river town of Cloverport, each here because loving parents want for their sons the advantages of Oneida's strong academic, sports, work and spiritual programs.

Not only are these young men growing in wisdom and stature, but in their Christian walk. Many have come to the Lord while here at Oneida.

Watching the boys play croquet after the meal, and listening to their stories and laughter on the porch during the sudden cooling shower, I couldn't help but reflect on the strange and mysterious ways of God that led each of us to this place, this time, to share and grow together.

This spring Mr. Fraker took some of our boys over on Buffalo Creek to cut a number of locust trees. From these we cut our own locust posts saving much money, and have built extensive wooden fences near the barns. Also, our boys and Mr. Fraker have strung nearly a mile of barbed wire fences during the past year.

Last year the Lord blessed us with a tremendous potato crop. It was necessary to build a much larger potato house. In these times of rising inflation, it is important to raise much of our food. But, even more important, is the use of our farm to train young men to work, to have the proper attitude about

work, to enjoy work.

It was 10:30 p.m. when the last group left the warm hospitality of the Fraker home. We left by the light of a full summer moon, and the refrain "God is so good, God is so good" rang in our hearts.

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