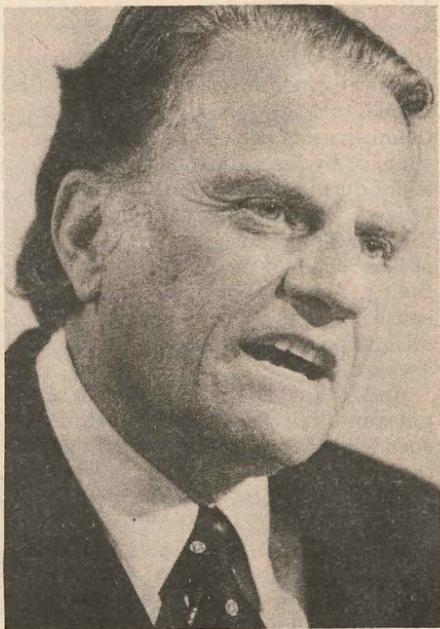
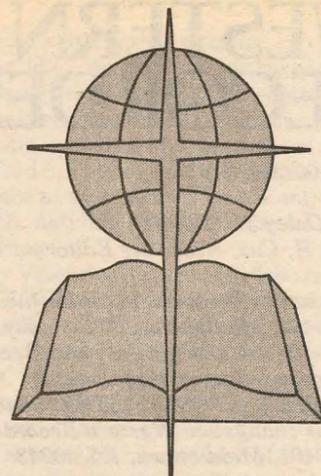


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Billy Graham set for Louisville meet Dec. 6-8 at SBTS

Evangelist Billy Graham will deliver the closing address at the first national congress for Southern Baptist evangelists in Louisville. The conference will be held Dec. 6-8 at Southern Seminary.

Graham will be among more than 25 evangelists and other Southern Baptist leaders who will speak or lead seminars. Graham will also speak to several seminary classes.

Lewis A. Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern, believes the congress will be "one of the most significant contributions to the ministry of the vocational evangelist this seminary has ever attempted."

Interested persons may contact Drummond at Southern Seminary. Registration is \$15 per person.

Baptist Hospitals reorganize, will take over Corbin facility

The board of directors of Baptist Hospitals Inc. has announced plans to restructure its organization.

The hospitals, in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah, will be classified as divisions of BHI, each headed by a division president.

Health Data Network, a computer service facility, will also constitute a division.

The divisions and their presidents are: Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Earl Feezor; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Tommy Smith; Louisville Baptist Hospitals (Highlands Baptist Hospital and Baptist Hospital East, Ben Brewer; and Health Data Network, Louisville, Bill Mathis.

The board authorized a BHI Foundation "to develop philanthropic resources for health care-related programs and services," according to Nita Dean, Louisville Baptist Hospitals' public relations associate.

A Management Services Corporation was authorized which will concern marketing, shared services, hospital management, real estate development and similar projects.

BHI of Louisville recently announced it has entered agreement with Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Cor-

bin, for operation of that facility. Details of the contract are being finalized.

Under the terms of the contract to be signed Sept. 15 and to take effect Oct. 1, BHI will assume responsibility and control of the operations of Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital through BHI Management Corporation, an operated subsidiary of BHI.

Based in Louisville, BHI will begin proceedings to submit to the state a Certificate of Need for the replacement of the existing hospital facility. Pending approval of the certificate and acquisition of financing, BHI will build a new 200-250 bed regional medical center to replace the existing hospital.

BHI plans to help the new hospital with finances so the city of Corbin will not incur financial liability or additional taxes.

Homer D. Coggins, president of BHI, explained, "Baptist Hospital Inc.'s management philosophy is based upon improving the coordination of the medical services at Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital to develop cost effective management systems and highly disciplined utilization of hospital services and maintain the Corbin community's pride and involvement in a very fine medical institution."

Draper for missions, unified giving plan, he tells seminarians

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. challenged students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., to lose themselves in missions.

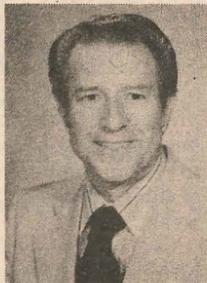
Preaching in Truett Auditorium Sept. 2, Draper pointed out "if Bold Mission Thrust is going to mean anything, there are going to have to be students come out of our seminaries who are willing to go to Canada, to foreign missions, to the Northeast and lose themselves in missions."

Draper made no reference to denominational controversy, instead preaching a 10-point sermon from Hebrews 11 which was received with a standing ovation. "I've used the tools I learned in this mission every day of my life," said Draper, a third generation Southwestern graduate. "Study hard. Learn your lessons."

Draper voiced strong support for the Cooperative Program, saying "I don't like everything in my church budget, but I still support it." He indicated Southern Baptists who don't agree with every aspect of the convention's unified budgeting process ought to consider the same attitude.



Blaylock



Ward



Rogers



Jackson



Jaggars



Davenport

Collegians to gather at Elizabethtown Sept. 24-26

Music, testimonies by summer missionaries and an inspirational speaker will kick off a three-day weekend Baptist student convention Sept. 24-26 in Elizabethtown.

Don Blaylock, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department, Middletown, said he expects a crowd of "several hundred" collegians for the annual event. Severns Valley Baptist Church will host the convention this year.

The initial session opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. with music led by Jim McMurtie, minister of music at Madisonville's First Baptist Church.

Following the student summer missionaries' testimonies, concluding speaker of the evening will be Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Following the service, an informal fellowship in a coffee house setting is programmed.

Ward will be one of three seminar

leaders Saturday morning at the conclusion of a 9 a.m. service. His topic is "Who Am I in the Sight of God?"

Other seminar leaders, and their topics, include Bill Rogers, director, Christian Life Relations Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, "Who Am I in the Family?"; and Walter Jackson, professor of ministry,

Interested in hosting KBC

James B. Lewis, chairman, committee on arrangements of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is accepting invitations for hosting the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention annual sessions.

By previous convention action, the 1983 convention will be held Nov. 15-17 at First Baptist Church, Paducah, and the 1984 convention is set Nov. 13-15 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Lewis will entertain invitations at Westport Road Baptist Church, 9705 Westport Rd., Louisville, KY 40222.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, "Who Am I as a Person?"

Saturday evening, a mass choir will sing, to be followed by testimonies of summer missionaries.

That evening's message will be brought by KBC president Bill Jaggars, pastor of Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church. A tribute will be given retiring KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen during the evening session.

A local campus prayer and share time will end the Saturday evening program.

The final session of the convention, Sunday morning from 9-10:20 a.m., includes the mass choir, more summer missionaries' testimonies and a closing Bible study period led by Randy Davenport. Davenport is president of Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

Special music during the weekend will be provided by ensemble groups from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights.

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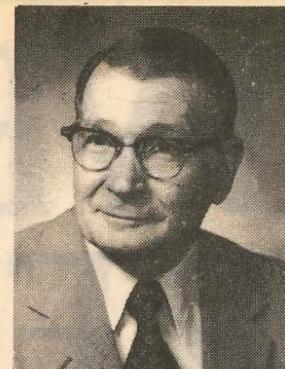
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Earnestly contend for the faith which
was once for all delivered to the saints.
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

A compassionate, generous response

This editorial was rewritten just before press time. At first it was an appeal for contributions to a worthy cause, now it is a testimony to the compassion and generosity of many people who responded so generously to this cause that the fund raising effort has been discontinued.

Here's how the editorial came to be rewritten. Not long ago a columnist in a Louisville paper told the story of Pam Moore. Pam is a 14 year old Clermont, Ky. girl who desperately needs an expensive treatment which is available only in Boston. Pam's father has only part time employment and his limited resources have long been exhausted by Pam's earlier extensive and expensive hospital treatments.

Dr. Henry Garretson, a Louisville neurosurgeon, says Pam has a small tangle of blood vessels in her brain. She was born in this condition which is inoperable because there would be a 30 to 40% chance of major paralysis and some chance of death.

Pam's brain condition has led to two serious seizures which required expensive hospital treatment. The seizures are completely unpredictable but are sure to continue unless the brain condition is corrected.

In place of surgery Dr. Garretson recommends a special treatment not available in Louisville. The treatment is proton-beam radiation which would cauterize the tangle and thus prevent hemorrhaging which causes the seizures.

The nearest place for such treatment is a Boston hospital and the cost is around \$10,000. The Boston hospital will not accept Pam unless the family has \$5000 to put down and the balance at hand.

Here the story takes an inspiring turn. Pam is a member of the Clermont Baptist Church near Shepherdsville. Leslie Hughes, the Clermont pastor, set out with his congregation to raise the \$10,000. The small Clermont membership gave \$1000 to the fund. Neighboring churches were invited to join the project. The newspaper article told readers how to send any gifts they wished to make and the Western Recorder editorial inviting contributions was written.

Before being released the editorial was shared with pastor Hughes who expressed appreciation but reported an overwhelming response

had already brought in over \$18,000. The appeal is being discontinued and what's left after all of Pam's expenses are paid will be given to some other needy patient with a similar problem.

Pam is scheduled for treatment in Boston Oct. 28. Pastor Hughes believes not only the contributions are God's doings but so is the early treatment date. The hospital is booked for such treatments until sometime in 1983 but a cancellation came in about the same time the doctor called on behalf of Pam.

This story is enough to restore confidence in humanity. It proves that neither unemployment, economic recession nor any other discouragement stands in the way of human compassion and generosity.

Though Pam doesn't now need our financial gifts, she still needs the most valuable of all gifts which are our prayers.

Light for the blind

Our long time dream will be realized Oct. 18 when the blind will have access to the Western Recorder each week. This is being made possible through the generosity of the St. Matthews and the Clifton Baptist congregations, the services of Jeff Conner, Clifton's minister to the blind, other volunteers and Western Recorder staff members.

Check the instructions on page 10 of this issue and help us present Baptist light to those living in physical darkness.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Voluntary prayer is not the issue

by Lynn P. Clayton, Editor
Louisiana Baptist Message

When President Reagan stood in the White House Rose Garden to present his proposed amendment that would supposedly restore God and prayer to our public schools, he said, "The amendment we'll propose will restore the right to pray."

One would expect unanimous cheers for the statement from believers, but the matter is not that simple.

If prayer had been ruled out of the public schools, then such an amendment would be in order. But President

Reagan's amendment or any other would not restore prayer because individual, voluntary prayer has not been outlawed. President Reagan's amendment would only provide the opportunity to instate government directed religious exercises.

"What's wrong with that?" many are asking. As President Reagan said when he presented his amendment on May 6, "No one will ever convince me that a moment of voluntary prayer will harm a child or threaten a school or state. But I think it can strengthen our faith in a Creator who alone has the power to bless America."

Mr. Reagan's statement by itself is true; but it is not the issue. The issue is this: Should the state have the right to sponsor religious activities? And if it did, would that be good for America, and for individuals within the nation?

There is a tremendous amount of rhetoric decrying the condition of public schools, the decay of youth's behavior in general and toward parents and superiors in particular. Gifted orators would have us believe that if we just had a moment of religious exercise each day in our public schools, all would be well.

The rhetoric is pushed harder by some who imply that most of society's ills would be cured if we would simply instate these moments of public school meditation.

But history has proved this simply is not true. In Great Britain, for instance, longstanding government directed religious services in schools have done nothing to reinvigorate religion or to prevent secularism. Most other Western European countries have such prayer in public schools and the vitality of their religion is something less than weak.

One of the most sobering facts in the history of state-sponsored school prayer is that of Nazi Germany. In the years preceding and even during the Nazi rise to power, every German youth had between eight and 12 years of daily prayer in school and at least two hours of religious instruction each week of school.

President Reagan's proposed amendment seems inoffensive because it seems to provide for "voluntary prayer." The amendment which he presented at the May 6 Rose Garden gathering of primarily the religious right leaders, says:

"Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions.

"No person shall be required by the United States or by any state to participate in prayer."

But the problems with this are manifold. Primarily, participation in a time of meditation, when the school is conducting the exercise, and where participation is the norm, is hardly voluntary for a child.

As one group points out, "To a child in the classroom, no part of the school

routine is voluntary. It cannot be made so by the cruel device of telling . . . (the pupils) that they are allowed to brand themselves as pariahs by leaving the room or by remaining conspicuously silent during the religious ceremony. Indeed, what actually happens when this unwise practice is followed is that at least some of the pupils depart from their parents' religious teachings because of the pressure from their teachers and peers to conform to the majority view."

And, there are reasons parents may not want their child to participate in such school sponsored prayer other than the reasons of atheism or irreligion. For instance, this editor would not want his children to participate in a prayer offered to, or in the name of Mary; or with the intentions a Mormon would have; or simply offered in no name at all. I believe, and believe under the freedom of America, that the Bible teaches that a Christian should only pray in the name of Jesus Christ. I do not want my children to think they can or should compromise this teaching simply to fit in with their peers, or to keep from appearing irreligious at school or anywhere else.

A prayer that will be composed by a school board will be one that is least offensive to everyone. It will be bland, innocuous, undirected, sterile, sanitized, void of conviction. And this kind of "To Whom It May Concern" prayer is going to save our nation and restore faith to our children?

History has proven over and over, conclusively, that the institutions of state and church suffer when joined. As the Supreme Court pointed out, "a union of government and religion tends to destroy government and to degrade religion." We don't need either.

There are people who object to President Reagan's proposed amendment who are not secular humanists, or atheists. The rhetoric at the Southern Baptist Convention that said, "If they can outlaw prayer in the school house today, tomorrow it will be the church house;" and, "The atheists, humanists, and secularists are against prayer in schools, and that's not the company we need to be keeping," plays well to the grandstands, but it misses the point.

There are people who oppose President Reagan's proposed amendment because they believe that prayer is too vital to allow its representation by a formalized ritual directed by the government. Of course, that is not to say all prayer would be to the insincere, but it should never be represented that way to children.

Baptists have long stood for separation of church and state. This is one of our major contributions to the concept of freedom in America. That concept was vital to Baptists because we had been persecuted in countries where we refused to bow to formalized religious practice. Are we now willing to sell our birthright for a symbol with little meaning? God forbid.

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Americans United picks new executive

Long time religious activist W. Melvin Adams of Takoma Park, Md., has been named executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Adams, a native of Salt Lake City, has been a member of Americans United for 28 years, serving as treasurer, secretary and vice president of the board of trustees at various times since 1960.

A Seventh Day Adventist minister, Adams is a graduate of Pacific Union College. He served his church in positions in California, Nevada and Maryland.

Adams assumed his duties Aug. 2, succeeding R. G. Puckett, who accepted a position as editor of the North Carolina Baptist newspaper, Biblical Recorder.

Multifamily housing to be topic of conference

Long Run Baptist Association is sponsoring a multifamily housing conference Sept. 20-21 at Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville. The purpose of the conference is to help the local church increase its ministry to those living in multifamily housing (apartments or condominiums).

The two-day conference begins at 6 p.m. Monday with dinner followed by group meetings centering on low cost housing, middle income housing and affluent housing.

Tuesday sessions begin at 10 a.m. with a conference for pastors and staff on "preparing the church for multifamily housing ministry," led by principal speaker David Beal, Home Mission Board consultant in multifamily housing. Evening sessions are open to all interested persons.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per church. Reservations may be made by calling the Long Run Association office.

'No manipulation': pastor's panel head

Southern Baptists must put aside philosophical differences, accept diversity that is inevitable in a 13.8-million-member denomination and begin to trust each other again, according to the president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., spent Aug. 23-24 in informal dialog with Sunday School Board personnel.

Wolfe believes current divisions center primarily in philosophical differences about worship, how to carry out the mission of the local church and what evangelism is—not the Bible. He is confident major differences over the Bible were resolved at the 1981 South-

ern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles when Herschel Hobbs affirmed that "truth without any mixture of error" in the Baptist Faith and Message statement referred to the entire Bible.

Hobbs, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, chaired the group which drafted the statement of faith adopted in 1963.

"We didn't vote on the Bible at New Orleans and I'm glad," Wolfe said. "I believe 95 percent of us believe the Bible," he said. "I don't think we have to have the same methods or forms of worship or evangelism. We've got to start trusting each other again. We do have different philosophies and methods, but we always have."

To accommodate diversity, Wolfe said people must have the attitude "you can disagree with me and love the Lord as much as I do." He said he is optimistic Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Draper can initiate communication among differing groups. "I don't think people are trying to manipulate and control the denomination," Wolfe said.

Pension law changes will benefit Baptists

Congress has completed action which will increase the ability of churches and denominations to provide more adequate retirement plans for their ministers and lay employees.

The noncontroversial changes in laws governing church pension plans were included in a controversial tax bill which will raise taxes by \$98.3 billion over the next three fiscal years. The measure, pushed by President Reagan as a means of reducing anticipated federal deficits, passed the House of Representatives 226-207 and the Senate 52-47 Aug. 19.

Under the changes approved by Congress participants in church pension plans will be able to increase tax-sheltered retirement contributions in several ways.

Ministers and other church employees who made inadequate or no contributions to pension programs during their early working years will be given the same option for overriding the normal annual contribution limit that current law offers teachers, hospital workers and employees of home health services.

The new act will treat all Baptist (or other denominational) employment as years of service with one employer. This change will benefit church employees because the annual limit on pension plan contributions is affected by the number of years in the present job.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board joined 26 other denominational pension boards to seek the changes in pension laws.

Baptist leaders applaud Reagan peace proposal

Southern Baptist leaders are reacting favorably to President Reagan's call for a new peace initiative in the Middle East.

The President, who outlined his proposal in a nationwide television address Sept. 1, staked out a middle position between demands from both Israel and the Arab world over the key unsettled question of the future of the Palestinians.

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., said regarding he believes some key questions regarding the Palestinian issue must be answered before peace is achieved, Reagan's call for peace negotiations is likely to receive support from American

Jews as well as other citizens.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, called attention to Jesus' blessing of peacemakers and asserted his belief that the people of God are to seek peace in personal, church, national and international relationships.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, commended Reagan and two former Southern Baptist U. S. presidents, Harry S. Truman and Jimmy Carter, for seeking peace in the Middle East over the last generation.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., declined to comment on the merits of Reagan's proposal, noting that the board maintains a non-political stance both in the U. S. and abroad.

But he welcomed the peace effort, urging Southern Baptists "to pray for President Reagan and for all persons who may eventually be in positions efforts to bring about a lasting peace in the Middle East."

Former WR staffer, mate appointed by Home board

A former Western Recorder staff writer and her husband have been appointed for mission service by directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Kathy Berry, a Western Recorder staffer in 1980-81 while a Southern Seminary student, and her husband, Willie, have moved to New York City as co-directors of the Baptist Center.

Both of Richmond, Va., they attended Bluefield College, Virginia Commonwealth University and Southern Seminary, and were US-2 missionaries. He is the former coordinator of social services of Baptist Center ministries, Louisville.

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10 year perspective

Executive secretary Owen reviews 10 years of leading Kentucky Baptist Convention

by David Smith, Staff Writer

Franklin Owen, Kentucky's retiring executive secretary-treasurer, has held pastorates and denominational positions in several state Baptist conventions, including 10 years heading Kentucky Baptists. Owen took time one late August day to reflect upon those 10 years, citing hurdles both he and Kentucky Baptists had to overcome, admitting his responsibilities have not allowed him to be as humorous as he would have liked and confessing his retirement plans.

Owen said he has changed in the 10 years he has led Kentucky Baptists. "(The office) has taught me for one thing to live more happily in the midst of occasions when I'm not able to have my way. In my church I was a little more able to recommend my programs and more nearly get them all accepted (and passed unanimously). You can't ever get yourself fully explained here. I've had to live happily with a somewhat lower level of consensus."

He also recalled in his pastorates that "whatever else happened I was loved and trusted. I haven't always felt that way in this office. But I do think those points at which I was not have tended to be occasions in which the matters were not clearly understood . . . and the people (involved) didn't know me."

Owen concluded the problem was always communication.

"I have felt a good deal of love and trust in this office frankly but it's not easy to have and keep and it's not nearly as universal as it tends to be in a local church where you know everybody and they know you, and where when direct communication is needful you have a chance to do it."

He referred to the executive board and staff's responsibility to afford communication between the state convention and 750,000 Kentucky Baptists as well as that of Western Recorder, "but all the ways we have of staying in touch are not enough," he concluded. "But they are all we have."

"Almost always whenever a big difference occurs, we discover that when we get through explaining, they come back and say, 'Well I didn't realize all that was involved. From where I stand it looked so and so.' And that's the way it does look and if I were out there I'd probably be saying the same thing."

An occasional problem, according to Owen, is the person who has taken such a strong position that after hearing it all explained "doesn't want to lose face so he stays mad. But there are very few of them. Most people, after they get all the data, are kind and understanding."

More optimistically, Owen enthused, "The things we've done in the convention have been, I think, significant accomplishments and we have done our best to plan them somewhat orderly and present slowly enough to let them penetrate and have reasonable consensus when we do it."

"Owen's philosophy of church leadership has been, 'Let's talk ourselves together, pray ourselves together and if we can't get together any other way, let's fight ourselves together before we move and let's all move as nearly together as possible when we move."

That spells slower progress sometimes but it spells established gains."

On your mark, get set, go!

The 69-year-old Missouri native recognized several hurdles which had to be overcome to accomplish the "established gains."

"Thinking back on it I think the first hurdle was trying to get Cedarmore Assembly adequately facilitated and developed." That effort required such an investment of time and money from the convention, "we had an atmosphere of criticism of how much Cedarmore was getting and how much time was spent in the board meetings covering matters at Cedarmore. This was the feeling when I first came in."

A "huge hurdle" was the reorganization of the convention staff, Owen noted. He maintained that with his travel, correspondence and public relations responsibilities, it was impractical for him to directly supervise the 14 convention departments.

"I didn't even count myself a good supervisor in all those realms," he added. Dividing the staff into three divisions with three supervisors, "We got through a good bit of resistance and some heat—that was a tough hurdle."

Restructuring the staff took three years. For two years following that the state executive board was reorganized to correlate to the staff departments.

Concerning the recent convention investment for 20 cars for department heads, Owen said, "I count it a hurdle. I don't count it a major one because I do believe that when we get far enough by it, it will be shown that was the way for this hour of history to pay for the travel of our staff."

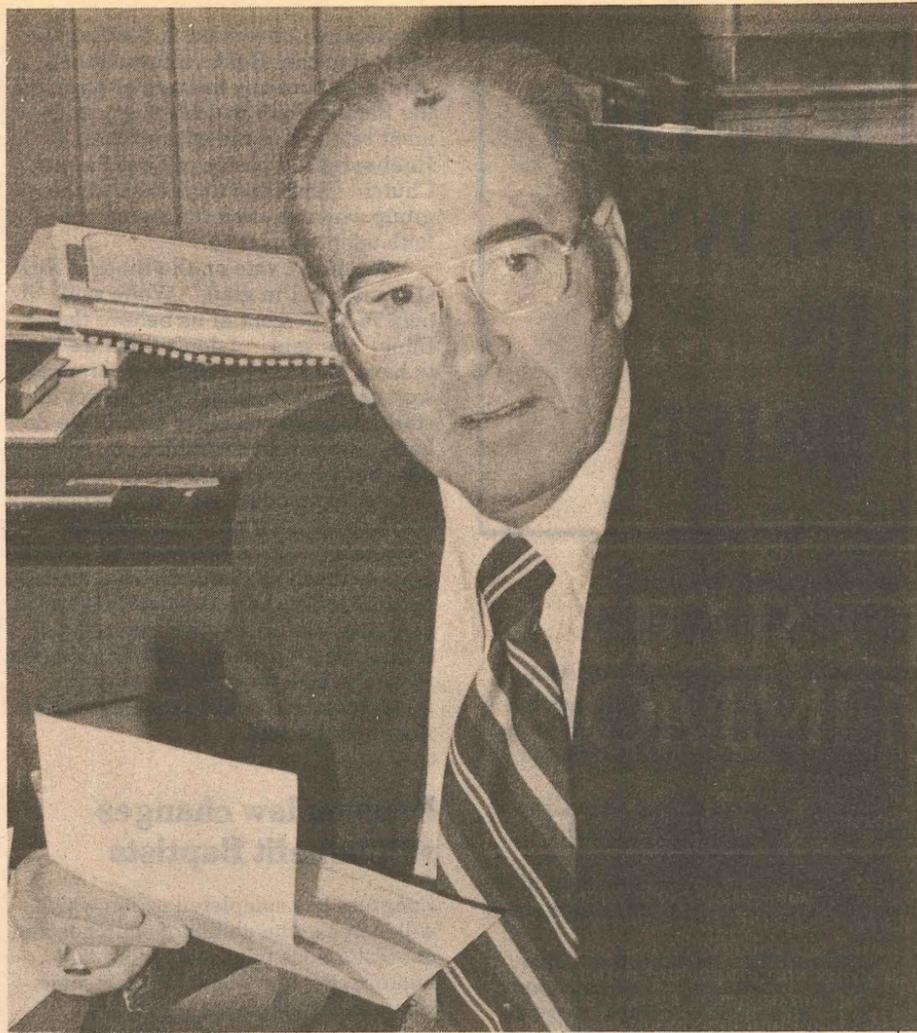
The convention has always compensated its staff for travel, Owen recalled, citing that earlier this century the convention bought horses and buggies for staff members' travel needs and made provision to feed the horses.

"We have reached an era now when travel is getting so expensive we need to be able to perfectly control its cost. The way to do that is to move perfectly into the control seat which is to own and to pay only the actual expenses of the vehicles."

Owen concluded the case for buying the new cars by saying that it posed particular problems for new, especially young, staff members, to move to Louisville, purchase a new home at high interest rates and buy a car adequate for the convention's travel demands.

Pensively, Owen said, "Yes, this was a high hurdle . . . for the moment. But it was high only like the dentist's drill is high only in the moment he drills into a mild, inconsequential cavity. It feels major then but when you're gone and (consider) all the teeth you'll have pulled and so on, you'll hardly remember that cavity. And I believe this was that kind. We just fell into a bunch of misunderstanding," he surmised, admitting there was some "clumsiness" in communication concerning the cars.

Owen briefly listed building the five new Baptist student centers as hurdles



as well as paying the debts remaining from Kentucky Southern College, which was closed before Owen took office.

"Certainly (the building of) the Baptist Building was a big hurdle. Three states I can think of had huge controversies and reactions thereafter over building new Baptist buildings. Our fellowship in Kentucky was so good (compounded by sound financial investment) that all of that balanced together, plus the good will of the people, there has been very little criticism."

Concluding the hurdles, Owen remembered, "we got through the time of paying on huge debts into the time of creating an atmosphere and decision process whereby we put in place (allocations) for all the categories in which periodically such funds are needed." He mentioned maintenance and capital investment funds as examples. "And we did this at the very beginning of an era unforeseen of the highest artificial interest rate this nation has ever seen."

"It is my earnest request of Kentucky Baptists and my prayer that they not, in wanting to do something more quickly, spend these funds as bonanzas somewhere along the way," he pleaded.

Laugh and the world . . .

Owen's humor and stories have afforded him much notoriety in the state. When tempers have flared Owen has been able to take the convention floor, tell some stories, and help messengers relax for a moment before returning to convention business.

"This is the type of relationship I had with the convention before I became executive secretary. Through the offices I've held and as a floor man I played this role a good bit. I guess this job has taken some of that out of me. It's forced me to be more serious more often. When you go to the meeting as executive secretary and you're trying to hold in place in your mind all the matters of all the committees . . . you can't think much on stories."

Still he said he likes to "get the convention laughing when it gets too serious."

Questioned about his retirement plans Owen replied, "Plans? I never have had much plans. I have tried to live a prayer-thought life. That is, I try

to keep the line open and prayerfully go forward living and assuming that the Lord weaves a web of circumstances about me," Owen explained.

Owen said he has never asked to be considered for a particular pastorate or denominational position "but the Lord has always opened the door to me and he has tended to open one door at a time. I have gone through that door fearfully and prayerfully, saying, 'Lord, I'm going through it. That's the way it looks to me; I'm assuming you're in it. Don't let me if I shouldn't.'"

"And I've gone through that door and done what I saw needed to be done, whatever portion of it I knew how to do. By the time I got through there was another door open and I went through it. That's the way I'm going to retire."

During a recent visit to west Kentucky Owen told a group he had no retirement plans. A woman, who had been talking with Mrs. Owen, stood up and said, "Oh yes you do have plans. Your wife says you're going to clean the garage and trim the shrubbery."

"Well I guess that's what I'm going to do," he resigned himself.

"I have a great many friends who are in retirement and when I see them they get out their datebooks and start showing me how they've not missed a Sunday since so and so and they're just as busy as they were before."

"I said to my wife that I hope they invite me to speak or to be an interim maybe or to be something here and there. But I hope to be content in whatever state I am, to quote the apostle Paul."

"If they invite me (I hope to) be grateful for it and enjoy it; and if they don't, to be able to say to myself, 'After all I worked hard constantly until I was 69 and I don't owe it anymore if they don't want me anymore and I'm not going to be unhappy if they don't. Now that's the way I'm viewing it at this point.'"

Owen concluded, "I've not been one to regret where I've come. Everywhere I've been in the Lord's work has proven satisfying and I felt at the close of it, This is where the Lord intended for me to be. I did make the right decision."

"And that's the way I feel about where I am now."

VIEWPOINT

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 Middletown, KY 40243

A wholly biased press?

by John W. Keith, Pastor
 Williamstown [Ky.] Baptist Church

As I read the Western Recorder of Aug. 25 I could not help but think about 1 Kings 22. That is the passage where Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, came to see the king of Israel. They wanted to know what God wanted them to do, whether to go to war with Ramoth in Gilead or to refrain.

King Ahab had surrounded himself with 400 false prophets who were all "yes men." They told Ahab to go on to war because God was on their side. Jehoshaphat asked if there wasn't another prophet of the Lord that they might ask. Ahab said, "Yes, there is 'Micaiah, but I hate him because he always tells me bad things.'" Micaiah was the only true prophet of God among them and they did not like him.

It seems to me that Western Recorder only solicits one side of the pic-

ture. Every editorial and the majority of Viewpoints expressed all point in one direction. I, for one, am weary of this. A case in point is Henlee Barnette's Viewpoint Aug. 25.

He said, "It would appear that we Southern Baptists are willing to embrace sloganeering and code words because it saves the effort required in exercising rational, critical, evaluative thought." That simply is not so. The inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible is not mere sloganizing.

He went on to say that "anyone who attempts to otherwise engage in the intellectual pilgrimage is suspect." If he means by "intellectual pilgrimage" the attacking of the veracity and authority of the word of God, then they should be suspect. Academic liberty is not the same thing as license to teach contrary to the basic Baptist belief that is founded on the solid rock of the scripture.

Henlee Barnette went on to attack the inerrancy of the Bible by calling it "creedalism" and unbiblical.

I want to call your attention to 2 Tim. 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The word inspiration means in-breathed, the scriptures are breathed out by the breath of God. The Bible is as much the word of God as if God spoke it. To charge that the Bible has errors is to charge God with making a mistake and God has never nor will ever make an error of any kind. We are to be doers of the word, not judges of it. James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Henlee Barnett's Viewpoint went on to claim that the Southern Baptist principle of church and state has been blatantly reversed by the support of the voluntary prayer amendment. This is not true.

Our country was founded on religious principles that included freedom of religious expression. Our religious freedom has been gravely endangered by the Supreme Court's decision on prayer in school. Their decision has been misinterpreted to mean that no religious expression may take place on school campuses that are supported by public funds.

In the state of Tennessee it is against the law to even carry a Bible on a public school campus. This violates the religious freedom of the individual. In some states they will not let students voluntarily meet before school or after school to pray. This is an abomination!

Our government officials want to separate "God and state" not "church and state." If we don't wake up we will be living in a Godless, atheistic America where it will be against the law to

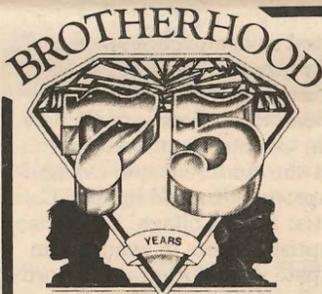
even talk about God in public.

In conclusion, let me say this. I am weary of reading in our Baptist state paper the subtle innuendo that if anyone dares to believe the Bible is the inerrant, infallible word of God he is an intellectual half-wit. After all, the Baptist Faith and Message we adopted in 1963 says we as Southern Baptists believe the Bible to be "a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter."

Our colleges and seminaries were built by money given by Godly men and women who believed the Bible to be divinely and infallibly given by God. How does anyone dare accept salaries by Southern Baptist funds that have been sacrificially given by Godly men and women and then say that they are not accountable for what they teach and believe in Southern Baptist schools?

In the conclusion of Henlee Barnette's article he said, "Don't leave." I second that exhortation with this addition, don't leave. The majority of Southern Baptists are conservative, Godly people who are deeply committed to the Bible as the authoritative, infallible word of God. The majority of Southern Baptists have a fervent love for the word of God and desire to practice the divine truths taught within the pages of the Holy Book.

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1982 BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION
 (Royal Ambassadors and Baptist Men)

"MEN ON MISSION"

BEACON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Somerset, Kentucky
 October 7, 8, 9, 1982

FEATURING:



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 Professor of Missions
 Southern Baptist
 Theological Seminary,
 Louisville, KY



Dr. John Havlik
 Director of Evangelism
 Home Mission Board
 Atlanta, GA
 (Retired)



Dr. Roy Boatwright
 Director of Missions
 Franklin Association
 Kentucky Baptist Convention
 Louisville, KY



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**Friday, October 8, 1982
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Tee-Off 8:30-11:00 a.m. Thurs., October 7
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Hwy. 39 — 3 miles North of Somerset
 Teams of 4 will be put together at tee-off

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Church:
 Number of players:
 Golf carts needed:
 Dinner:
 Number of Reservations:
 Date:
 Signed:

PERSONNEL

Estes named Outstanding Young Man
Bobby Estes, pastor of Pink Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, was named in the Outstanding Young Men of America volume for 1982.

Docter accepts Mentor pastorate
Burdette W. Docter has accepted the call to Mentor Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Docter is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute and is presently enrolled in Southern Seminary.

He and his wife Rebecca have three children.

Crescent Hill calls Kay Byrd
Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Kay Byrd as minister of children's education.

Steve Shoemaker is pastor.

Powersville calls Newman as pastor
Powersville Baptist Church, Union Association, has called Thomas W. Newman as pastor.

Newman, a native of Richmond, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University and received the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dendler accepts Hall Street pastorate
Richard Dendler resigned as pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Church, Chattanooga, to accept the pastorate of Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Sivills resigns East Cadiz pastorate
Ronald W. Sivills has resigned the pastorate of East Cadiz Baptist Church, Little River Association, to enter full time evangelism. He has pastored the church two and one-half years and previously pastored Canton (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Beginning in October Sivills will reside at Rte. 3, Princeton.

Moody accepts call to Carlisle Avenue
Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Allen Moody as minister of music and youth.

Moody, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, comes to Carlisle from First Baptist Church, Whitewright, Tex.

Ferrill Gardner is pastor.

Fann accepts position with HMB
Delbert Fann, former Kentuckian, has resigned as language mission director of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention in order to accept a position with the Baptist Home Mission Board as

field consultant in the Language Mission Department. He will work in ethnic leadership development particularly in the southwest while living in Phoenix.

Under Fann's leadership the number of language congregations in Arizona grew from 38 to 60 in eight years. In 1981 the Indian Baptist Bible Institute was established in Winslow, Ariz.

Mrs. Fann is the former Mildred McAlister of Waddy.

Second, Madisonville, calls Wood
Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, has called Wendell Eric Wood as minister of music, youth and education.

Wood is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

Harold England to Winchester
First Baptist Church, Winchester, called Harold Ray England, presently pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Waddy, to become its pastor beginning Oct. 3. England will receive his PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in October. H. B. Kuhnle is interim pastor.



England



James

Mike James joins Immanuel staff
Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, has called Lloyd Michael James as its youth minister. James, who received his MRE from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978, has been minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Danville, since 1978.

Kelly leaves Beechwood for Stetson
Scott Kelly has left the youth work of Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, to pursue graduate studies at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

The church sponsored a luncheon and reception for Kelly Sept. 5.

Alva becomes pastor of Lewisburg
Lewisburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has welcomed its new pastor and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Puckett and their children, Jeff and Cathy.



Mr. and Mrs. Larrimore

Larrimores' feted for 25 years service
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Larrimore enjoyed a surprise recognition and appreciation dinner on the occasion of Larrimore's 25th anniversary as pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville. Among other expressions was a cash gift of \$2500.

Mt. Carmel calls Harold Nall as pastor
The new pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Utica, is Harold E. Nall, former pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Ohio County. Nall attended Kentucky Wesleyan College and is a 1977 graduate of Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

Mrs. Nall is the former Joyce Lee and the couple has two children.

Hatfield awarded DMin degree
Jesse A. Hatfield Jr., superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, was recently awarded the DMin degree by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In addition to completing the course, Hatfield received special recognition for outstanding work, the first such distinction for doctoral candidates at the seminary.

Rouse accepts call to Pansy Baptist
Bobby Joe Rouse has accepted the call to the pastorate of Pansy Missionary Baptist Church, Harlan, after having been interim pastor the past year.

Rouse is a graduate of Cumberland College.

Thacker resigns Midlane Park pastorate
T. A. Thacker has resigned the pastorate of Midlane Baptist Church, Louisville, after serving the church for 14 years, to assume the pastorate of Hurricane Baptist Church in Trigg County.

Thacker, who holds the DMin degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been professor of orientation at Boyce Bible School since 1977.

He has written Sunday school lessons for Young Adult Bible Study, has served two terms on the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board, was moderator of Long Run Association and president of Long Run Pastors' Conference.



Thacker



Newcom

Southside calls minister of music/youth
Phil Newcom has recently accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Southside Baptist Church, Princeton. He comes to Southside from Third Baptist Church, Marion, Ill., where he was minister of music and youth.

Newcom is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a summer missionary to Hawaii in 1971 and worked with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

His wife is the former Vicki Faye Brown of Herrin, Ill. Their two children are Danielle, 7, and Jarrod, 3.

Howard Pryor resigns Virgie pastorate

Howard Pryor resigned as pastor of Virgie Baptist Church, Pike Association, Aug. 29. He and his wife, Myrtle, will move to Ledbetter, Ky. where he has accepted the pastorate of Ohio Valley Baptist Church.

CONGREGATIONS

Mt. Pleasant builds pavilion
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lewisburg, has completed a pavilion for worship services at Lake Malone, near Dunmor.

The land was given to the church by Mrs. Edna Vaughn, the last living member of White Oak Grove Baptist Church which previously stood on this site.

Home Laster Jr., pastor, explained that an offering was taken to finance the project. The entire cost of the pavilion was received in the only offering taken.

The men of Mt. Pleasant, with the help of associational missionary Eugene Reynolds, constructed the 28 foot by 40 foot shelter.

"A missions committee was elected to survey the Lake Malone community. Meetings were held between members of the community and the committee to determine the needs of that area," according to Laster.

A brush arbor revival scheduled at the pavilion for Sept. 13-18 was to be the first services held there.

Plans are under way for a summer ministry in 1983. Laster says they anticipate interest to be shown by campers, tourists and vacationers, some of whom live on the lake through the summer.

Greenmount observes 50th anniversary
Greenmount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, celebrated its golden anniversary Aug. 29.

Draper slated as conference speaker
James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., and current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of the main speakers at the conference on evangelism next Apr. 1 sponsored by Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College. Other notable Baptist leaders in evangelism will participate in the program, according to Mid-Continent president Raymond Lawrence.

Most of the meetings of the conference will be in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, and all Baptists within reach are invited to attend.

More information is available by writing Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Rte. 2, Mayfield, KY 42066.

Columbia celebrates at a homecoming
Columbia Baptist Church overflowed with over 500 members, former members and friends on the occasion of homecoming services Aug. 15. The morning service featured historical highlights given by Paul Barry Jones and homecoming sermon by Verlin C. Kruschwitz.

More than 400 people participated in potluck dinner. The afternoon service which followed featured music, an original poem by Estelle Randall and the presentation of six former pastors along with the wife of the late O. B. Mylum.

The pastors were E. N. Perry, I. Houston Lanier, W. H. Moody, A. H. Phillips, David Gardner and Jerry Oakley.

Michael Watts is the Columbia pastor.

Dry Run observes 181st anniversary
Dry Run Baptist Church, Georgetown, celebrated its 181st anniversary Aug. 8. Pastor Keith Tingle delivered the sermon, "Who is Dry Run?" Kathy

Outstanding youth 80 percent Baptist

Recently 10 teenagers were honored as Outstanding Young Kentuckians for 1982 by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Jaycees. Eight of these 10 are members of Baptist churches.

More than 100 young Kentuckians were nominated for this honor. These nominees were between the ages of 13 and 20. They were judged on academic achievement, personal activities and achievements, social activities, religious involvement and personal insight.

Sarah Anne Hutchinson, Somerset, is a member of Beacon Hill Baptist Church where she is a preschool choir leader, a member of the youth choir and a Bible school teacher. She also plays on the women's softball team and sings in a gospel ensemble called Reborn.

Patrick O. Daugherty, Morgantown, belongs to Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church where he is assistant song leader and an assistant youth director and teacher.

Connie Frances Goins, Frankfort, a member of St. John Baptist Church, has a four-year perfect attendance record in Sunday school. She sings in the church choir and is treasurer of the youth council.

Joey Welty, Carrollton, belongs to First Baptist Church, Carrollton. He drives the church van once a month to bring elderly members to church. He is active in the youth program and plays on the softball team.

Teresa Bolyard, Villa Hills, is a member of and sings with the youth choir of Crescent Springs Baptist Church. James S. Goff II, Leitchfield, belongs to First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, and sings in the youth choir.

Timothy Allen Self is a member of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and Edward Lee Joslin belongs to Dallasburg Baptist Church.

The other two outstanding youth, Joy Ellen Jeffries and J. Phillip Williams Jr., are members of the Christian church.

Tingle, Charles Mingua and Larry Atha provided music. After the service, the gospel group Harmony performed a concert.

Cumberland dedicates new sanctuary
Cumberland (Ky.) Baptist Church celebrated homecoming and dedicated its new sanctuary Aug. 15. Weekend services were led by former pastors Edward E. Gorsuch, Joe B. Brown and Gifford J. Walters. Robert C. Jones, director of Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, delivered the dedication sermon.

Kenneth L. Faught is pastor.

Main Street observes 25th anniversary
Main Street Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, celebrated its 25th anniversary Sept. 12.

C. R. Daley, editor of Western Recorder, was guest speaker.

Pikeville sponsors youth team

A youth team from First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, recently conducted a day camp and tent revival at Island Creek Mission for Pikeville Baptist Church, Pike Association. The camp averaged 70-75 children each day.

Pikeville summer youth leader Jeff Sames preached in the church's Aug. 7-8 youth revival, and George Wood of Georgetown College led the music.



Pastor Bobby Brooks welcomes a new member into the fellowship of Forks of Dix River Baptist Church, near Lancaster. This church is 200 years old this year.

Lee's Lane observes 50th anniversary
Lee's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, celebrated its 50th anniversary Aug. 29. Russell Bennett, executive director of Long Run Association, was guest speaker.

Clifton's Conner aids handicapped
Jeff Conner, Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, will be working part time as a consultant in the area of ministry to visually handicapped people. He has been working in this area through Clifton church since 1980.

Information on ministry to the visually handicapped may be secured by contacting Conner at Clifton church, 1947 Frankfort Ave., Louisville 40206 or the Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Amity celebrates homecoming
Amity Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, observed its homecoming Aug. 29. Pastor Alvin Pflueger delivered the sermon.

James Bradshaw held an afternoon service with preaching and puppetry. The Templeaires provided music for both services.

Westport Road marks 20th year
Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in a series of events over several weeks. The church was constituted Oct. 1, 1962 having earlier been a mission of Lyndon Baptist Church.

Lyndon pastor Hugh Goldsby will preach at Westport Road Sunday night,

Sept. 19. Sunday morning, Sept. 26, T. Hicks Shelton, a former member and retired director of Kentucky Baptists' Evangelism Department, will preach. A music media presentation is scheduled that evening.

Sunday, Oct. 3, Glenn Igleheart, pastor from 1963-68, will preach in the morning, with a choir presentation of "The Gathering" scheduled at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

Former members of the congregation have been invited to return for these celebration services. James B. Lewis is pastor.

REVIVALS

Short leads Mint Springs revival
Mint Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, held revival services Aug. 23-28 conducted by Don Short.

Russell Joiner is pastor.

New Middle Fork holds revival
New Middle Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services beginning Aug. 1. Three professions of faith were made and one was added by baptism.

Ralph Garmon was the evangelist and James Finn is pastor.

Five decisions made in Park City revival
Park City Baptist Church reports four professions of faith and one transfer of membership following revival services July 18-23.

Pastor Richard A. Adams delivered the messages for the week.

Trammel Fork reports five decisions
Trammel Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services Aug. 1-10. Five decisions were made.

Garnet Martin was the evangelist and Earl Kingrey is pastor.

ORDINATIONS

Little Flock ordains Lamont as deacon
Little Flock Baptist Church, Shepherds-ville, ordained Tom Lamont as a deacon Aug. 8.

Little Flock's pastor, James Phillip Majors, preached the ordination sermon.

Bethlehem ordains four deacons
Bethlehem Baptist Church ordained Gary Petty, James Tinsley, Bascal Graves and Jim Fisher as deacons Aug. 8. Ralph Garmon preached the ordination sermon.

Durwood Garmon is pastor.

Smithfield ordains Daniel Edmonds
Smithfield (Ky.) Baptist Church associate pastor Daniel Edmonds was ordained by Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, Aug. 22. Don Ross, pastor of Smithfield church, preached the ordination sermon.

Edmonds is a second year MDiv-RE student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Double Springs ordains two as deacons
Double Springs Baptist Church, Waynesburg, ordained Pat Stonecypher and Everett Maggard as deacons Aug. 15. The congregation shared a fellowship supper after the service.

Clyde W. Rhea is pastor.

Mouthcard ordains Keen and Chaney
Mouthcard Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained H. M. Keen and Cecil Chaney as deacons Aug. 22. Jennings West preached the ordination sermon.

Gupton ordained by Mt. Washington
Brent T. Gupton, pastor of Lucas Grove Baptist Church, Upton, was ordained by Mt. Washington Baptist Church, East Lynn Association, Aug. 22. Al Hardy preached the ordination sermon.

MISSIONS



MODERN DAY MISSIONARIES. Pastor J. Garland poses with Larry Brandenburg, Tom Leach, Jeff Eshleman and David Stevens from First Baptist Church, South Lebanon, Oh. The group came to help in building a pastorium for Bethlehem Baptist Church, near Pineville.

Bethlehem gets help with pastorium
First Baptist Church, South Lebanon, Oh., recently came to the rescue of Bethlehem Baptist Church, near Pineville, Ky. Bethlehem had a pressing need for a pastorium for Pat Garland, a 1982 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School who had been student pastor. Upon graduation he needed a place to live and because the church wanted him to continue as pastor, it began construction of the pastorium.

Garland, with the help of Gordon Brown, director of missions for Bell Baptist Association, and Robert Jones, director of the KBC Direct Missions Department, made arrangements with the South Lebanon church for some assistance.

The church sent its music director, Larry Brandenburg, David Stevens, Tom Leach and Jeff Eshleman. Brandenburg, a plumber by trade, gave his vacation time to plumb the new parsonage. His group also roofed the building.

Kenneth Leach is pastor of South Lebanon church.

Little Flock youth hold Bible school
The youth of Little Flock Baptist Church of Shepherdsville traveled to Linefork July 25 to hold a mission vacation Bible school. Eight adult sponsors and 15 youth participated in Bible teaching and witnessing to youth of the area.

James Phillip Majors is pastor of Little Flock.

Williamses take furlough in Kentucky
Joe and Sylvia Williams, missionaries to Zimbabwe, are on furlough in Kentucky. Their address is Boone's Creek Baptist Camp, Winchester 40391.

He is a native of Deming, N. M. The former Sylvia Lawrence, she was born in Garfield, N. J. and lived in Ft. Lauderdale and Gainesville, Fla.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971.

Immanuel laypersons lead revival
Seven members of Immanuel Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, recently traveled to Spring Creek Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., to be volunteer missionaries. They conducted vacation Bible school and revival services for pastor H. D. Standifer, who

had been associational missionary in Severns Valley Association.

Bible school enrolment was 94 and average attendance was 60. Leah Crabtree, Dorothy Jones, Peggy Baughman and Frances Crabtree led the school.

Raymond Crabtree, Richard Baughman and Franklin James conducted the services.

Four came by letter, 12 on profession of faith and four for rededication.

Miss French returns to Peru
Mary Jo French has completed furlough and returned to Peru. Her address is Apartado 810, Trujillo, Peru.

She is a native of Warsaw, Ky. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Dobbinses serve in Chile
Mr. and Mrs. James Dobbins, missionaries to Chile, may be contacted at Casilla 197, Antofagaste, Chile. He is a native of Durant, Okla. The former Wanda Carpenter, she was born in Logan County, Ky. and also lived in Bowling Green.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

DEATHS

Voight dies in Myrtle Beach, S. C.
Frank G. Voight, a native of Paducah, died suddenly in Myrtle Beach, S. C. July 22. He was enjoying a vacation with his wife when he became ill. Treated at a local hospital, he returned to the motel and shortly after midnight was suddenly stricken with an apparent heart attack. Voight, who would have been 60 Sept. 6, was director of the division of church programs for the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Funeral services were held July 24 at Bon Air Church, Richmond, led by pastor Robert Cochran and Richard M. Stephenson. Stephenson, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists, called Voight a "roving shepherd" for the Virginia churches and said, "our hearts shall not forget the years of witness, friendship and service."

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two daughters, two grandchildren, and his mother who lives in Jeffersonville, Ind.

**MOUNTAINS
TO
THE MISSISSIPPI**

Newport pastor sees fields 'white unto harvest'

by Glenn Mollette, *State Correspondent*

Occasionally an inner city church folds or moves to a suburban location. In some cases it's because of a congregation's failure to adjust to a changing environment.

During the last 20 years First Baptist Church, Newport, has experienced good and bad times in the midst of a changing environment. However, this congregation has not moved.

The church in years past has been filled and overflowing with as many as 1400 in Sunday school. But in recent years the church has seen Sundays when it sighed in relief when 50 showed up.

For many years First Baptist Church was a growing, vibrant congregation.

Yet for the last 12 years it appeared this northern Kentucky church was slowly dying and would become nonexistent: closing its doors to be used as some kind of inner city warehouse or possibly office space.

But this appearance has changed. This inner city church seemingly has awakened from a long nap.

Last associational year it baptized 32 people and had 12 other additions. This was more additions received into the church than several years past put together.

Norman Willie is the present pastor of this inner city church which is making a comeback. Willie has served this church two years and during this

period it has experienced blessings of new vitality.

Willie reports the church has had about 70 additions during his tenure. "One Sunday I baptized 20 people," he reported with zeal.

Aug. 29 he baptized five people. "We also had 158 in Sunday school," he noted.

For the last Sunday in August this was excellent for this inner city church that had only 86 in Sunday school for Willie's first Sunday as pastor two years ago.

Willie declared, "When I came here I saw the fields white unto harvest. I realized the tremendous opportunity for evangelism. And it's true. Nine out of

KBC ACTIVITIES

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SEPTEMBER

- 18 WMU Area Meeting. Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 23-25 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 23rd to 1 p.m. on 25th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges
- 25 WMU Area Meeting. Greenville, First Baptist Church
- 25 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 26-Oct. 3 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday School publications

OCTOBER

- 4-5 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Baptist Homes for Children or Christian Life Relations Department, KBC
- 7-8 Brotherhood Convention. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church
- 8-9 State Pioneer Congress. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church
- 8-10 BSU State Convention. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church
- 10 World Hunger Day. Information from Christian Life Relations Department, KBC

NOTICE TO CHURCH PAGE USERS

Delivery of the Sept. 8 Western Recorder was made to the Louisville post office on schedule by mid-afternoon Tuesday, Sept. 7. The post office elected to hold the editions from mailing two or three days, resulting in some subscribers not receiving their copies of the paper until Monday, Sept. 13, five days later than normal. We wish to apologize to our readers, and assure you that every effort is being taken by our staff and our printer to prevent future problems of this nature. We are working with the post office in this matter. —*Editor*

I used to hold a great many rural revivals in the Georgia mountains round about the town in which I served as pastor. The following observation comes from there.

There was a small community in which many of the people walked to and from church services. The pastor rang the church bell about 30 minutes before the service and again about five minutes before. Everybody knew the schedule.

It was an interesting little community, reminiscent of days when pastors announced from the morning pulpit, "worship this evening at lamplighting time."

There were several households with dogs that were allowed to freely roam the community. These dogs had somehow fallen into the custom regularly of following their masters to church. How the custom and habit grew, I don't know, but even the dogs in that community had adopted some faithful habits made possible by the ever open door of the church during summer revival.

Usually by the ringing of the last

bell, the dogs had pretty well assembled at the front where their masters likewise were making small talk before ambling in one by one.

After the final bell and as the church service began, four or five family dogs would amble through the open door, making their way down the aisle and sprawl across the front beneath the pulpit, stretching out there on the floor, bothering no one. Apparently they had thus become acceptable through their good behavior.

When we would rise to sing the final invitation hymn, the dogs would get up and stretch, pushing their front feet forward and pulling their heads and necks back as dogs do when they stretch. Then quietly they would stroll back out the aisle single file and out the door to wait for their masters and mistresses to come along and accompany them home.

I have often thought of the faithfulness of those dogs and the faithful masters and mistresses along side whom they walked to and from church. Would that all people had as much faithfulness and as good behavior.

Life and Work Series ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP

Hebrews 4:16 Inasmuch as the way into the presence of God has been opened through the work of Christ, his children are cordially invited to approach the throne of his grace with great confidence, courage and the blessed assurance of receiving satisfaction, enrichment and joy.

When God's children approach the throne of grace they discover Christ makes it possible for them to "obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." They discover that our high priest, Christ, is strong, sinless, sympathetic and sufficient for every need. Let us approach God with reverence, sincerity and expectations. He will supply adequate help as our needs arise.

Hebrews 12:22-29 True worship of God by his faithful and obedient children will be acceptable to him whether they are assembled in a small building in a remote rural section or in a huge sanctuary in a metropolis. In either place they can have direct access to God through the merits of Christ, but never through any merits of their own.

Hebrews 13:15-16, 18-19 It is the privilege and duty of every child of God to praise him for his goodness and grace. The Lord has not saved us in order to place us on a shelf as trophies of his grace and power to save, but he has saved us to make us his partners in what he is doing and will do. As stewards of his grace we are accountable for the way in which we use the time and the talents he gives to us. Christ is both the center and the channel of Christian service. If we are to be rewarded for serving him, our service must be rendered in the name and for the sake of Christ. Acts of worship should be fol-

lowed by deeds of mercy and helpfulness to others. If we know Christ as our savior let us be faithful in telling those who do not know him about his marvelous grace and saving power. Intercession for others also wins the approval of God and brings blessings to those who need them.

International Series GOD GIVES JACOB A NEW NAME

Genesis 32:9-12 As Jacob approached the border of his homeland his memory began to function and his conscience began to work. God impressed him with the fact that unconfessed sin and unforgiven wrong must be dealt with promptly and in the proper manner. Without delay Jacob sent messengers to his brother, obviously to learn Esau's attitude toward him at that time, so that he might prepare for their meeting. These messengers returned with the alarming news that Esau was on his way to meet Jacob, accompanied by 400 men. This frightened Jacob greatly. Instead of casting himself on God at once Jacob began his characteristic work of planning.

In humility Jacob asked for divine help in the execution of his plans and projects instead of requesting, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Jacob

acknowledged his personal unworthiness and expressed gratitude for the blessings which had been showered upon him. Fearful of what Esau and his men might do to him and his family Jacob besought God to protect and to help him.

Genesis 32:22-30 Shrewd, self-reliant and scheming, Jacob decided a generous present or bribe might "soften-up" his unrelenting brother, so he sent one to him before they met face to face. With the present which his servants took to Esau, Jacob sent a message of reconciliation. That night Jacob sent his family and possessions across the Jabbok and he remained behind, presumably to spend some time alone with God. Concerning Jacob's experience that night the Bible says: "And there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." The purpose of the wrestling was to bring Jacob to an end of self-trust. The wrestler pressed against the socket of Jacob's thigh and threw it out of joint and left him powerless.

No longer able to wrestle Jacob began to cling, and the clinger learned that the hour of his physical prostration was the hour of his spiritual triumph. Recognizing he had been in close personal touch with the Lord, it was not surprising that Jacob's name was changed to Israel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

SEPT. 19, 1982



H. C. Chiles

10 people I visit are unsaved in this town."

From the very steps of this church once can see a night club that advertises, "Strippers — Go Go Girls." Right behind the church is Monmouth Street, the most notorious in Kentucky for nude dancing night clubs, drugs and prostitution. All up and down Monmouth Street are signs and marquees that advertise exotic dancers.

Willie reported that only a week ago two teenage girls confronted him on the street close to the church soliciting. These two girls were later arrested for prostitution, he believes.

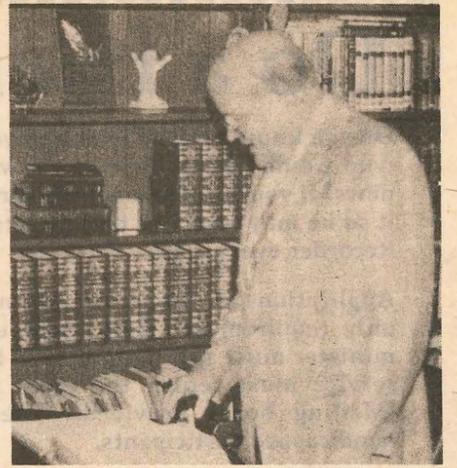
Willie affirmed, "These people need the Lord!"

Willie is doing all he can to change the image of his city and stop much of what is going on right around his church.

During the past election he promoted a need for a change of officials who also supported a need for a change. The officials were elected with help from many, including Willie.

Willie also participates in the Newport Ministerial Association which "has received a great deal of flak" over its stand against a pornographic book store and Cinema X, a theater which showed only pornographic films. The group, with help from fellow citizens, was successful in closing both businesses down.

Willie stated, "For several years the image of the city has certainly contributed to our decline. But we've decided to overcome what has in the past overcome us."



HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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FAMILY BREAKDOWN

Working in the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children makes all of us keenly aware of the great amount of family breakdown today. In some areas of society, there are almost as many divorces recorded as marriages. The current rate of family breakdown is about one for every two marriages. These family breakdowns bring hurt to many people. Of course, the adults involved hurt a great deal. But often children in these families hurt the most. In a recent year family breakdown affected over 1.1 million children. They may feel guilt thinking they caused the breakdown. Certainly they have many fears and a great loss of security. All of this and being torn between two people they love can leave some very ugly scars.

There are many concerned people working with families that have broken. However, to help after the break means patchwork at best. It seems there is a tremendous need to work with families before the break. An ounce of prevention in such cases is surely worth a

pound of cure.

Churches, caring agencies and many individuals are working in the area of family ministry. However, all of us feel the need for help in knowing the best way to help. Particularly do we feel the need for help in working with families before the break even comes.

Baptist Homes for Children joins hands with the Christian Life Relations Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to provide additional help for pastors and others in family ministry. The Haworth Conference, to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Oct. 4-5, will be a most helpful experience for those who minister to the family.

The theme, "Family Breakdown: Prevention and Healing" is right on target. The cost of this conference is minimal, and will be most beneficial. Information on the program and cost has been mailed to each pastor and deacon chairman. I urge churches to pay the expenses for their pastors and I encourage pastors to attend. You will receive help in caring for families in your community.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Rick and Cyndi Stephens were on their honeymoon when I first met them on our campus. They have been with us eight years except one year he was away at Western Kentucky University doing graduate work. Natives of Ohio, they have Kentucky family ties and both are graduates of Cumberland College. Mrs. Stephens teaches English and has been our cheerleader sponsor each year.

Stephens is a walking one-man faculty as he is qualified to teach in several areas including English, math and psychology. For the past four years, until his appointment as director of computer studies, he has been our guidance counselor.

During the course of his graduate studies, he had computer training. He studied this past summer at the University of Southern Mississippi which has the second largest computer program in the nation.

He directs the computer lab activities from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at which time he goes to coach soccer until supper time. In the evening he babysits with his two-year-old daughter, Hiliary, while Mrs. Stephens goes to the gym for cheerleading practice. Our teachers live busy and fulfilling lives. During the winter months, he coaches wrestling

and in the spring, track.

At 2 p.m., another special person takes over the computer lab until it closes at 10 p.m. each school night, and he also has it open three hours on Saturday. This person is a remarkable Oneida product named "Chuck" Smith. A native of New York, Chuck came to us as a tiny, frail appearing 5th grader, his eyes about the biggest thing about him. It was a special joy to watch him grow, mature, become a Christian and see amazing talents surface in one so young.

Before his graduation this past May, Chuck had met the responsibility of a staff member, several staff members, for years. Much of what he did was done on his own initiative, much at our request. His most recent feat was his direction and supervision in setting up the computer lab this summer while Stephens was away in Mississippi.

Chuck made several of the exploratory trips, actively participated in all the meetings and decision making, selected and bought and hauled in the desks and chairs for the lab, selected software, helped paint the new lab room and had everything ready for the opening of school.

Chuck's talents were evident early. When he was only a 7th grader, I put him and another outstanding classmate (Jim Kelly Wasson, also an '82 Oneida

The psalmist urges us to "sing unto the Lord a new song" (Ps. 149:1). Certainly we are singing and praising the Lord for our church music program at Clear Creek this year. It seems to me the preaching of the gospel and good Christian music go hand in hand.

We have marvelous facilities for church music training at our school—a pipe organ, a piano lab with seven electronic pianos, a chorale room, music classrooms, a music library and listening lab and practice rooms.

Along with our facilities we offer courses in piano, voice, sight-singing, the conducting of youth choirs and children's choirs, and other courses designed to help anyone to become that effective church musician the Lord would have him to be.

Assisting us in teaching church music at Clear Creek this year are:

Miss Candace Armstrong, our "Church Musician in Residence." She trained at Morehead State University with a major in piano and a minor in drama and has several years of experience. She is a marvelously gifted and talented pianist and organist.

Mrs. Lynita Brown, who teaches class piano and children's choirs. She has a MA in music education from Eastern Kentucky University and is a wonderful Christian witness for our Lord.

Eric Davis is director of our campus choir and youth choir. The son of missionary parents he is the new pastor of Jeff Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Ron Goodwin teaches youth choir ministry and is graciously "loaned" to us one day each week by Central Baptist Church, Corbin, where he is minister of music.

Mrs. Sherry Goodwin, wife of Ron Goodwin, teaches voice and is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Mrs. Gayle Tankersley teaches piano for us. She has a MA degree from Peabody College in Tennessee and has taught piano for some years at Cumberland College. She is also a brilliant performing artist and we thank the Lord for her helpful spirit.

We praise the Lord a lot at Clear Creek. Come visit our school and share with us.

graduate, presently doing short-term missionary work in Peru) in charge of our then struggling audio-visual program. These small kids with drive and imagination brought direction to the program, built shelves, cataloged and organized, requested a meeting with the faculty to explain how things were to be done and arrived armed with charts, forms, etc.! One or the other took care of the audio-visuals for six years as that program steadily expanded under their capable leadership.

It was the same in our print shop. These same two young men went to work there with my assistant, Jim Boswell, instructing. He was an able teacher and they were apt pupils. When Boswell was felled this past winter for four months with a heart attack, the boys ran the shop without any adult supervision, and did a very professional job making and developing negatives, burning plates, running the presses, organizing the copy, purchasing paper and you name it.

During his 8th, 9th and 10th grade years Chuck handled thousands of dollars as he did all the purchasing of soft drinks for the campus "pop" machines. He took care of and filled the machines each day and counted the money. It was hard work and a most thankless task, but he faithfully did it until he had more to do than he could

get done.

Chuck also set up an excellent photography lab in a storeroom off the chapel, and took another such room and developed it into a recording area for chapel messages.

On graduation day we hired him as a full time staff member at the same moment we gave him his diploma.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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BAPTIST FORUM

Not impressed

I opened the Aug. 25 edition of Western Recorder and was appalled by the rhetoric in the Baptist Forum section. One minister supports prayer in the public schools, as long as he can choose the prayer. Another minister shrugs off the thought of children being incinerated in a nuclear holocaust by saying life is not a bed of roses. The most important thing, these men say, is the propagation of the Christian gospel. Yet they are so wrapped up in dogma they have completely forgotten about people. No amount of jawing about an inerrant Bible is going to get me in the church door. I for one am not impressed.

Jim Yutzy, Louisville

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Dorothy Garrott dies in Louisville

Dorothy Garrott, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died Sept. 7 in Louisville after an extended illness. She was 72.

Neither world war, the imprisonment of her husband nor his death in 1974 discouraged Mrs. Garrott from her lifelong commitment to the Japanese people.

Appointed to Japan in 1935 as a single missionary, the Louisville native taught at Seinan Jo Gakuin, a Baptist girls' school in Kitakyushu. There she



Mrs. Garrott

met Southern Baptist missionary W. Maxfield Garrott, whom she married in 1938.

The former Dorothy Carver, Mrs. Garrott was the daughter of the late W. O. Carver, who pioneered the study of missions and comparative religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Garrott left Japan before the outbreak of World War II, but Garrott remained and was interned by the Japanese for about six months before being repatriated. The missionary couple worked among Japanese Americans in a relocation center in Arkansas during the war and later served a church in Hawaii.

They returned in 1947 to Japan, where Garrott was president and religious director of Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, and later president of Seinan Jo Gakuin. Mrs. Garrott resumed teaching at the girls' school, which she continued for more than 20 years. She also worked in Japanese Baptist churches, particularly among youth and young adults.

Garrott died in 1974, but Mrs. Garrott continued mission work until her retirement in 1977.

Mrs. Garrott received the bachelor of arts degree from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., and also studied at the University of Richmond (Va.) Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Seminary) and the University of Louisville.

Mrs. Garrott worked in the mission programs of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville after her retirement and participated in numerous world missions conferences.

She is survived by four children: Elizabeth A. Garrott and William C. Garrott of Louisville; Alice Garrott Hooker of Lexington; and Jackson M. Garrott of Omura, Japan. She is also survived by a sister, Alice Carver Kramer of Chapel Hill, N. C.; and two brothers: James E. Carver of Laurinburg, N. C., and George A. Carver of Louisville.

A memorial service was scheduled Sept. 10 in Louisville. The body was cremated, and Mrs. Garrott's ashes will be buried beside those of her husband in Kitakyushu, Japan.

Miss Hammett to write for Historical Commission

Leisa Ann Hammett, 22, has been named director of communications for the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

She will be responsible for developing a total communications program for the Historical Commission, including interpretation of programs, news, public relations and marketing of materials.

Miss Hammett, a native of South Carolina, earned her bachelor's degree in communication arts from Carson-Newman College in May 1982. As a student she was public relations assistant in the public relations office and earlier in the same position at North Greenville College.

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