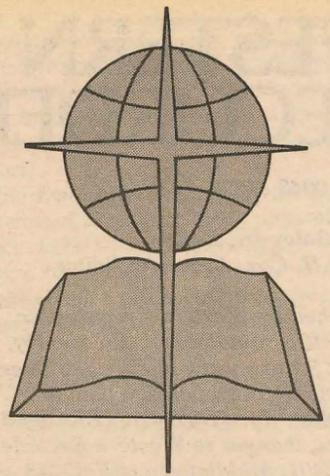


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## Held in trust

### 'You can believe in me,' Draper tells moderates

by Dan Martin

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. has rejected a proposal to "depoliticize" the denominational presidency.

At a meeting in the SBC Building in Nashville Sept. 16 Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., declined to support a proposal which would have made substantive changes in the only real power an SBC president possesses: appointments to the powerful committee on committees and the resolutions committee.

The changes were proposed by a group of "moderates" led by Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.; Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville; and Ed Perry, pastor emeritus of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

The president appoints a layperson and an ordained person from each of the 26 cooperating state conventions which qualify for representation as a committee on committees. That com-

mittee nominates two persons from each state to serve on a committee on boards, which, in turn, nominates trustees for the 20 SBC agencies.

The moderates' proposal would require the SBC president to seek and obtain nominations from state convention leaders in appointing the members of the committee on committees and resolutions committee.

The state leaders—executive secretary, convention president and chairman of the executive board—would "nominate four names for each state's two positions on the committee on committees—two laypersons and two ordained persons—from which list the president . . . in consultation with the first and second vice presidents of the SBC, would choose one layman and one ordained person to be appointed to the two positions."

The proposal also would require the president to seek and accept "one name . . . from each state for a list of nominees to the committee on resolutions, from which list the president . . . would choose the required number of

names for the resolutions committee."

Draper was asked to "voluntarily" follow the procedure in his appointments, and to support changes in the SBC Constitution and bylaws.

Cecil Sherman said he is "disappointed and frustrated" by Draper's response, and said he believes "the stakes are enormous" if the convention is not depoliticized. He added the possibilities "include disunity, distrust and possibly division."

The North Carolina pastor said the meeting was "congenial and harmonious" but said the bottom line is Draper "in essence said 'no' and 'Trust me'."

"Well," Sherman said. "I have been there before. Two years ago I went to breakfast with Bailey Smith (immediate past SBC president; and he said 'Trust me.' I had a hard time believing it then, and my misgivings were generously confirmed."

Sherman characterized Smith's appointments to the two key committees at the 1982 annual convention as one-sided, representing only the fundamentalist/independent spectrum.

"We are hard pressed to accept Draper on trust because he comes from a group that in the past three years has proven unworthy of trust," said Bill Sherman.

Perry commented the "moderates" will "still hope and pray that an accommodation can be found whereby our beloved denomination can be saved . . . that will depend on policies rather than the . . . powers of one person."

With his rejection of the plan, Draper faces the possibility he will be challenged if he seeks a second term as president at the 1983 annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Until recent years, an incumbent seeking a second term generally was unchallenged.

A group of 35 "Concerned Baptist Pastors" from 12 states met in Knoxville in early September to review the New Orleans convention and to discuss possibilities for the future. Informed sources say a challenge to Draper was among the agenda items, but any decision concerning the possibility was postponed until after the Sept. 16 meeting.

## Draper names appointments; pledges all by Jan. 1

by Dan Martin

A Texas pastor and an Ohio denominational executive have been named to chair two key committees for the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist

Convention in Pittsburgh.

SBC president James T. Draper Jr. announced the appointments during the September meeting of the Executive Committee, following through on a post-election pledge for "openness" and that he will be a peacemaker in the strife-ridden denomination.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., also named seven other denominational leaders to committee posts and promised he will name the other members of the key committees by Jan. 1, far in advance of the June meeting of the 13.8 million-member denomination.

The president also said he has requested that the committee on boards report be released 60 days in advance of the June annual session and has received an affirmative answer from committee chairman Charles Stanley of Atlanta.

Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., was named to chair the committee on committees and Tal Bonham, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, was named chairman of the resolutions committee.

Draper also named three members of the Executive Committee to the resolutions committee, as required by the constitution and bylaws. They are LeRay Fowler, pastor of West University Baptist Church, Houston; Thurmond George, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gilroy, Cal.; and Lois Wenger,

member of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Jere Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., was named to chair the credentials committee, and James H. Landes, retiring executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, will be chairman of the tellers committee.

Draper named two parliamentarians for the 1983 annual meeting in Pittsburgh: James Semple, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tex., and Jack Johnson, executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention.

Draper said all of the appointees "represent a very strong commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention" and included background information containing the level of giving to the Cooperative Program in his announcement of the appointments.

He said Smith is a former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and has led the Austin church to give more than \$275,000 to Cooperative Program causes this year. Bonham, he noted, is a former secretary of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, former president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and has led his last pastorate, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, to be in the top 25 churches of the Arkansas convention in Cooperative Program giving.

He said the remainder of his appointments—including 51 persons to the committee on committees and six to the

resolutions committee—will be "made by Jan. 1. I am doing this because I believe there is no reason not to do it. I do not expect you to applaud all of them but you will know who they are and I am doing it as quickly as I can."

"The reason it will take until then (Jan. 1) is that I am calling all of them myself. I am also checking with associational missionaries and state executive directors because I do not want to appoint any ringer . . . people who do not qualify as cooperating Southern Baptists," he said.

Draper's early release of the nominations is in contrast to the practice followed last year by Bailey E. Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., who declined to make his nominations known until the opening day of the New Orleans convention.

SBC bylaws specify only that a president must announce the appointments on the opening day but do not preclude early release of the information.

Draper said in making the selections he received recommendations from state convention executive secretaries and presidents, individual Baptists and from the two vice presidents who serve with him, but specified that the "decision is ultimately mine. I will not be bound by any of these procedures, but all of these steps have been made prayerfully and each suggestion has received and will continue to receive careful consideration."

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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### SBC president Draper is working for healing

In his first address to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee president James Draper reviewed an impressive list of actions he has taken in fulfillment of his pledge to be a healing influence in the current Southern Baptist controversy. He is a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of his office and he gave three full days to committee business and also made himself available to state editors and others wanting to hear his views on Southern Baptist problems.

The Executive Committee meets in Nashville twice a year. It is attended not only by committee members from all over the nation but also by the executive leadership of all Southern Baptist agencies and institutions as well as by most state executive secretaries and editors. In his address to these leaders president Draper chose not to gloss over current problems but to confront them head on. He gave his diagnosis of the current Southern Baptist illness and offered his prescription for its treatment. Not all his hearers agreed with his diagnosis nor his prescription but it was hard for fairminded hearers not to agree he is trying to be a healer.

The greatest concern of most of president Draper's hearers in Nashville is the announced plans of ultraconservatives to use the appointive powers of the convention president to gain control of and to impose their views upon Southern Baptist agencies and institutions. The president's power is more feared because some of his key appointments do not have to be announced until the first day of the annual convention when it's too late to question them. Former presidents Adrian Rogers in 1980 and Bailey Smith in 1982 used their office in this way and set off a furor. President Draper was sponsored and mostly elected by the same followers and is considered to be in the same camp as Rogers and Smith. The burning question has been whether Draper would use his office in the same way as they did.

On the day of his election and on several occasions since then Draper has given assurances he could be trusted to be open and fair in his appointments. He took a giant step in Nashville last week to live up to

this promise by announcing nine of his key appointments. This included the chairpersons of the two key committees he names. Furthermore, he promised to announce all his appointments by Jan. 1, 1983.

Such a move is unprecedented and should have some defusing effect so far as an explosive convention in 1983 is concerned. A convention president could hardly have a hidden agenda when he makes his appointments five to nine months before he is required to do so.

An even more significant move on the part of president Draper is his request of committee on boards chairman Charles Stanley to release this committee report 60 days before the convention meets. Stanley reportedly has agreed.

After assurance of the early announcement of the president's appointments, the one remaining most likely explosive issue for Pittsburgh next year was the report of the committee on boards. This report set off bitter battles in Los Angeles in 1981 and in New Orleans last June.

The use of the committee on boards to gain control of convention agencies is the very heart of the current struggle. This objective accounts for the effort to capture the convention presidency. If openness characterizes the current committee on boards and balance characterizes its nominations, tensions would surely be reduced.

A third effort by president Draper for healing is a forthcoming Israel tour he has arranged which will bring together for an extended period several persons identified with opposing views in the current controversy. Hopefully living together, learning together, praying and worshiping together will bring about more understanding and appreciation of each other.

President Draper also announced some changes designed to improve the resolution process for the 1983 convention. In the last three years the debating and voting on resolutions have made for some of the stormiest times during the annual convention. Draper hopes the changes will make for more orderly and intelligent handling of delicate and controversial issues.

Under the circumstances it would be hard to expect more of a convention president in 100 days of office. Ordinarily such a start would convince almost everyone but unfulfilled assurances of other presidents who promised to be everybody's president are fresh in the memory of many.

President Draper sincerely believes God wanted him to be convention president at this critical time in Southern Baptist history because he was the candidate most able to be a healer. There is good reason to believe he sincerely wants to be a reconciling leader. He should have every chance to prove this.

God forbid that any Southern Baptist not pray for him.

### A shameful trip by governor Brown

One hundred twenty-five years ago Kentucky Baptists went to Oklahoma territory to share the gospel. Week before last the Kentucky governor who is a Baptist went to Oklahoma to promote gambling in the form of pari mutuel betting. The earlier trips were praiseworthy, the latter trip was shameful.

Kentucky Baptists owe Oklahoma Baptists an apology for governor Brown's promotion of gambling in Oklahoma. Kentucky is famous for the horse racing industry but very few Kentucky Baptists have ever approved the gambling part of this industry. The records show that Baptist leaders fought pari mutuel betting in Kentucky until the last trench.

Hopefully Oklahomans are able to separate the unbecoming conduct of governor Brown from the convictions of Kentucky Baptists and other moral minded Kentuckians. It so happened I was engaged in denominational activities with Oklahoma Baptist executive secretary Joe Ingram and editor Richard McCartney during the week governor Brown was proclaiming his gospel of gambling in Oklahoma. They were more gracious than I would have been under similar circumstances. Editor McCartney pointed out that governor Brown was not even welcomed to Oklahoma by the Oklahoma governor because he had not taken a position on the gambling issue.

Although a Baptist, governor Brown has been of little help on any moral issue in Kentucky except his support of an unsuccessful drunken driver bill in the 1982 General Assembly. It is claimed that a sermon by his pastor helped Mr. Brown decide to run for governor. It's a pity he hasn't let other Baptist sermons help him know how to behave as governor.

### A condensation of the Bible serves no good purpose

Reader's Digest serves a good purpose in condensing books and articles for readers but it is completely out of place in condensing the Bible for popular reading. To tamper with materials of human origin might be appropriate but to tamper with material of divine origin is altogether inappropriate. Ordinary books might be abbreviated but the holy book is not to be added to or taken from.

Who would dare to presume what to include and what to leave out in condensing a book of the Bible? The Holy Spirit decided that long ago. Because we don't have the original autographs scholars have worked nearly 2000 years in search of the most complete and perfect text of the Bible. Should unholy hands throw any of it away?

Those who do not have the time or disposition to read the entire books of the Bible can read selected passages. Popular translations, paraphrases and Bible portions are available for those so inclined.

It's difficult to believe concern for more Bible reading motivated this project. It sounds like a purely commercial project. A condensed Bible might be billed as a perfect gift for someone who already has every other version of the Bible but it will not likely be appreciated by a true Bible lover. It could become a conversation piece but not likely a conversion piece which is the chief purpose for which the Bible was written.

Money for the purchase of such a Bible would be better spent as a contribution to the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

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# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

## BMT conclaves continue; five slated within a week

Bold Mission Thrust church growth workshops, previously announced in Sept. 8 and 22 editions of *Western Recorder*, continue on the following schedule for the next few days:

Thursday, Sept. 30—**Blood River Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Murray

Thursday, Sept. 30—**Union Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at Oakwood Avenue Baptist Church, Cynthiana

Friday, Oct. 1—**Elkhorn Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church

Monday, Oct. 4—**Gasper River Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at Monticello (Ky.) Baptist Church

Tuesday, Oct. 5—**Muhlenberg Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Central City

## Campbellsville College hosts day of information

Campbellsville College's "Get Acquainted Day" will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, according to James C. Coates, director of admissions.

Registration and a continental breakfast are scheduled from 9-10 a.m. From 10 a.m. to noon visitors may meet with faculty involved in specific areas of study. Campus tours will also be available during this time.

Visitors will be guests of faculty and staff for lunch in the cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m.

A financial aid seminar will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. Also from 1-3 p.m. the admissions office, book store, and pool will be open, and music auditions will be held.

## Mission boards report on status of BMT goals

Southern Baptists are making progress toward the Bold Mission Thrust goal of telling everyone in the world about Jesus Christ by the year 2000 but the successful completion of the task is "humanly" impossible, the SBC Executive Committee was told.

William O'Brien, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Leonard Irwin, vice president for planning at the Home Mission Board, shared what their agencies are doing in Bold Mission Thrust with the 67 members of the Executive Committee board. The Foreign Mission Board reported it is on schedule on its goals to have 5000 missionaries on the field by the year 2000 (presently there are 3136); ahead of schedule of having missionaries in 125 countries (presently SBC work is underway in 95 countries); and expect to reach the goal of 10,000 volunteer missionaries 10 years ahead of schedule by 1990.

The effort to have 75,840 churches by the year 2000 is behind schedule with only 11,478 reported this year.

Irwin told the committee members

the Home Mission Board is seeking to start 1000 new churches a year in order to reach the goal of 50,000 SBC churches in the United States by A.D. 2000. One-fourth of the planned new churches will be "language churches" ministering to ethnic groups. "We must actually start 1450 missions each year in order to have 1000 a year grow into churches," Irwin said.

A major emphasis will be Pentecost Sunday, May 22, 1983, when the HMB will attempt to lead 3000 SBC churches across the nation to commit themselves to starting another church within the following 12 months.

Other goals for the HMB include the appointment of 250 Mission Service Corps volunteers (people who generate their own financial support while doing mission work) each year and having a total of 3655 home missionaries by 1990.

## Church medical premiums to increase by 25 percent

Southern Baptist ministers and church employes are facing an increase in medical premiums next year.

According to Annuity Board insurance advisers premiums will be increased 25 percent in order to maintain the present benefit package for participants in the church plan.

## Action on bylaw changes proposed by SBC panel

A bylaw change recommending release of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards report prior to the annual convention has been recommended by the SBC Executive Committee.

The change in Bylaw 16 requires action by two subsequent annual meetings to become part of the constitution.

It will be presented at the 1983 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, and, if adopted also requires action at the 1984 meeting in Kansas City.

The recommendation requires that the report of the committee on boards, commissions and standing committees be released to Baptist Press, the denominational news service, "no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting of the convention."

Currently, the bylaw requires that the report of the committee on boards be published in the first day's convention bulletin, but does not preclude early release.

The Executive Committee also recommended that Bylaw 16 be revised to require that persons who serve on the committee on boards "shall have resided within the state from which they are elected at least one year prior to election."

A similar change will be recommended to the Pittsburgh convention concerning Bylaw 21 on the committee on committees, which nominates the committee on boards.

The change in Bylaw 21 also specifies names of persons nominated to serve on that committee by the SBC president "shall be released to Baptist Press no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting . . ."

The bylaws workgroup rejected a suggestion from Russell Bennett, director of missions of Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, that would strip the president of appointive powers and give it to state conventions.

In another action on the bylaws, the Executive Committee declined to change the responsibilities of the first vice president to include that he or she be responsible for prayer support at the annual convention.

Draper announced to the Executive Committee extensive new procedures in

handling the resolutions, which in recent years have grown to such proportions that it required 25 hours of work by the 10-person resolutions committee in New Orleans to prepare its report.

The Executive Committee adopted a revision of its own bylaws, most of which were "cosmetic changes" in language, but which do eliminate the "annual call" of executive secretary-treasurer Harold C. Bennett.

## Southern Baptist leaders to take study tour of Israel

James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has invited 17 Southern Baptist leaders representing the full spectrum of the current SBC political scene to travel to Israel together in late November.

"I don't think anyone who looks at the list of those going can deny it is a diverse group—and I tried to make it even more diverse," Draper said. Another 17 Baptist leaders were invited but were unable to participate.

The Baptists are going on a joint study tour sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "There will be seven or eight people for the ADL and our agenda will include meetings with all the top government and religious officials in Israel," Draper said.

The ADL is "interested in continuing to have dialog with Southern Baptists and, quite frankly, they want to encourage Southern Baptist support for Israel," he explained.

"Too many of us only know each other through the press and have only seen each other across convention halls—this will be an opportunity to get to know each other personally."

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# Recommendations of the executive board to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

The convention's constitution in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

The executive board in session May 3-4, 1982 approved two recommendations to be presented to the Kentucky Baptist Convention when it meets Nov. 8-11 with Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. These are:

## A. COOPERATIVE GOALS AND PERCENTAGES FOR 1982-84 BUDGET

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These are now recommended for 1983-84 (see table at right).

## B. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE 1983-84 BUDGET

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 15, 1984, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

6. That we approve the Mother's Day offering for charity work in our hospitals.

7. That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU—Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, Annie Armstrong offering for home missions and the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions in September.

8. We further give approval to the annual world hunger relief offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

10. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offering aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount. (The KBC in annual session, November 1979, approved the recommendation of the executive board authorizing the Christian education institutions to engage in individual financial campaigns among the churches and individuals to seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years; the approved campaign period was Jan. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1984.)

11. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe State Missions Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

12. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a Certified Public Accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

	For Comparison 1981-82 Budget	Approved 1981 1982-83 Budget	Recom- mended 1983-84 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operational Budget	10,340,000	11,891,000	13,500,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	3,619,000 (35%)	4,161,850 (35%)	4,860,000 (36%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	6,721,000 (65%)	7,729,150 (65%)	8,640,000 (64%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	4,060,000	3,109,000	2,000,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	1,421,000 (35%)	***	730,000 (36.5%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	2,639,000 (65%)	***	1,270,000 (63.5%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	14,400,000	15,000,000	15,500,000
II. Other Estimated Income	922,955	987,451	1,000,000
III. Total Budget Goal	15,322,955	15,987,451	16,500,000

\* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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\*\*\* Once receipts exceed 13,000,000 the distribution shall be 35.5% SBC/64.5% KBC; once 14,000,000 is exceeded the distribution shall be 36% SBC/64% KBC. Should receipts fall below 13,000,000, the distribution shall be 65% KBC/35% SBC.

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# "Give us this day our daily bread..."

Matthew 6:11

## Observe World Hunger Day October 10, 1982



## Our Daily Bread

by W. David Lockard

When Jesus taught us to pray, "Father . . . give us this day our daily bread," he was affirming God's deep care and generosity toward every individual. When we pray for daily bread, we express our dependence upon God. Our Lord teaches us to pray with confidence that the basic necessities of life will be provided. Such confidence is grounded in God's unlimited love and bountiful resources.

What would it be like to really pray for daily bread? Most of us cannot imagine such a desperate and urgent prayer. The words of Jesus assure all people that it is not too much to ask for daily bread.

Throughout their lives, multiplied thousands pray frantically for enough food to sustain life for another 24 hours.

During the past five years more people have died of hunger than were killed in all the wars, revolutions and murders of the last century. Thousands of children die of starvation every day. If the world has grown accustomed to starvation, God has not. Such hunger is unnecessary and unacceptable to our Lord.

God declares he will hear the poor, the needy and the hungry; that he will answer their cries, and will not forsake them (Isa. 41:17). However, he chooses to use his people in answering the prayers of those who hunger.

We who pray the Lord's prayer place ourselves at the Lord's service. We discover that he summons us to work for those things for which he has taught us to pray.

How urgent and compelling is it for Christians to invest time and resources in ministering to the hungry of the world? This task is not an option. It is not casual. It is critical and not incidental. It is a compelling requirement.

We are compelled to feed the hungry because of the magnitude of human need, the moral intolerability of the growing problem and the clarity of God's Word.

The right to food is God given. We do not have to debate the importance of caring for those who hunger. Jesus Christ has made that

decision. "Come O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . . for I was hungry and you gave me food." These words from Matt. 25 are clear and disturbing.

Baptists are a caring people. Because of God's blessings and resources, we are also able to help feed the hungry.

World Hunger Day, Oct. 10, is an opportunity for you and your church to let God answer prayer through you.

*W. David Lockard is director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention with a major responsibility for world hunger education and action.*

# Westport Road offers unemployed "cup of water"

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

"The Bible teaches us that we are to care for one another and that's more than just psychological and spiritual needs. If you care for a person spiritually, you care for his physical needs as well as his emotional needs." Pastor Jim Lewis of Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, offered the theological base of the church's new program to benefit its unemployed members.

The program, which is still in its embryonic stages according to Lewis, will provide the opportunity for employed church members to minister to the unemployed.

The goal is to have each family in the church committed to giving an amount of money to the program each week to build up the fund. Then when a member loses his job the church will administer a set amount out of the fund to the member. This amount will vary depending upon the number of people in the unemployed's family.

In conjunction with this fund, the church will be involved in promoting jobs for the unemployed, Lewis explained. A sister committee will receive job vacancy reports from the membership and will take applications from the unemployed. Then the committee will refer qualified people to open jobs.

Lewis credited one of Westport's men's Sunday school classes with the idea. The class, which had begun to discuss a similar program in a church in Alabama, then brought the idea to the deacons, who worked out details for the program. The church approved it and appointed a committee consisting of the

what blessings we have and share those blessings with people who are brothers and sisters in Christ and with those in the community and with all others with whom we can."

This program exists as a part of the church's commitment to follow this teaching of Christ. Presently, although

ing to cooperate with others that we forget there are members right in our own church that have some financial needs."

Lewis is not too worried over the prospect of anyone's taking advantage of the program. "We don't foresee any problem at all. We all know each other pretty well."

The deacons, who are involved in a family ministry program, are each responsible for X number of families and thus should know the needs of each family. When a family has a need, the deacon can encourage them to ask the church for assistance. The deacon will also encourage the family to replenish the fund later when the resources are available.

Lewis's hope is that the program will have a "spillover effect" in the community. "Anything that speaks to human need and is done in Christ's name has a positive influence as far as society is concerned," he stated. He also hopes that perhaps other churches in the community will be encouraged in what they are already doing and that others will be encouraged to begin their own outreach programs.

Lewis concluded, "If you give a cup of water in Christ's name you know it is going to have some effect, especially with the person who gets the cup of water."

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chairman of deacons, chairman of the finance committee and pastor to oversee the program.

Lewis added that the program was well received by the church family.

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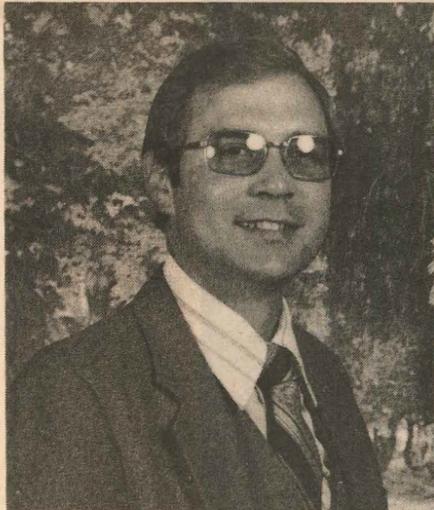
this particular program is limited to members of Westport, the church is also involved in outreach through the Long Run mission program, the Jefferson Street Mission and the Cooperative Program.

Lewis said, "Sometimes churches inadvertently become so involved in try-

## Valley Station takes stand against KKK

# Pastor involves church members in social issues

by Ken Shapero



Lovell

Hymns and prayers opened the Wednesday night congregational meeting at Valley Station Baptist Church last week, as about 100 church members met to discuss church business and pray.

There was no hint of controversy, no mention of the Ku Klux Klan as the Rev. Daniel Lovell, pastor of the church, led the meeting.

Lovell made headlines recently when he publicly denounced a Sept. 4 rally the Klan held at Valley High School. The church, at 5415 Valley Station Road, is within shouting distance of the high school at the corner of Valley Station Road and Dixie Highway.

By the middle of last week, however, the shouting was over and most of the news media was gone. The church, whose members are mainly blue-collar workers, was returning to normalcy.

After the quiet Wednesday night meeting, church members said they were glad their minister spoke out against the white supremacist group, even if the Klan rally occurred in spite of the protest.

They said they weren't surprised on Aug. 8 when Lovell preached a sermon against racism and told them he would join in a lawsuit to stop the Klan rally. He asked them to circulate petitions calling for cancellation of the rally.

Their friends and neighbors approved of their minister's stand, too, they said.

Thelma Wooten, of 9805 El Prado St., said she and some of her friends thought Lovell had "guts" to speak up against the Klan.

She said she's never heard of anybody in the Klan hurting anyone, but she thinks people in the community are afraid of being threatened if they oppose the Klan. And she thinks more people would oppose the Klan if they weren't frightened.

"Evidently some people are afraid of the Klan," Mrs. Wooten said.

Henry Meyers, of 13003 Orell Road, said most of his co-workers at the Ford Motor Co. truck plant respected the church for taking a stand against the Klan.

And Ed Acree, of 6616 South Drive, said members of the church were united in support of Lovell's position against racism.

"By people backing the pastor and by having something to focus on . . . it brought us closer together," he said.

After the Aug. 8 sermon, about 50 church members collected about 1,000 names on anti-Klan petitions from their fellow church members and from their neighbors, said Jacky Newton, associate pastor at the church.

It wasn't the first time Lovell has asked church members to get involved in a social issue, Newton said.

Lovell preached a sermon on world hunger about a year ago and asked church members to take up a special collection for starving people, Newton said. Church members had no prior notice that Lovell would ask for the special collection, he said. Nevertheless, they spontaneously donated about \$1,000.

And the church has become involved in other community projects. For ex-

ample, the church's senior citizen group, the Pioneer Club, has organized a group of church volunteers that are transporting Patti Clark, a disabled southwest-area resident, to a 15-week training program in the eastern part of the county.

Acree described Lovell as a scrappy leader who is easy to follow because he says exactly what's on his mind.

"He won't ask you to do anything he won't do himself," Acree said. "You

know he'll be right there with you."

Acree said that even though a federal judge ruled that the Klan could meet at Valley, church members feel they won a moral victory by showing people in other parts of the county that Valley Station is not Klan territory.

"We're just regular people," Acree said.

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**THE PENNY COUNT**—For senior adults squeezed between a fixed income and soaring costs, every penny counts. An estimated six out of 10 older Americans now live a hand-to-mouth existence. To help plug the gaps between below-poverty income and high-priced necessities some Southern Baptist churches now offer food pantries, low cost meals, second-hand clothing and free activities for the elderly who struggle quietly to survive. [HMB photo by Jim Wright]

# Baptist bicentennial

## South Fork: a glorious church which has stood for 200 years on the Word, and by the blood

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Larue County is a history lover's paradise.

Situated just three miles south of Hodgenville is one of Kentucky's most famous landmarks, the birthplace and boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States. The entire region has capitalized on Lincolnmania, exploiting the name, the legend and the tradition to fullest commercial and economic advantage.

Less than two miles down U. S. 31E from Lincoln's humble origin stands the modern brick facade of South Fork Baptist Church which was—in Lincoln's day—something of a maverick itself. Its members stood firmly against the traditionally accepted position of slavery in that territory. In fact, at the time of Lincoln's birth, the church was divided on the question, and had to close its doors for a brief time as a result.

But the majority of the church's members were antislavery in thinking. And they prevailed. Their feelings were transmitted to and shared by Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Abe's parents, who obviously instilled them in their son.

South Fork Baptist Church has become the third Kentucky Baptist congregation to reach the 200th anniversary of its founding. Two other congregations, in neighboring Hardin and Nelson counties, celebrated their bicentennials in 1981. South Fork passed that mark with numerous anniversary events held Sept. 18-19.

(A fourth state congregation, Forks of

Dix River, in South District Association, is celebrating its 200th birthday all year this year, not knowing the exact date of its beginning. Early records have been lost.)

In addition to pastor Bob Simpkins, who has served South Fork since 1981, several of the 36 previous pastors of the church attended the festivities. Six of those men served the congregation on two occasions, making a total of 43 different pastorates in these 200 years.

W. M. Brown, 1829-61, served the longest tenure (32 years) while nine men remained less than a year.

Elder Benjamin Lynn, the first pastor, from 1782-1802, struggled against great odds to keep the little band of followers together at South Fork. Some of his major obstacles included the wilderness country (they met outdoors much of the time), hard winters and the ever present possibility of Indian attack.

Later, in their first century of existence, the South Fork congregation was dogged not only by the slavery issue, but perhaps even more so by the popularity of the antimissionary and anti-educational spirit of Campbellism, named for Alexander Campbell, its leader. This Presbyterian-turned-Baptist preacher did more to hurt Baptist churches of the era than help them and South Fork was no exception.

This story was dramatically portrayed Sept. 18 in an outdoor historical play based on South Fork's first hundred years. Using five theater stages, natural settings, lights, properties, cos-

tuming, music and narration, the congregation brought to life difficulties early Baptists faced on the frontier.

The concluding lines of the play were left ringing in the minds and hearts of hundreds who viewed it:

**Once history has been recorded, we can never change it. Be careful, my friends. For the next 200-year celebration will record what you have accomplished as a congregation.**

One room of the modern air conditioned country church with stained glass windows had been turned into a historical showcase for this weekend occasion. Here, in a plate glass counter, were records of the congregation dating almost two centuries. Other historical mementos and pictures lined the walls and table tops. Letters concerning the anniversary were displayed from people all over America who had once been members of the South Fork fellowship.

Other anniversary events of the weekend agenda included lots of eating (a sandwich luncheon, bean supper and potluck dinner on the ground), open house, graveside memorial service, family tree recognition, puppet skits and special music.

Perhaps the largest crowd of the weekend assembled for the Sunday morning worship service. Members and guests in the packed house stood in honor of John McDowell, South Fork's oldest living member, who was present.

The anniversary sermon was delivered by James W. Watt Sr. of Mayfield, Graves County Association mis-

sionary, who had earlier served Lynn Association, in which South Fork holds membership.

Watt's message concerned the New Testament church, and he frequently referred to South Fork's lengthy heritage.

"The New Testament church is divinely established," he declared. "It was not established by men. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"The New Testament church is divinely purchased. It was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ, therefore, it isn't something cheap.

"It is divinely commissioned. You don't get any power from Lynn Baptist Association, or the Kentucky Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention. You get power from God."

He went on, "The New Testament church is divinely sustained. The men and women who have gone before these 200 years have not sustained this church, but God did it.

"I thank God for a glorious church that has stood for 200 years on the Word and by the blood," he concluded. "It shall be divinely victorious."

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus." Then they went out to eat and to fellowship together, challenged to launch their third century by remaining true to their past.

If Lincoln could come back for a visit, he might be bewildered by the commercialization down the road. But he'd probably feel comfortable among the people and prevailing practices of today's South Fork Baptist Church.

## Super service

### Recorder's courier will go after Lexington, E'town church pages (literally)

Western Recorder will plow some new ground next week.

Effective with the Oct. 6 edition, the Recorder's popular back page church news service will take on a new dimension when a courier service is added for procuring these pages in two areas of the state.

Presently, only churches in the vicinity of Louisville have been able to wait until printing day—Monday—to complete their newsletter pages, and get them into the Recorder's office in time to go with regular edition pages to the Recorder's Shelbyville printer. Other churches and associations across the state using the plan mail their pages in, normally on Fridays before they are received by local church members the following Wednesday.

But beginning next week, readers in Severns Valley Association (Elizabethtown) and Elkhorn Association (Lexington) and adjacent areas will have the same advantages enjoyed by Louisville area churches.

Charlie Wilson, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student, has been employed as the paper's first courier intern. He will follow a route each Monday carrying him from the Recorder offices in Middletown to his first pick-up point, Severns Valley Baptist Association offices at 125 N. Mulberry

St., Elizabethtown.

Churches within a 25-mile radius will bring their pages to the association office prior to the 1:30 p.m. pick-up.

Churches in the Lexington area will drop their pages by Gardenside Baptist Church, 1667 Alexandria Dr., before Wilson arrives there Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Wilson will return to Middletown via the printing plant in Shelbyville, dropping off the camera ready pages there. At that point these pages will join church and associational pages from the remainder of the state, as well as the regular edition run, which will already be on the press.

"The potential for circulation growth gains tremendously as a result of this innovative new step," according to James H. Cox, associate editor.

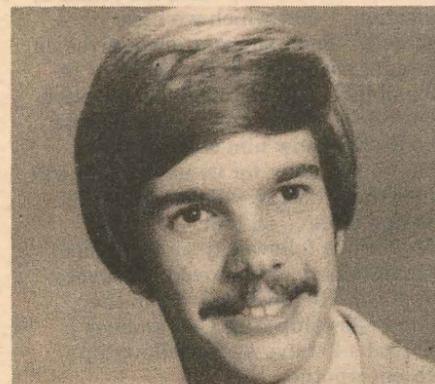
"By opening up this kind of service to our constituency in Lexington and Elizabethtown, we will be giving maximum opportunity for churches to combine their news with state and national religious news, yet at a minimum cost," he said.

Cox suggested that, if the plan is successful in these two areas of the state, it may eventually be attempted in cities further away from Middletown.

Severns Valley Association churches now or soon to be on the Recorder's

back page include Mt. Zion, James Stanhope, pastor; Ovesen Heights, Steven R. Sheldon, pastor; Sonora, James Prewitt, pastor; and Tunnel Hill, Harmon Popham, pastor. Several more are considering the arrangement and should be making an announcement shortly.

Elkhorn Association churches now or soon to be on the Recorder's back page include East Hickman Church, Richard T. Wilkins, pastor; Gardenside Church, James E. Heard, pastor; Glen's Creek Church, Kenneth L. Underwood, pastor; Immanuel Church, Ted Sisk, pastor; Russell Cave Church, George W. Cummins Jr., pastor; and Stamping



Wilson

Ground Church, James R. Fuller, pastor.

In Elkhorn, as in Severns Valley, other congregations are considering the new service as a possibility for their churches, with a vote expected soon.

Charlie Wilson, the courier, was born at Greenville, Ala. 30 years ago. He grew up in North Carolina, graduating from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, in 1974. He has been a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman for two years in Barcelona, Spain.

Wilson has been on a church staff, taught high school and community college and worked in child welfare in North Carolina. For the last three summers he has been employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Glorieta, (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, this past season as staff director of religious emphasis.

He is pursuing the MDiv degree at Southern Seminary and is active in Highland Baptist Church, Louisville. He plans a career in missions promotion and education at associational or denominational levels, or student work in a missions setting.

Churches in the E'town and Lexington areas interested in participating in the courier service may contact Ray Hayes, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone 245-4101, ext. 273.

# Lynn Association 'goes forward' in mission effort

by David Smith, Staff Writer

J. Stuart Cundiff, pastor of Knoxes Creek Baptist Church, Lynn Association, began the first night of a missions revival in Ohio by preaching on "When Not to Pray." Using Ex. 14:15 as his text he told the congregation it was time not to pray but to move forward, as the children of Israel (in the text) were being told.

Members from nine churches in Lynn Association had gone forward crossing not the Red Sea but the Ohio River to participate in a mission trip to Memorial Baptist Church, Cincinnati, last summer.

Cundiff, who led the group, said Lynn Association decided to have a team in conjunction with the Kentucky/

Ohio linkup and asked him to head it.

At the 1981 Kentucky Baptist Convention "we went to the Kentucky/Ohio booth and some people there told us what we could best do to help Ohio.

"We kept praying and talking about what to do. We decided to help Memorial."

Taking a trip to Ohio and talking with Doyce Mullins, Memorial's pastor, Cundiff found Mullins wanted revival. He (Mullins) said they could take care of all else if we could just bring revival.

"We said, 'You start praying and we'll start praying,'" Cundiff remembers.

Mullins said the building Memorial was meeting in had become a burden

for the members to maintain. The church, which had been meeting in it for about five years, had even considered abandoning it.

"They were discouraged and downhearted but by the end of the week no one was discouraged—neither church members nor team members."

The group from Lynn had a \$3000 budget, \$550 of which was invested in a tent for the revival. The church provided sleeping space in the building and the group showered at the YMCA.

"There was such a feeling of camaraderie among us. We became brothers and sisters in the real sense," Cundiff recalls.

The team began going forward even

## KBC ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER

- 4-5 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Board of Child Care 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
- 10 World Hunger Day
- 15-16 BYW Retreat. Cedarmore
- 18-22 Missions Emphasis Week
- 22-23 Associational Officers' Briefing. Cedarmore
- 29-30 Baptist Women Retreat. Cedarmore
- 30 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek
- 31 Church Growth/Sunday High Attendance Day in Sunday school

### NOVEMBER

- 5-7 International Student Conference. Lake Cumberland State Park
- 7-13 Royal Ambassador Week
- 8-11 Kentucky Baptist Convention

Meetings. Lexington, Immanuel Baptist Church

- 14 American Bible Society Day
- 14-17 Foreign Missions Study
- 21 Child Care Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 28-12/5 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### DECEMBER

- 2-3 State Executive Board Meeting, Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building
- 5 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Student Day at Christmas. Materials available from Student Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention

### JANUARY 1983

- 3-7 January Bible Study Week
- 9 Witness Commitment Day
- 10 Area Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Bethlehem Baptist Church

### PROBLEMS? or MINISTRY?

My son John observed that we are spending a lot of time in Baptist life talking about problems instead of ministry. Think about it. We are about to become problem-orientated more than ministry-orientated. It is our task to win people to Jesus Christ and nurture them in their discipleship of Him. (As the Home Mission Board says "To Evangelize and to Congregationalize.") It is ours to call them and gather them into a fellowship of worship, learning and growth in Christ, in His Holy Spirit-led fellowship.

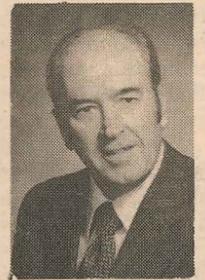
A great many problems are involved in the above ministry and we have to solve them, but God forbid that our preoccupation of thought and mind should give primacy to problem solving.

Many see Baptist administrators principally as problem solvers. People ask me how I manage to handle all the problems. Well, there are problems, but thank God, there is ministry too. This is primary. The problems are secondary.

Soon our state Conventions will be meeting, including Kentucky. People ask, "what will be the issues this year?" This is the question so often asked by an issue-oriented news media. I always say, "you are talking to the man who hopes there won't be any issues, who will try to keep them low-keyed if there are any." I always pray for a Convention that will be focused on the reports of glorious ministry performed by our agencies and departments and the plans for greater things, which the Convention meets to project. Why be issue-oriented? Who wants to make an arena out of a Baptist meeting?

I hope we come together in Lexington in November thanking God for the Ministries reported by our agencies. I hope our minds will focus on plans for greater ministries.

The Apostles went forth proclaiming the Gospel, not the issues. They dealt with the issues when necessary, but Gospel propagation was always primary.



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### Life and Work Series FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1 John 1:1-10 Here John writes of Jesus Christ as the eternal Logos who existed with the Father before all time, became incarnate in the flesh in time and with whom people have vital personal experiences. Real fellowship involves reciprocal knowledge, love and endeavor. It means knowing each other

intimately, loving each other devotedly, and doing things together and for each other as true partners.

The possibility of this fellowship was revealed by Christ, who came into the world as a babe, dwelt among men, died for our sins, rose from the grave and ascended to the Father, at whose right hand he now intercedes for us.

Millions today have a theoretical religion only and do not know anything about an experimental religion or about being born from above, such as John experienced and concerning which he wrote here. John informs us he had experience with Christ in three realms: the realm of sound—"that which we have heard," the realm of sight—"that which we have seen," and the realm of sensation, "that which we have handled." Such an experience gives us courage, assurance and a sense of responsibility. Having received salvation from Christ we are to declare to those who do not know him as savior that what he has done for us he can and will do for them if they will repent of their sins and believe on him.

If glorious fellowship with God is to be maintained and enjoyed it is necessary for the believer to walk in the light. Fellowship with God enables Christians to have sweet fellowship with one another.

Some confuse sonship and fellow-

ship. They do not understand that one may be a child of God without always enjoying fellowship with him, just as children may be out of fellowship with their earthly parents through disobedience and still be members of the family.

God's Word plainly states that anyone who declares he is without sin deceives himself and proves he is a liar. Every Christian should confess his sins to God and ask him for his loving forgiveness and cleansing.

### International Series GOD REAFFIRMS HIS PROMISE

Exodus 5:22-23 When God assigned to Moses the task which he wanted him to perform, the patriarch was reluctant to obey and offered excuses for his attitude. Later Moses dedicated himself to the doing of God's will and Aaron was appointed as his spokesman. When these men of God besought Pharaoh to permit the children of Israel to go into the wilderness to worship God, he bluntly refused to do so. Thinking that this request was the basic cause of their subjection to greater hardships, the Israelites sought to blame Moses and Aaron for their terrible plight and let it be known that their efforts might easily cause the death of some of them. Confused and frustrated, Moses asked God why he had sent him on such an unsuccessful mission.

Exodus 6:1-8 Instead of reprimanding Moses for complaining and expressing his attitude of defeatism, God assured Moses that he intended to cause Pharaoh to let the Israelites go but he did not indicate when their release would occur. Because of his covenant with their fathers, God reaffirmed his previous promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Regardless of what Pharaoh or anyone else might say or do, God's seven "I wills" gave the Israelites assurance beyond a peradventure of a doubt they would be permitted to enter the land of Canaan. He was able to provide for every need that they might have in the future.

Exodus 6:9 Encouraged to remain on the firing line in service to God, they finally but somewhat reluctantly ceased to resist the divine message. God made it clear to Moses that he was responsible for the delivery of God's message to the people, regardless of what their response to it might be.

Exodus 6:13 In spite of the strong resistance of Pharaoh and the inexcusable apathy of the Israelites, God commanded Moses and Aaron to communicate the divine message to the people and to deliver them out of Egyptian bondage without further delay. When God reveals his will to his children at any time or place, he expects the doing of that will promptly and carefully.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

OCT. 3, 1982



H. C. Chiles

before Cundiff had opportunity to preach, as young people went visiting and surveying the afternoon they arrived. Other means of outreach were the puppet team and the recreation team.

Maintenance teams included: the electrical and rewiring team, the paint crew and the carpenter team. Devotions and a cook crew completed the various ministries.

Cundiff emphasized the "visible results" from the team, the neighborhood and the church.

He said seven members of the team "surrendered to missions," three of which were youth who plan careers in missions. Two youth made professions

of faith while many other rededicated their lives.

About 40 children from the neighborhood heard the gospel through the puppet ministry, recreation and Bible study, according to Cundiff.

Also from the neighborhood, "An elderly man and woman, mad at the church for years over a land dispute attended the revival services and started having breakfast with the team and brought flowers," he said.

Another result from the neighborhood was "the man who was mad at God for taking his wife with cancer" but who recommitted his life because one of the team members talked with him. That man also canceled his vaca-

tion next year to work with the team.

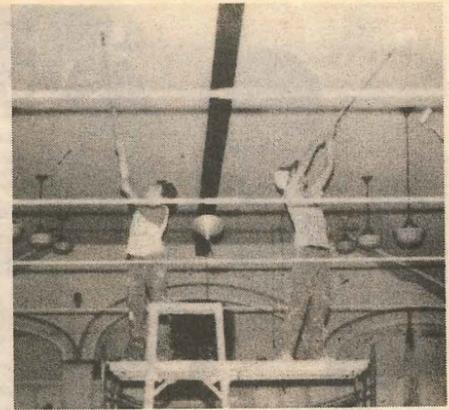
The Lynn team was invited back for the same week of July next year to hold visitation, backyard Bible clubs and revival services.

Noteworthy changes in the church structure included new louvers for the bell tower, which was cleaned out and painting and rewiring the sanctuary.

Mullins insisted revival began when the team arrived, continued not only throughout the services but all day and "is still continuing."

"We had two saved (in the last few weeks) that I feel were a direct result of the work they did."

Lynn Association's mission efforts continue to "go forward."



One of the eight crews from the Lynn Association team was the paint crew.

## HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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### HARVEST

This is harvest time! Many things are associated with harvest time. September gives us the beautiful harvest moon. The bite of the crisp morning air reminds us frost is not far away. The coloring of the leaves indicates the trees are getting ready for their winter rest.

Harvest time brings a special joy for it is the fruition of so much previous labor. There has gone before the preparation of the ground, the planting of the seed and the work and sweat of cultivation. As all of this work is done, God sends the sunshine and rain and we marvel at the miracle of growth. When all of this is done and we come to the labor of the harvest, the sweat is sweeter because we are able to gather in the fruit and grain of the previous months' toil.

Harvest time reminds us of the goodness of God and causes a spirit of thanksgiving to surface like cream on the milk. The goodness of God is recognized through the abundance of the harvest, and we are thankful to have

received so much.

Recognizing our great abundance and giving thanks for our blessings sparks another attitude in our hearts—an attitude of sharing. We begin to notice there are many who have needs and are not so blessed as we. Therefore we take from our abundance and share with those in need.

At this point, Kentucky Baptists do a marvelous job of sharing with children through Baptist Homes for Children. This ministry to children is involved in the growing of lives. We plant the seed of the gospel and the Christian life of honesty and rightness. We cultivate these young lives, guiding them in the right paths so there will be a harvest of good fruit produced through their lives.

As we come to harvest time and Thanksgiving, may all Baptists plan to make a generous investment in these human lives. Out of our abundance we can share with children who will not have blessings unless we provide them in Christ's name. Pray for this work and make the Thanksgiving offering through your church the most generous ever.

is adjusting. One of her roommates had a good influence on her. They are supporting each other in trying to keep their room free of bad language. When other girls come in their room mousing off, they say 'no way, not in here.' I hope I haven't bored you, but we are thrilled with her attending Oneida and wanted to let you know."

A mountain mother writes: "Thank you for giving our son a chance to go to school there. There has been some change in him and I give that credit to the Lord and the school. I felt the Lord's direction in sending him there. One of the best things that has happened is his giving his heart to the Lord and becoming a Christian. Now he can open up and at least talk about things."

Another mother: "Our daughter is loving Oneida more than I thought possible. We came to visit her this weekend. The visit was good for all of us. We could see first hand that she is well cared for."

And a grandmother: "Many thanks for the months and years you and your staff have given to our grandson's growth and development. His overall attitude has changed for the better, and he has pride in himself and is happy there."

This letter from a father who is also a lawyer: "As of the coming homegoing our daughter will not be returning to

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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### GOD CONTROLS CONSEQUENCES

Some of God's men have short ministries. One of these was Randall Nicholson. He graduated from Clear Creek in 1979 with a diploma in ministry. Randall continued to pastor and returned to complete a bachelor of theology degree in 1981. Two weeks later, in an unfortunate accident, he drowned, leaving behind his wife, Elaine, and three children.

Another tragic accident occurred Friday, Sept. 10, 1982, more than a year after Randall's death. Elaine was involved in a terrible automobile accident in which she died.

Someone may ask, "How could God have allowed first the father, and then the mother of this little family to die?" A related question for those of us who serve at Clear Creek is, "How can you recommend your school to someone who may come, suffer through three or four years of arduous training for the ministry and then be robbed of a chance for a long ministry for our Lord?"

I don't pretend to know why things happen the way they do in life, but I think I have an answer to this last question. First, I believe God calls men to the ministry. And I believe he wants them to train to be the best pastors and preachers they can be for him. I believe God controls the circumstances and length of each of his servants' ministries. Therefore, I believe the Lord controls the consequences of a man committing himself to God and dedicating himself to life-long service for Jesus.

Daniel's friends expressed it for me long ago, "Our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace . . . But if not, be it known unto thee that we will not serve thy gods" (Dan. 3:17-18).

Let me express this in modern language, "I plan a long ministry, serving the Lord with all I have. This is why I am training for the ministry. However, if my ministry (and life) is short, it is all in his hands. It is my duty to prepare. I can trust God with the results. He controls the consequences!"

### 'REMOLD OUR BROKEN SON'

There are many wonderful parents who bring their children to us. It is an act of love on their part. They have a desire for their children to have the many advantages of the type of education Oneida provides. But they miss their children, and often we have as much difficulty with "homesick" Momma or Daddy as with "homesick" son or daughter.

Recently a fine couple wrote: "Just wanted to share a few things about our daughter. We enjoyed a super "home-going" (one weekend a month) with her. She was ready to go back to Oneida on Sunday but I still get pretty emotional about it. Although, for her sake, I don't let her see my tears. She said, 'Mom, sometimes I just sit in my bed and think, Wow! I'm really at Oneida. I did it!' My husband and I are very positive about her being at Oneida and we try to come across that way. She really loves her coach and has been very impressed with the devotions they have been having during basketball practice.

"We asked her to share feelings she had about the school. Her biggest thing so far is the teachers. Everyone is so loving and kind. She notes such a contrast with some she's had in the past. Her dorm room gets crowded, but she

Oneida. We have made a family decision to bring her home. She likes Oneida but misses family and friends so much. Perhaps at a later date it shall be God's will to re-enrol her or others of our family. Thank you, as this has been a wonderful time of growth for all of us. We plan to remember Oneida in our prayers and gifts."

Another father writing: "I will ever be indebted to you for giving my son another chance. He seems to have come to the end of his rope, and wanted very much to make a fresh start." About the same boy his mother wrote: "Our family and close friends spent many hours in prayer as our boy made his way to Oneida last weekend. I want to thank you for accepting him back. If God can use you and OBI to remold our broken son, I shall be forever grateful. Yours must often seem a very tiring and thankless position." Some months later, this young man is still with us, has given himself to the Lord, and has become a true Christian influence on our campus.

And another mother: "How much my husband and I appreciate the work you are trying to do at Oneida. Each time our son returns home we see some change and always for the better. But he still hasn't quite found himself."

An Indiana mother writes: "Thank you for the love and guidance our boy

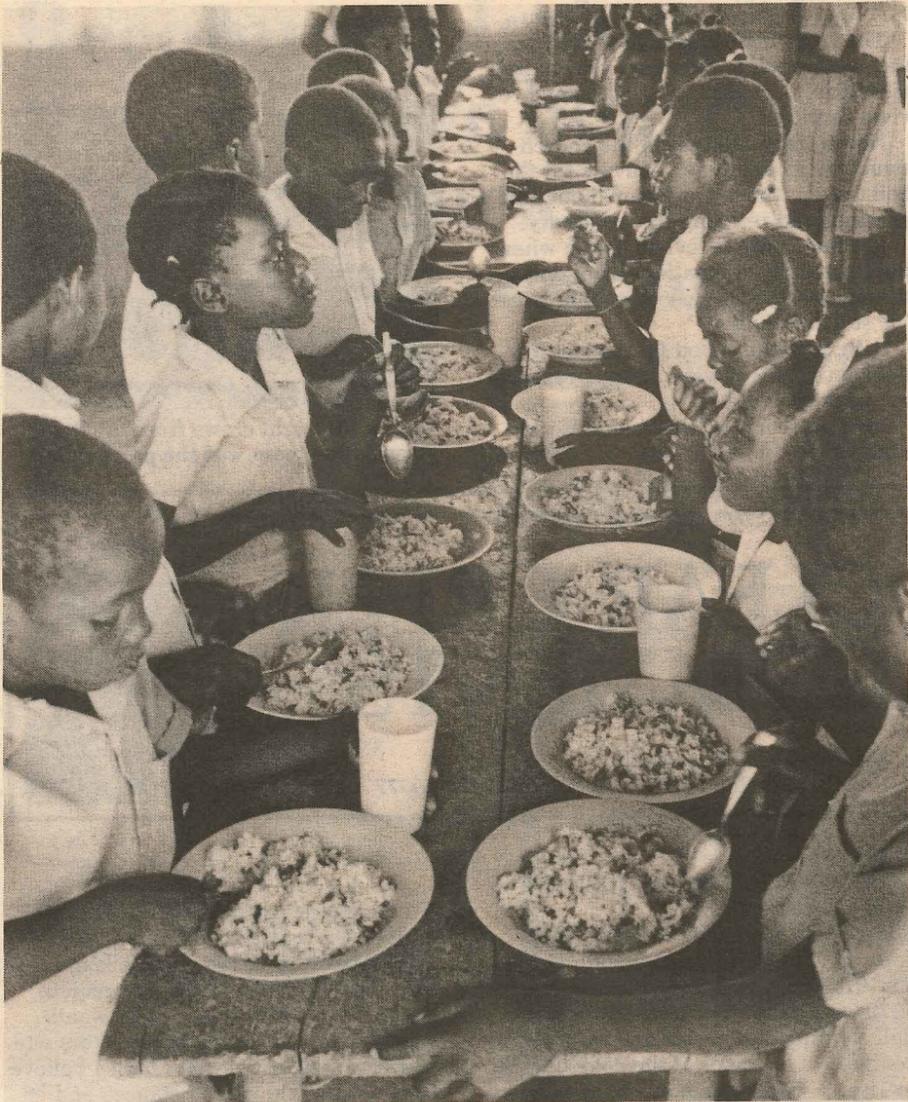
has received. I've noticed such a change in him since he has been there."

Parents writing after bringing their daughter to us: "We greatly appreciate the wonderful hospitality the school extended to us. The overnight lodging was very comfortable and the breakfast delicious. Oneida must surely be the only boarding school which offers such generosity to the family."

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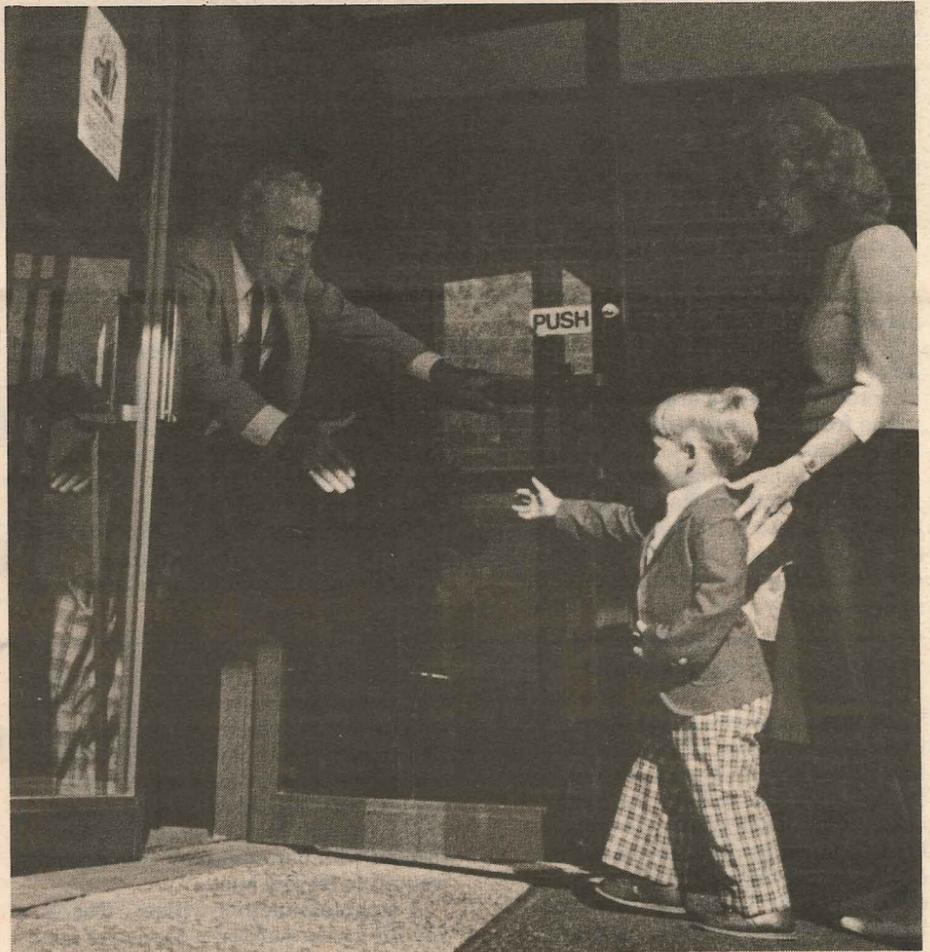
### Without Baptists, they could starve

Children at the elementary school sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church in Petit Goave, Haiti, stand to eat a basic meal of rice and beans, the only meal some of them have each day. Pastor Alexander Francois sometimes has to feed half his students one day and half the next because food shipments from international relief agencies are irregular. Most convention churches have feeding programs, many using Southern Baptist relief funds.



### Carter country

Former President Jimmy Carter assumed duties as distinguished professor at Emory University in Atlanta, inaugurating the school's year long symposium on human rights. His address, "Human Rights: Dilemmas and Directions," attracted more than 1500 students and faculty while giving Carter opportunity to challenge government and private sector groups to increase commitments to human rights issues.



### October is Outreach Month

A part of T. H. Darden's outreach ministry is to make people like Eric, 2, and Lisa Westley welcome on Sunday morning at Brentwood [Tenn.] Baptist Church. October is Outreach Month through the Sunday school.

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