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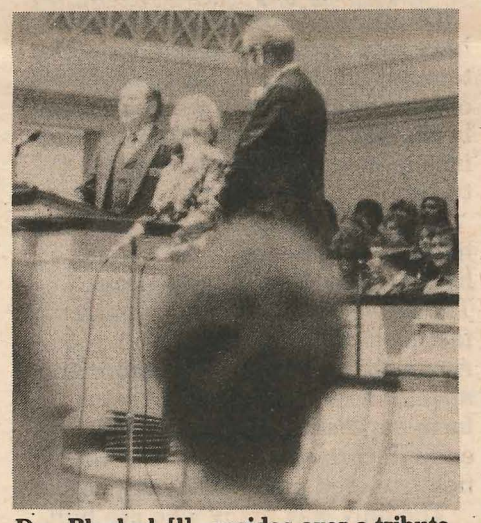
Students experience a revival, honor Franklin Owens at BSU conclave

by James H. Cox, *Associate Editor*

A commitment service "unlike anything I've seen in student work in this state in 11 years," a tribute to retiring executive secretary Franklin Owen, summer mission testimonies and addresses on the theme "Called to Care" highlighted the 55th Kentucky Baptist student convention Sept. 24-26 at Elizabethtown.

Don Blaylock, director of student work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, made the observation above after scores of young people streamed down the aisles. They came forward to register some decision with campus ministers across the front of historic Severns Valley Baptist Church.

"It was a thrilling sight, one I'll not soon forget," said one observer.



Don Blaylock [l] presides over a tribute to the Franklin Owens during the state Baptist student convention.

"That was a tremendous blessing in there," Sue Owen, wife of Franklin Owen, remarked.

Both of the Owens were brought to the platform earlier that evening to be honored by the crowd of perhaps 650 Baptist college students from campuses all over the state. Mrs. Owen received an engraved plaque and Owen was given a Bible on behalf of his 10-year tenure and support of student work.

Testimonies were included in the recognition. State BSU president Kevin Thomas of Morehead State University spoke on behalf of Kentucky Baptist students. Dwight Lyons, campus minister for metropolitan Louisville, recounted memories from his years of association with Owen.

Blaylock reported that, while Owen had been executive secretary, four new Baptist student centers had been completed at the University of Louisville, the University of Kentucky, Murray State University and Eastern Kentucky University. A former residence was converted into a student center at Northern Kentucky University and land for a future center was purchased there. The student center was relocated at Western Kentucky University and a house converted there.

A $200,000 debt at Morehead State University was paid off and no debts on any student properties exist today.

Statistically, Blaylock acknowledged that in the last academic year Kentucky ranked:

- Second in the number of Baptist students involved in campus ministry programs
- Third in the number of summer student missionaries sent out
- Third in the number of students accepting Christ as savior
- First in the number of students involved in community missions
- First in the number of members of campus Baptist Young Women organizations.

Throughout the weekend Kentucky students who filled assignments as summer or semester missionaries in the state, elsewhere in the nation and around the world shared testimonies of their experiences. At least 10 young people spoke at three worship periods.

Three principal speakers addressed the convention on the subject "Called to Care."

Delivering the keynote address, Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said, "God has already called every one of you by your name.

"He doesn't call you into summer missions simply because you're special He says, 'I have called you.' What it means to care about somebody is to realize you weren't just born into this world for nothing.

"Jesus called people who were busy doing something," Ward concluded.

Later, William D. Jaggers, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, told collegians:

"All around our world today there is a great dearth of caring.

"Do we really care? Really? Honestly? I hope you'll never underestimate what you can do for the cause of Christ," he continued. "Whatever you'll do that's committed to Jesus, he'll use and bless and let someone know that somebody's there in Jesus' name. God takes what we have and what we are if we're committed to it."

Finally, Jaggers asked, "When we admit God wants us to care, where do we begin?" He suggested three things: care about yourself, care for your family and care for somebody else.

In a concluding address to the convention, Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport suggested that "God cared enough, not only to share, but (he) held back nothing.

"He's calling for you and me," said Davenport. "Ask God to work his work in you. Trust him for the caring that goes far enough to let you share."

A world hunger offering taken at one session totaled $438.00.

In a business session a $46,000 student summer missions budget was adopted. Of this amount, $2000 will come from miscellaneous receipts and gifts and the remainder is to be raised by Baptist students on Kentucky campuses.

The largest single goal is projected by Cumberland College students who hope to raise $8000 this school year for summer missions. Georgetown College is next with a goal of $5100, closely followed by Murray State University at $5000. Twenty-six campuses are represented in the goals totaling $44,000.

The convention body also approved a plan to provide 40 Kentucky Baptist students for mission service opportunities in 1983. This includes one to Honduras or Japan for spring semester, one for fall semester to Japan, 16 for in-state summer teams (Sonburst, Son Celebration, Son Share Players), one Sojourner and 21 more to fill remaining requests in 1983. This latter category includes one to Panama, one to Germany, one to the Cayman Islands and one to Israel, with the remainder serving in the United States but outside Kentucky. **A motion was passed** that up to $5000 in surplus funds received in the mission offerings on campuses this year will go to fund a 1984 Kentucky student team going to Chile and Argentina. This same provision was made a year ago, and $3000 was collected above the stated summer missions goals.

A motion was also passed that scholarships for mission service previously denied seniors be reinstated.

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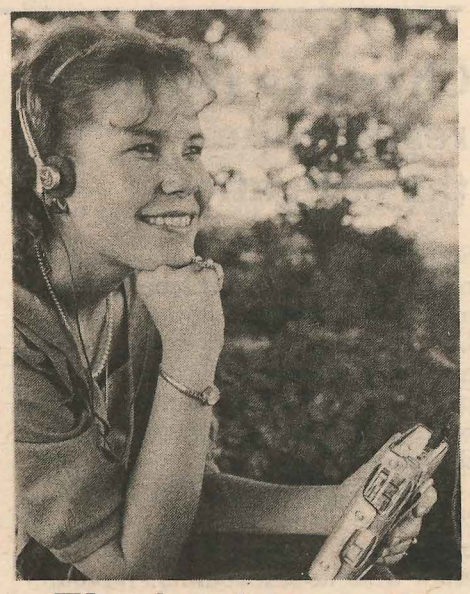

The beat goes on

Today's young people, sometimes isolated, keep in touch with their world through radio. "On Track," the contemporary Christian music program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex., is such a medium. Barely one year old, "On Track" is heard on more than 267 radio stations across the country.

Southern Baptists grow, others decline

Southern Baptists, with increases in membership and territory in the last decade, are unique among mainline U. S. denominations, according to a new church membership study.

Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1980, a cooperative, interdenominational research effort, reveals growth in adherents (full members, their children and other regular participants) in Judeo-Christian religious groups in the U. S. is lagging slightly behind population growth for the first time in 30 years. All mainline denominations except the SBC have experienced significant decreases.

The study was based on data from church bodies (denominations) with 231,708 congregations reporting.

Researchers calculate the 112.5 million adherents counted in the study represent 49.7 percent of the total U. S. population and 91 percent of the adherents of some religious group. The conclusion that approximately half of all Americans do not adhere to a religious group conforms to numerous other similar surveys.

The 76 percent of the representation of congregations in U. S. counties for Southern Baptists ranked fourth in the study. The 2383 total for Southern Baptists leaves more than 700 counties without a Southern Baptist congregation. Some of these counties are sparsely populated.

United Methodists have congregations in 2986 counties or county equivalents, followed by Catholics, 2881, Assemblies of God 2452, and Southern Baptists.

[See related map, page 10.]

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DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Churches should restudy their tax obligations

South Carolina editor John Roberts recently reported and commented on an unusual action of the city of Charleston. The city sent a letter to all its churches "inviting" them to pay taxes on their property or to make a contribution for city services they receive.

The letter to each church contained the actual assessed valuation of its property so the church could know what its tax would be if paid. Payment was not demanded by the city but four possible options were recommended. The options were: (1) pay taxes on fully appraised value; (2) pay for services such as street and sidewalk maintenance, sanitation, service, fire and police protection (estimated to be 60 percent of full taxation); (3) pay for sanitation, police and fire protection (estimated to be 40 percent of full taxation); (4) make a contribution to the city of any desired amount.

Editor Roberts takes a negative view on all four options citing and affirming the historic practice of America of tax exemption for churches. At the same time he warns churches to expect more and more pressure from governing bodies to pay taxes.

Roberts is right in affirming that separation of church and state in America does not allow the state to tax churches. The power to tax is ultimately the power to destroy and churches should never submit to such authority of civil government.

On the other hand churches should never be freeloaders. If they accept municipal services such as garbage collection, fire and police protection, they should pay for them. If not, then non-church people, atheists and members of non-Christian religions who pay local taxes are helping pay for these services to churches.

The argument that church members already pay taxes and this should suffice for their churches is not valid. Employes of local businesses also pay taxes individually but this doesn't exempt their businesses from their fair share of the tax load.

Churches should have already taken the initiative in an agreed upon contribution for municipal services in lieu of paying taxes. This is only fair and it's a shame local governing bodies have to suggest it.

The truth is churches in America have been receiving too much special treatment. While holding to the principle of tax exemption for all property used directly in worship and Christian education, churches should gladly pay taxes on all other property as well as for municipal services they use.

In my opinion taxable church property includes parsonages. The practice of not taxing living quarters for ministers was originally based on the fact these housing facilities were a part of the church building and the minister was required to live in the church property. That still prevails for Catholic priests but never for Baptist ministers. Real estate not used for actual worship purposes should be taxed whoever lives in it.

Churches and denominational institutions could improve their public image and thus their influence by gladly assuming their share of the necessary expenses of local governments. What's necessary is that churches do not relinquish their right to exist and pursue their objectives apart from government hindrance by taxation or in any other form.

Furthermore the day will likely come when church contributions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes. As a result church income will drop but not dramatically and it will separate the true stewards of God from the self-serving ones.

We might as well face it. American society is becoming more and more secular which means churches will not always get the favored treatment they have enjoyed throughout American history. One of the places this secularism will be expressed is in tax reforms. Would it not be better for churches to initiate needed and overdue reforms instead of being forced to do so?

Alexandria Baptists show their courage

The Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria is a story of conviction, courage and sacrifice on the part of a small but determined group of Baptists who faced overwhelming odds 25 years ago. Sunday, Sept. 12 those remaining from this remnant and many who have joined them during the 25 years paused to celebrate their heritage and to recall God's blessings.

Until 1954 Alexandria Baptists were a united fellowship and a part of the larger fellowship of Southern Baptists. Then a tragedy befell the church in the form of a pastor who decided to leave the ranks of Southern Baptists. Lacking the fairness and integrity to go out and start a congregation sharing his sentiments, he convinced the majority of the members to break historic ties with Southern Baptists.

There were those, however, in the congregation who were not misled nor manipulated by the pastor. They dared to start a new church loyal to historic Baptist principles and identified with Southern Baptists.

The first meeting of this group took place Nov. 21, 1954 with 29 present. They started a mission under the sponsorship of Newport's Trinity Baptist Church and Aug. 25, 1957 constituted Main Street Baptist Church with 61 charter members.

Under capable and dedicated pastoral leadership Main Street flourished. Pastor Merwyn Borders led in the construction of a beautiful sanctuary and educational space. Pastor Don Lamb followed Borders and led in strengthening the church organizationally. Then came Calvin Perry under whose leadership the entire building debt was retired in 1976 and a new pastorium was constructed in 1978. Never lacking a challenge, pastor Perry and a long range planning committee are now developing plans for the next needed facilities.

Alexandria's Main Street is a testimony to the truth that adversity never discourages the faithful.

Feeding the hungry is a Christian responsibility

Every moment 13 people in the world die of hunger and hunger related illnesses.

During the time it will take to eat your dinner next Sunday more than 200 people will die of hunger.

Next Sunday is World Hunger Sunday for Southern Baptists. Because of the above facts and many more World Hunger Sunday should be observed in some manner by every church.

Concern for those suffering from hunger and hunger related diseases has intensified among Southern Baptists in recent years. Traditionally we have been more concerned about bread for the soul than bread for the stomach. More and more, however, we are realizing that it is hard to convince someone we really care while letting him and his family starve to death. It should be hard for us to believe we really care if we don't want to share.

Why should Baptists not make much of hunger relief? Jesus is our model and he always expressed concern for the whole person. In fact, many of his miracles were performed to relieve physical suffering including hunger.

Sharing by those who have with those who do not have is stressed everywhere in the Bible. Generosity is pictured as an essential element in sincere religion. When the hearers of John the Baptist asked what they could do to prove their sincere repentance, the wilderness preacher said, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise" (Lk. 3:11).

Of all people on earth Americans have most to share with others. Our temptation, however, is to use more of our materials than we need while becoming immune to suffering and insensitive to the hungry multitudes.

Americans consume four and a half times more grain than those living in the developing nations. The money spent on one meal at a fast food restaurant for an American family of four would feed a Haitian family for a week. Our farm harvesting machines leave enough corn and soybeans in the fields to feed many starving people.

The only way many who are hungry will ever eat is to be given food. The sad fact is that three-fourths of the world's population do not have enough money to buy food.

Churches should seek to relieve hunger in their own communities as well as in the rest of the world. In addition to a special hunger offering to be channeled through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to many parts of the world, why not start a food closet in the church? Small periodic contributions from our pantries at home could provide a well stocked church food closet.

Instead of giving because we have been given to, we are prone to debate whether those who are hungry deserve our help. If we conclude they don't and we refuse to help, remember where we would be if God had waited to save us until we deserved his help. The question is not whether to help but how best to help. A generous offering on World Hunger Sunday is one good way.

VIEWPOINT

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United by the voice of the people

by Charles White
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"Right Wing! Left Wing! Inerrantist! Moderates"

Labels—we are hearing more and more of these in Southern Baptist circles. All are applied to groups representing various persuasions within our ranks, each claiming to represent "grass root" Southern Baptists. This claim, coupled with the presidential power to appoint the committee on committees, has led these groups to seek insurance of "grass root" representation in Southern Baptist decision making by electing one of their persuasion president. Thus, the strife within our convention.

As long as the president has this power, the presidency will remain a political football bringing further division within our ranks, until the poles become so far apart and the lines so sharp that every Southern Baptist will be forced to identify with one group or another, eventually splitting our great convention.

There is a solution to this dilemma, one which will take the presidency out of the political arena and insure "grass root" Southern Baptist representation on the committee on committees. It is an amendment to SBC Bylaw 21 proposed by Russell Bennett at the New Orleans convention and subsequently referred to the Executive Committee:

The amendment reads as follows:

"A committee on committees shall be composed of two members from each qualified state. Each state convention shall nominate two candidates to be elected by the convention during its first day of meeting annually. Persons so nominated shall be notified in writing at least one month before the meeting of the convention and shall be named in the first issue of the Convention Bulletin. The president may fill vacancies occuring in nominations or by registration. This committee shall nominate all special committees authorized during the session of the convention not otherwise provided for. All special convention committees shall transfer, upon their discharge, all official files to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Opposition to this amendment might be raised on two grounds: (1) Southern Baptist polity and (2) the traditional role of the president.

To the question of polity there are three points that need to be recognized. First, the amendment proposes that states nominate, not appoint, their representatives on the committee on committees. The right of election is reserved for the convention.

Second, if states' participation in these nominations is contrary to the proper relationship of the state conventions and the SBC, does it also apply to the Cooperative Program? Although state conventions have no control of Cooperative Program funds after they have been received by the SBC, they have complete control of the flow of funds to the convention. In essence, the states hold the purse strings of the SBC because they determine what percentages of the Cooperative Program funds they receive from local churches go to SBC causes.

Third, the proposed procedure is not new in Southern Baptist practice. There is precedence of state conventions nominating their representatives to the SBC. From 1914 to 1917 state members of SBC boards were nominated to the convention in essentially the same manner proposed by Bennett's amendment for membership on the committee on committees. The bylaw stated the committee on nominations "shall nominate, as state members of boards, men who have been previously nominated by their respective state conventions . . . ." (Bylaw #9).

Again from 1946 to 1948 the states played an active role in determining who would be their representatives on the committee on boards. At the annual SBC the messengers from each state caucused and selected three persons whose names were submitted to the current committee on boards which was to "select one name from each state from the three names referred to them, and present all names so selected to the convention for election" (Bylaw #7).

In 1949 the present procedure was adopted for purely practical reasons. The logistics of finding a place for the state to caucus was virtually impossible. To resolve this problem the responsibility of nominating the committee on boards was given to the committee on committees which was appointed by the president (Bylaw #7). Well meaning Southern Baptists initiated this change never dreaming it could politicize the office of president.

In response to the objection to Bennett's amendment on the basis of the traditional power of the president we have already seen that no such tradition existed. Prior to 1940 there was no hesitancy on the part of Southern Baptists to alter the procedures for the selection of the committee on committees, committee on boards, etc. At times the president had more appointive power than he had official rule, directly or indirectly, in the selection of the committee on committees or the committee on boards.

It is time to change the procedure again and begin the healing process by depolitizing the office of president through the abridging of its appointive powers.

If these political action groups truly believe they represent "grass roots" Southern Baptists, they too will welcome and actively support this amendment.

Let the "grass roots" be heard. Through our churches, associations, and state conventions let us pass resolutions supporting this amendment and send them to the SBC Executive Committee. Let us write Executive Committee members and encourage fellow Baptists to get behind this amendment.

Our convention is too great and our mission is too important to let partisan politics destroy it.

FORUM

A P.S. on Keith Parks

I read with much concern the front page coverage of R. Keith Parks' sermon given at the mission conference at Glorieta in the Aug. 18 issue. I believe Bro. Parks fails to realize the importance of belief in the authority of the Bible.

The Word of God is the sole and final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We all should realize and believe that or there can never be a basis on which we can settle doctrinal differences. As long as some add the doctrines of men to what God says and try to follow both, we will have division and heresy in our churches. We all should accept what God says in his Word and forget all else.

Also his statement, "Southern Baptists are not God's chosen people," implies he does not recognize the importance of the Lord's church. While we haven't always been called "Southern" Baptists, Baptist was the chosen name for the church of the Lord Jesus, therefore Baptists are chosen of God (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

We are chosen of God to work for the furtherance of his kingdom and to honor and glorify him (Eph. 3:21). But first we need to set our house in order, pull the beam out of our eye, so to speak, and then we will be ready and fit for use in his service.

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PERSONNEL

First Tompkinsville calls Young
First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, has called Wayne Young as minister of youth and education. Young is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife Lydia are from Tahlequah, Okla.

Billy C. Burton is pastor.

Young

Huls

Former KBC staffer to Memphis church
Tom E. Huls, formerly associate in the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been called as minister of education by Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He began his service there Sept. 7.

Huls, a native of Indiana, is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, before joining the Middletown staff in 1978. He resigned in August 1981 to accept a position with Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Huls is married to the former Virginia Grant of Louisville, also a former employe of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Jack Sanford, a former Kentucky pastor, is pastor of Colonial Baptist Church.

Bouland called as White Plains pastor
White Plains Baptist Church, Allen Association, has called Larry Bouland to the pastorate. Bouland, who comes from Ohio County Association, begins his duties at White Plains Oct. 24.

Dennis resigns Youngers Creek Church
Barry Dennis has resigned as pastor of Youngers Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist, Taylorsville.

Dennis was moderator elect and had participated in associational events and held places of leadership in the association.

His wife, Linda, had been elected associational music director for 1982-83.

Carpenter accepts Oakland pastorate
Ernest Carpenter has resigned the pastorate of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, to assume the pastorate of Oakland Baptist Church, Paducah.

Purcell resigns Slaty Point pastorate
Mark Purcell resigned from Slaty Point Baptist Church, Bracken Association, effective Aug. 29.

Highland calls youth minister Spencer
D. Michael Spencer has accepted the call to Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, as minister of youth.

He and his wife, Denise, come to Highland from Bellvue Baptist Church, Owensboro, where Spencer was minister of youth three years.

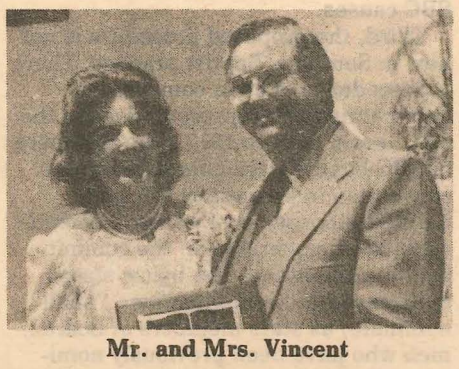
Austin recognized for 30 years service
New Salem Baptist Church, Hustonville, honored music director Kenneth Austin Sept. 26 for 30 years of service.

Pastor Stanley Stevenson presented Austin with a plaque expressing the congregation's appreciation.

Jeff Church calls Davis to pastorate
Jeff (Ky.) Baptist Church has called Eric Davis, a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, to its pastorate.

Davis, formerly of Greenville, S. C., is married to the former Janet Marie Jenkins. They have two children, Justin and Jason.

Atwood resigns First Clinton pastorate
Thomas M. Atwood has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Clinton, to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn. His last Sunday at Clinton was Sept. 19.


Mr. and Mrs. Vincent

Vincent celebrates anniversary
Dallas Vincent celebrated his 24th anniversary as pastor of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Aug. 22.

The congregation honored him with a plaque commemorating the occasion, a gift and a churchwide covered dish luncheon.

During these 24 years Sunday school enrolment has grown from 23 to 739. The church has 1355 members.

Vincent and his wife, Patricia, have four children, Jeffrey, Christina, Robert and Suzannah.

CONGREGATIONS

Markham, Celsor, Lee and Wilkerson

New Union breaks ground for building
New Union Baptist Church, Bethel Association, broke ground Aug. 22 for additions to its building. New facilities will include a fellowship hall, kitchen, library resource center and nursery.

Leary Markham, Ray Celsor and Wing Lee composed the building committee.

David Wilkerson is pastor.

Shady Grove celebrates homecoming
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, observed its homecoming Sept. 26.

E. L. McConnell preached the morning sermon. The Believers Quartet, Hopkinsville, sang, following a noon meal.

Melvin Bell is pastor.

Buck Run adopts building program
Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort, has adopted a three stage building plan.

The first stage calls for the church to build a new multipurpose facility for Sunday school classes and to convert the old dining facility to accommodate the children's department.

The second stage includes enlarging the present sanctuary or erecting a new one.

The third stage will add a second story to the new facility of stage one.

Construction on stage one is scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

Anthony D. Roberts is pastor.

Hillview notes teacher preparation
Teacher preparation was highlighted on Sept. 26 by Hillview Baptist Church, Louisville, when 92 percent of the Sunday school faculty received the Sunday school teacher's diploma. This unusual accomplishment resulted from a goal set at a Sunday school retreat in 1981 in which each teacher was challenged to complete the six required books for the diploma. Pastor Letcher H. Reid says this goal has been almost completed and that the Hillview Sunday school is now a standard Sunday school.

Rectors Flat celebrates homecoming
Rectors Flat Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, celebrated its anniversary Sept. 19. Jimmy Dishman is pastor.

Lower Turkey Creek holds homecoming
Lower Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, celebrated homecoming Aug. 29.

Delbert New is pastor.

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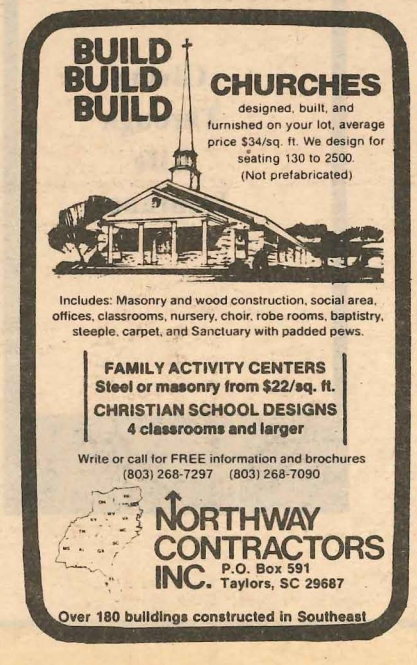

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Kentuckians appointed by FMB

Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Fruge were among 21 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Sept. 14 at the board's office in Richmond, Va.

The Fruges will work in France where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Currently he is associate pastor and education director at Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington.

Born in Washington, Ind., Fruge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Fruge, Owensboro. He considers Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, his home church.

He received a BA from Georgetown (Ky.) College and a MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

He has worked as a teacher in Ft. Worth. He has also been a Foreign Mission Board summer missionary in the Bahamas, youth director at North View Baptist Church, Lexington, youth director and staff coordinator at Burchill Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, and chaplain at Cardinal Hill Hospital, Lexington.

Born in Williamsport, Pa., Mrs. Fruge, the former Natalie McCloskey, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCloskey, Waverly, N. Y. She considers Lexington her hometown and Broadway Baptist her home church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fruge

She attended Georgetown College. She has worked as an assistant manager of a retail shop in Lexington and as a dental assistant and receptionist in Ft. Worth. She has also been a Foreign Mission Board summer missionary in the Bahamas.

The Fruges have one child, Chantelle Nicole. The family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga. in January for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the field.

MISSIONS

Kentuckians serve on foreign field
Three Kentuckians, two pastors and one layman, have heavy involvement in evangelistic campaigns on the foreign mission field during the summer and fall.

Carl H. Kuhl Jr., a Louisville dentist, spent Aug. 4-26 in evangelistic campaign in Kyela, Tanzania. Kuhl has given considerable time through the years to volunteer missionary service.

Bob C. Jones, pastor of Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church, and Bill Messer, pastor of Lawrenceburg Sand Springs Baptist Church, will participate in evangelistic efforts in St. Juan Baptist Association in Argentina Sept. 20-Oct. 10.

Participants in such campaigns give their time and pay their own expenses.

Gerald McNeely

June McNeely

McNeelys receive 25 year service pins
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, missionaries to Spain, received pins representing 25 years of missionary service.

Their address is Ruperto Chapi 4, Esc. 2, 4-D, Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain.

Both natives of Kentucky, he was born in Louisville and grew up in Okolona, and she, the former June Hall, was born in Pikeville and grew up in Stanford. Both are graduates of Georgetown College.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

Cumberland students are missionaries
Darlene S. Hampton and Donald D. Lynch, both Cumberland College students from Corbin, served this summer as summer missionaries under the sponsorship of Cumberland College, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Student summer missionaries conducted revivals, led singing groups, conducted vacation Bible schools and backyard Bible clubs and worked with children and the underprivileged in various capacities.

Miss Coltharp begins service in Zambia
Becky Coltharp, missionary journeyman to Zambia, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term as a seminary librarian/secretary. Her address is Box 8034, Lusaka, Zambia.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, she considers Lexington her hometown.

Mrs. Clifton is volunteer missionary
Mrs. Hallie Clifton, a member of First Twelve Mile Baptist Church, California, Ky., was a volunteer missionary for the Home Mission Board June 28-July 23 in Rutland, Vt.

She worked with backyard Bible clubs and did survey work in conjunction with Michael McCain, pastor of New Hope Baptist Chapel, Rutland, and Merwyn Borders, church planter for Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Keith Blair is pastor of First Twelve Mile church.

Brissons are on furlough in Louisville
Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson Brisson Jr., Baptist representatives to Israel, are in the states on furlough. Their address is Apt. 821 Springdale, Louisville, KY 40206.

He was born in Lumberton, N. C. and she is the former Louise Ann Davis of Greensboro, N. C.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Miss O'Bryan arrives on Korean field
Joanie O'Bryan, missionary journeyman to Korea, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term of service as a student worker. Her address is Box 323, Pusan 600, Korea.

A native of Kentucky, She was born in Louisville and considers Owensboro her hometown.

Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July she graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington.

Miss Capps begins service in Nigeria
Kelly Capps, missionary journeyman to Nigeria, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term of service as a secondary teacher at Baptist High School in Jos, Nigeria.

Her address is Box 86, Jos, Nigeria.

Miss Capps was born in Bowling Green and considers Oakland her home town. She is a graduate of Campbellsville College.

Musens return to field in Kenya
Mr. and Mrs. James D. Musen, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field. Their address is Box 82947, Mombasa, Kenya.

He was born in Boyd County and also lived in Ashland. The former Jenny Rossetter, she was born in Bowling Green and also lived in Smiths Grove and Center.

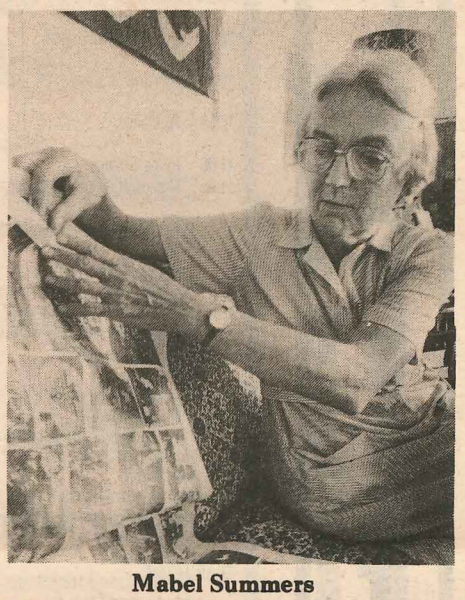
They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Cooks are on furlough from Kenya
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald S. Cook, missionaries to Kenya, are in the states on furlough. Their address is 3214 Cliff Oak, Dallas, TX 75233.

A son of missionaries, he was born in Aba, Zaire. The former Barbara Powell, she was born in Owsley County and lived in Beattyville.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Baptists in midst of Lebanon crisis
Mabel Summers, a native of Bardstown and a Southern Baptist missionary to Lebanon for 34 years, follows newspaper coverage the day after the assassination of Lebanon's president elect Bashir Gemayel. Miss Summers is one of three missionaries who has remained in Lebanon since the beginning of Israeli attacks June 4. In the absence of missionary colleagues, she has been interim treasurer for the mission. (BP photo by Don Rutledge)



Mabel Summers

ORDINATIONS

West ordained by Severns Valley
Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, ordained Steve West to the ministry. West is presently youth minister at Harrodsburg (Ky.) Baptist Church.

J. Howard Cobble is Severns Valley pastor.

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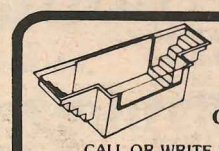

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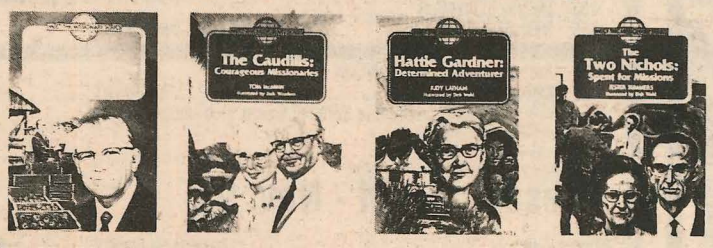

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Tuesday Morning - Nov. 9

Music Leader . . . . . Jim Raney
First Missionary, Benton
10:30 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Mark Hamm
Campus Minister, University of Kentucky
10:40 Message in Song . . . . . Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Eugene Sutherland, directing
10:55 Welcome . . . . . Ted Sisk
Host pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
11:00 Hymn Singing
11:05 Organization of 145th Annual Meeting . . . . . Leo T. Crismon
Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention
Appointment of Committees . . . . . William D. Jaggers
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Report of Credentials Committee . . . . . Jown W. Kruschwitz
Pastor, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas
Report of Committee on Order of Business . . . . . Ted Sisk
11:15 Message in Song . . . . . Church Choir
Cynthiana Baptist Church
11:25 President's Address . . . . . William D. Jaggers
11:55 Closing Prayer . . . . . G. T. Cowan
Kentucky representative, Brotherhood Commission, SBC, Winchester

Tuesday Afternoon - Nov. 9

Music Leader . . . . . Larry Pauley
Central Baptist Church, Ashland
1:45 Hymn Singing . . . . . Larry Pauley
1:50 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Clay Mulford
Campus Minister, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green
2:00 Report on Western Recorder . . . . . C. R. Daley
Editor, Middletown
2:10 Report and Recommendations of Executive Board . . . Franklin Owen
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Middletown
2:55 Hymn
3:00 Fraternal Greetings . . . . . B. F. Green
Moderator, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Hopkinsville
SBC Executive Committee & Stewardship Commission
— Ernest D. Standerfer, Nashville, Tenn.
Foreign Mission Board
— Gary McCoy, Foreign Missionary on Furlough from Korea, Lawrenceburg
Sunday School Board
— Joe Stacker, Secretary, Church Administration Department, Nashville
Baptist Book Stores
— Ruth Ouzts, Manager, Louisville
— Bryan Howard, Manager, Owensboro
3:30 Report on Cooperative Program . . . . . Douglas Strader
Pastor, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset
3:40 Recognition of New Leadership . . . . . Franklin Owen
3:55 Election of President
4:15 Message in Song . . . . . Deedee Kalos
Prestonburg, student, University of Louisville
4:20 Business Session and Resolutions
4:45 Closing Prayer . . . . . Floyd Divert
Former president of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, Danville

Tuesday Night - Nov. 9

Music Leader . . . . . David Louis Gregory
Victory Baptist Church, Providence
6:45 Concert . . . . . Georgetown College Choir
Tony Whitfield, Director
7:00 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Tom Smoot
Campus Minister, University of Louisville
7:10 Hymn Singing . . . . . David Louis Gregory
7:15 Report of Missions Division . . . . . A. B. Colvin
Coordinator, Missions Division
Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Brotherhood
Christian Life Relations . . . . . William H. Rogers
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
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Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Evangelism . . . . . Jay Brown
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Stewardship Promotion . . . . . Jesse C. Stricker
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
7:40 Message in Song . . . . . Georgetown College Choir
Tony Whitfield, Director
7:55 Recognition of Retiring Secretary—
Treasurer Franklin Owen . . . . . William D. Jaggers
8:20 Message "A Sense of What is Vital" . . . . . Dotson M. Nelson Jr.
Pastor Emeritus, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
8:40 Closing Prayer . . . . . Forest Shely, M. D.
Former president of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, Campbellsville

Reception in Honor of Dr. Franklin Owen and Mrs. Owen
9:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Morning - Nov. 10

Music Leader . . . . . Karl Smith
Central Baptist Church, Maysville
9:00 Hymn Singing . . . . . Karl Smith
9:05 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Mikel Robinson
Campus Minister, Kentucky State University, Frankfort
9:15 Report of Committee on Obituaries . . . . . Thomas M. Atwood
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton
9:25 Report on Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children . . Eldred M. Taylor
Executive Director, Middletown
9:35 Report on Baptist Hospitals Inc. . . . . Gordon Palmer
Chairman, Board of Directors, Baptist Hospitals. Inc., Ft. Mitchell
9:45 Hymn Singing
9:50 Report on Constitution and By-Laws Committee . . . Wallace Kent
Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort
10:00 Report on Temperance League of Kentucky . . . . . Delbert Butts
Executive Director, Louisville
10:10 Recognition of Past Presidents
10:20 Election of Officers
10:30 Miscellaneous Business
10:50 Message in Song . . . . . Dan Arterburn
Minister of Music, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, Ft. Mitchell
11:00 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . J. Howard Cobble
Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
11:10 Convention Sermon . . . . . Rollin S. Burhans
Retired Minister, Bowling Green
11:40 Closing Prayer . . . . . C. A. Easterling
Former president of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, Somerset
12:00 Seminary Luncheons

Wednesday Afternoon - Nov. 10

Music Leader . . . . . Marvin Reynolds
Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset
2:00 Hymn Singing . . . . . Marvin Reynolds
2:05 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Alice Kerr
Campus Minister, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights
2:15 Report on Resolutions Committee . . . . . Harold Wainscott
Retired minister, Covington
2:40 Report on Church Services Division . . . . . James H. Whaley
Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
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Sunday School Department . . . . . Fred E. Halbrooks
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3:10 Hymn Singing
3:15 Report on Christian Education . . . . . Jesse C. Stricker
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3:40 Message in Song . . . . . Diane St. Pierre
Soloist, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville
3:50 Recognition of Chaplains . . . . . Franklin Owen
4:00 Miscellaneous Business
4:10 Report on Public Affairs Committee . . . . William Austin Roberts
4:20 Message . . . . . James M. Dunn
Executive Director-Treasurer,
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington
4:40 Closing Prayer . . . . . Charles Baird
Active in lay led revivals and
Brotherhood Director, Bethel Association, Adairville

Wednesday Night, Nov. 10

Music Leader . . . . . Greg Backes
First Baptist Church, London
6:45 Concert . . . . . Immanuel Baptist Church Choir
William B. Williams, Minister of Music, Lexington
7:00 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . James L. Simmons
Campus Minister, Murray State University
7:10 Report of Woman's Missionary Union . . Mrs. Kathryn Jasper Akridge
Executive Director, Woman's Missionary Union, Middletown
7:20 Report on Kentucky-Ohio Partnership . . . . . Robert C. Jones
Director, Direct Missions Department, Middletown
Ohio Church Participant
Kentucky Church Participant
7:40 Hymn Singing
7:45 Report on Foreign Missions . . . . . Mrs. Horace T. Hambrick
Former WMU President, Georgetown
7:55 Message . . . . . James McKinley
Foreign Missionary on Furlough from Bangladesh, Lyndon
8:20 Message in Song . . . . . Immanuel Church Choir
8:30 Report on Home Missions . . . . . Harry Hunter
Layman, Henderson
8:40 Message . . . . . William G. Tanner
President, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
9:05 Closing Prayer . . . . . William Snowden, D.D.S.
Former President, Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship and member
Central Baptist Church, Winchester

Thursday Morning, Nov. 11

Music Leader . . . . . Lloyd Sutton
Boones Creek Baptist Church, Lexington
9:00 Hymn Singing . . . . . Lloyd Sutton
9:10 Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Rick Trexler
Campus Minister, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
9:20 Report of Committee on Arrangements . . . . . James B. Lewis
Pastor, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville
9:25 Report on Radio and Television . . . . . LaVerne Butler
Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville
9:35 Report on American Bible Society . . . . . J. William Jones
Pastor, First Baptist Church, London
9:40 Report on Baptist World Alliance . . . . . Wayne Dehoney
Pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville
9:45 Report of Committee on Committees . . . . . David Bratcher
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson
9:55 Report on Committee on Nominations . . . . . Isaac McDonald
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville
10:05 Report on Business Division . . . . . Barry G. Allen
Director and Business Manager, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Annunity Department . . . . . Byrd Ison
Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Kentucky Baptist Foundation . . . . . Grady Randolph
Director, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Middletown
10:20 Report on Historical Commission . . . . . Leo T. Crismon
Chairman, Louisville
10:25 Report of Kentucky Baptist Historical Society . . . George A. Jones
President, Newport
10:30 Hymn Singing
10:35 Miscellaneous Business
10:45 Recognition of Convention Officers
Recognition of New Officers
11:00 Message in Song . . . . . Andy Clifton
Minister of Music, Bloomfield Baptist Church
11:05 Report on Conventionwide Education . . . . . Joe O. Lewis
Academic Dean, Georgetown College, Georgetown
11:15 Message . . . . . Roy L. Honeycutt
President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
11:40 Presentation of Gavel . . . . . William D. Jaggers
11:45 Closing Prayer . . . . . P. A. Stevens
Former President of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood and formerly
Chairman of SBC Brotherhood Commission, Louisville

Religious Education Association

Presiding — Harold A. Phillips
THEME: TOUCHING BASE

Calvary Baptist Church
Lexington, Kentucky
November 8, 1982

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Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville
President elect . . . . . Johnny Taylor
Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Marsha Huguley
Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green

12:00 Registration and Fellowship
12:45 Welcome and Introduction . . . . . Harold A. Phillips
1:00 What's New . . . .
In Sunday School . . . . . Fred E. Halbrooks
Director, Middletown
In Church Training . . . . . C. Vernon Cole
Director, Middletown
In WMU . . . . . Kathryn Jasper Akridge
Executive Director, Middletown
In Brotherhood . . . . . Rob Carr
Associate Director, Middletown
Ohio-Kentucky Partnership . . . . . Mike Collins
Director, Sunday School Department, Ohio Baptist Convention
3:00 Ministry to Church Members . . . . . Joe Stacker
Secretary, Church Administration Department, Nashville
4:15 Ministry to Church Members — Dialog with Joe Stacker
5:15 Business Session
5:30 Adjourn
6:30 Fellowship Banquet
Calvary Baptist Church
* Fellowship Activities
* Idea Workshop — Bill Ray, Assistant Pastor,
Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown
* Instalation of New Officers
* Closure
8:45 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING
Breakfast — Morrison's Restaurant — Kentucky Central Building

Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference
Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky
November 8-9

President . . . . . Don Mathis
Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Corbin
Secretary . . . . . Keith Rogers
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Loyall

THEME:
PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Music Leadership: Director . . . . . Jim Raney
First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton
Pianist . . . . . Pamela Raney
Benton
Organist . . . . . Richard Dwyer
Lexington
1:45 Presession Music . . . . . Jim Raney and Jennifer Beck
2:00 Hymn . . . . . Jim Raney
Prayer . . . . . Ernest Boggs
Pastor, Sunshine Baptist Church, Harlan
2:05 Welcome and Introductions . . . . . Don Mathis
2:10 Bible Study — "The Glorious Salvation" — 1 Pet. 1:1-21 . . . . . Fred Roth
Counselor and Professor of Religion, Cumberland College
2:35 Hymn . . . . . Jim Raney
Special Music . . . . . Tony Whitfield
Assistant Professor of Music, Georgetown College
2:40 Message — "The Association and Pastoral Leadership" . . . . . Harold Greenfield
Director of Missions
Caldwell-Lyon Association, Princeton
3:05 Hymn . . . . . Jim Raney
Special Music Jennifer Beck, Calvert City
3:15 Message — "Pastoral Leadership in World Missions Support" . . . . . Guy Gordon
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Earlington
3:40 Hymn . . . . . Jim Raney
Offering . . . . . Keith Rogers, Secretary
Special Music . . . . . Tony Whitfield
4:00 Message — "Pastoral Leadership in Evangelism" . . . . . Jerry Vines
Co pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
4:30 Benediction . . . . . James Heard
Pastor, Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington

MONDAY NIGHT

Music Leadership: Director . . . . . Ron Goodwin
Central Baptist Church, Corbin
Pianist . . . . . Sue McGee
Lexington
Organist . . . . . Richard Dwyer
Lexington
6:45 Presession Music . . . . . Ron and Sherry Goodwin
Central Baptist Church, Corbin
7:00 Hymn . . . . . Ron Goodwin
Prayer . . . . . Bob Lowery
Concord Baptist Church, Hopkinsville
7:05 Bible Study — "The Believers' Position and Responsibilities" 1 Pet. 1:22-3:13 . . . . . Raymond Lawrence
President, Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield
7:30 Hymn . . . . . Ron and Sherry Goodwin
7:40 Message — "Pastoral Leadership in Today's Church" . . . . . Joe Stacker
Secretary, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
8:05 Election of Officers
Offering . . . . . Keith Rogers
Prayer . . . . . Phillip Majors
Pastor, Little Flock Baptist Church, Louisville
Special Music . . . . . Ron and Sherry Goodwin
8:25 Message — "Pastoral Leadership and Bibical Preaching" . . . . . Jerry Vines
Co pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
8:55 Benediction . . . . . Don Short
Evangelist, Kuttawa

TUESDAY MORNING

Music Leadership: Director . . . . . Robert Cook
Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington
Pianist . . . . . Sharon McKenney
Organist . . . . . Mary Janet Copeland
Lexington
8:45 Presession Music . . . . . Johanna Smith and Rebecca Richey
Evangelistic Singers, Lexington and Madisonville
9:00 Hymn . . . . . Robert Cook
Prayer . . . . . Wilbur Powell
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Franklin
9:10 Bible Study — "Instructions and Encouragements to the Christian" 1 Pet. 3:14-5:14 . . . . . Leon Simpson
President, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville
9:35 Hymn . . . . . Robert Cook
Special Music . . . . . Johanna Smith and Rebecca Richey
9:45 Message — "Pastoral Leadership in Church Growth" . . . . . William Hancock
Pastor, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville

Music Association
Versailles Baptist Church
Versailles, Kentucky
November 8-9, 1982

President . . . . . Bruce Richardson
Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles
Secretary . . . . . Alan Chamness
First Baptist Church, Henderson

MONDAY

11:30 Officers' Luncheon (Annie's Sation, Midway)
12:30 Registration . . . . . North Main and Green Streets
1:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal . . . . . Eugene Sutherland, Director
Walnut Street Baptist Church
2:00 Call to Order and Welcome . . . . . Bruce Richardson
Worship . . . . . Dan Arterburn
Fort Mitchell Baptist Church
Youth Handbell Choir . . . . . Richard Dwyer, Director
Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
2:45 KBMA Business Session
Treasurer's Report
Election of New Officers
Report of the Church Music Department
3:15 Baptist Book Store Presentation . . . . . Linda Feddern
Baptist Book Store, Louisville
3:30 Orff Workshop Demonstration . . . . . Shelley Richardson
Children's Choir Coordinator
Versailles Baptist Church
3:45 Refreshment Break and Exhibits
4:15 Organ Mini Concert and a Discussion of Worship . . . . . Donald Hustad
V. V. Cooke Professor of Organ
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
5:30 Break
6:00 KBMA BANQUET
Entertainment by the "L.L.L. Club", senior adult musical group,
Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Billie Pace, director
7:30 Concert by Cumberland College Chorale . . . . . Joe Tarry, Director
8:15 Concert by Guest Artist . . . . . Beverly Terrell, Soprano
Houston, Texas
9:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal

TUESDAY MORNING

8:30 Coffee and Doughnuts . . . . . Immanuel Baptist Church Choir Room
9:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal
10:30 Sing for first session of the convention

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION 1982

Christian Education

Elrod stresses mission fund at campaign dinner

Over 100 church leaders representing 26 churches in Elkhorn Association attended the association's Decade of Progress Campaign banquet Aug. 31 at Georgetown College.

Dan J. Cooper, chairman of the campaign and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, presided. Other personalities included: Ben M. Elrod, Georgetown president; Bill Turner, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Lexington; H. K. Kingkade II, senior at Georgetown and president of the school's Baptist Student Union; and Johnie Dean, minister of music, Nicholasville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

The program acquainted church leaders in Elkhorn Association with the Mission Impact program of Georgetown College and the association's commitment to raise $250,000 to endow the program. J. Richard Carlton, director of development at Georgetown, presented an audiovisual program, "The Vision Continues," developed for churches in conjunction with the campaign.

Elrod likened the relationship of the college to the association's churches as one of a child to the parent. "One thing that is usually true of a child-parent relationship is that the child quite often writes home for money," Elrod said.

"As the child of the Elkhorn Association, Georgetown College is writing home for money to help us underwrite our Mission Impact program," he concluded.

Campbellsville enrols 700; 568 are from Kentucky

Enrolment for Campbellsville College's 1982 fall semester stands at 700, according to registrar Pat Cowherd. Last fall enrolment was 712 with a spring enrolment of 651.

"For the past 11 years our fall enrolment has averaged 695," said W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College. "Our 700 this year pleases me very much."

KBC ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

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

Cooperative Program is the best way.

JANUARY 1983

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

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GRATITUDE

I long to make known to every Kentucky Baptist the unusual dedication and heavy duty service currently being performed by our Convention Board employes whose work connects with the Baptist Building at Middletown. I speak of the Divisional and Department Directors and their Associates in our Executive Board Programs.

Over a 12 month period, 10 people of our professional staff (assisted here and there at points of need by three women from our state Woman's Missionary Union offices and eight Baptist Campus Ministers) are projecting, planning, promoting and leading two rounds of meetings in each of 72 of our 80 associations in the state. (One hundred and forty-four extra meetings)

The above number of meetings works out to an average of between 18 and 19 extra meetings for each person. They are being held all over the state. From Pikeville to Fulton, Covington to Franklin, Harlan to Henderson and many points in between, where the roads criss cross.

The first round of these meetings has been for pastors and staff. We are calling the second round meetings "Church Growth Workshops." Some staff members are personally carrying as many as 23 extra meetings all over the state. All our people are doing just about all they can to thus promote Bold Mission Thrust in the associations and churches. This is addition to the ongoing work of their offices and their Departmental activities and meetings all over our state.

I believe these good staff people right now are working harder than anyone I know. I pray that we are not overworking any of them to the point of endangerment of their health and welfare. They need your prayers and spiritual support and encouragement—like pastors and local ministers need to feel supported and appreciated in their faithful endeavors. Your state Board Missionaries are fully deserving of your material and financial support and the transportation you have thoughtfully provided them.

I salute all our state Mission Staff Employees. Let us all give them our hearty support and appreciation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

OCT. 10, 1982

H. C. Chiles

Life and Work Series
LIVING IN CHRIST

1 John 2:1-6 In this chapter the aged apostle referred to his readers as "my little children." John informed them of the purpose for which he was writing these words—that they might not sin against God.

The expression, "if any man sin," is an admission of the possibility of a Christian's yielding to the temptations which assail us from within and without. What then? Are we to despair? Not at all. No allowance is made for sin, but in case we do sin there is a divine provision for us. "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." This, however, does not excuse sin; but in case we do sin there is an advocate to help us through.

John spoke of the tests whereby one may know he is a child of God. One of these is obedience to his commandments. The thing of supreme importance is not how you talk about Christ, but how you walk in obedience to him. The genuineness of one's profession is determined by the consistency of his walk. Talking about our love for, devotion to, service for and faithfulness to Christ means nothing unless we obey him. Walking as Christ walked means to pattern our lives after his, which was one of submission to God's will and obedience to his Word.

1 John 2:9-10 Love is a test of fellowship with God. If love for one's brother is lacing, such a person is disobedient to God and walking in darkness. If one has hatred in his heart rather than love, one cannot prove to others he is a child of God.

1 John 2:15-17 Believers are exhorted to "love not the world." "The world" means the whole aggregate of things material and visible, together with those who are separated from God.

John declared that the world in itself is transitory—"The world passeth away;" and transitory in its power to excite desire—the lust thereof passeth away. "Lust" means all of the desires that are stimulated by, directed toward, and fed on the fleeting things of this life. The only life that abides forever is the one which is lived in love for Christ and in devoted service for him.

International Series
GOD ESTABLISHES THE PASSOVER

God instructed Moses and Aaron to deliver the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt. Before their deliverance occurred, God inflicted nine plagues upon the Egyptians which made life miserable for them, but Pharaoh refused to permit the Israelites to leave. To bring about their deliverance God sent the final plague, the death of the firstborn of men and beasts in one night. We cannot imagine the grief and the wailing which characterized the homes when the firstborn were put to death.

Exodus 12:11-17 The plan which God devised whereby each family of the Israelites could protect their firstborn from this plage was for each household to take a yearling male lamb, slay it, catch its blood in a basin and with a brush of hyssop apply the blood to the lintel and the sideposts of the door of their house and to remain therein until God gave permission to come out. If the blood were in evidence, the messenger of death to the firstborn would assuredly pass by. The only hope of protection was to remain inside the blood-sprinkled house. It was the blood alone which made them safe.

By the same token, it is the blood of Christ alone that provides safety from judgment against all sin. The blood of Christ satisfied God's holiness, maintained his righteousness and vindicated his justice. Every soul who would escape the wrath of God must personally accept the finished work of Christ.

Exodus 12:24-27 Upon the arrival of the Israelites in their own land, God commanded them to observe the Passover faithfully, constantly guarding against the danger of forgetting its significance and meaning, and to make much of the occasion as an opportunity for them to give the proper instruction to the rising generations. God was deeply concerned each future generation receive careful instruction about him—his will and his work, and for this he held the Israelites responsible. The same task has been divinely committed to God's children in our generation.

One hundred thirty two students from states other than Kentucky attend the college.

David Meece to perform at Campbellsville event

In connection with its 1982 homecoming Campbellsville College will present contemporary Christian recording artist David Meece in concert Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Athletic Center.

Meece performed concerts in 125 cities last year. Of his five albums, "Are You Ready?" and "Everybody Needs a Little Help" have ranked at the top of Christian music charts.

Before entering the Christian recording profession Meece studied music at Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md. After graduation he was a music minister at Calvary Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla., before signing a contract with WORD records.

Tickets for the concert are $4 in advance for students and $5 in advance for others. Tickets at the door are $6 for everyone.

For groups of 15 or more tickets can be obtained in advance for $4 by contacting the Student Government Association, (502) 465-8158, ext. 229, or writing SBC, Box 505, Campbellsville College, 200 College St. West, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

SWBTS boasts enrolment record of 3854 students

A record 3854 students enroled for the fall semester at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, according to statistics released by registrar Jeter Basden.

The total is a slight increase over the fall 1981 enrolment of 3837 in all programs on all campuses and represents the fourth consecutive record fall enrolment and 16th of the past 17 years.

Enrolment at Southwestern's three off-campus centers was up 11.4 percent to 280 from the fall 1981 total.

Fall enrolment includes 3173 men and 680 women representing 47 states and 31 foreign countries. More than 1000 students are mission volunteers.

Georgetown exceeds last 10 freshman enrolments

Georgetown College has its largest enrolment of new students in a decade according to Georgetown president Ben M. Elrod.

Elrod observed, "The total of 449 first year graduate and undergraduate students is marginally ahead of year ago when the total stood at 436. I am extremely pleased that again this year we have a record number."

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director
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"Q" CIRCLES

In a recent conference I was exposed to the Quality Control Circles as a philosophy of management and production. "Q.C." Circles, used effectively by Japan to increase both quality and productivity, is one reason they have come from the shambles of war to a leading industrial nation in 30 years. "Q.C." Circles is a plan of management that involves a group of employes meeting regularly and voluntarily to focus on identifying and solving work-related problems.

This philosophy of Quality Control Circles reminds me of what I call Quality Circles. It takes me back a few years to the family circle which to me was a "Q" Circle (Quality Circle). There was the "Q" Circle around the table for supper. After Dad thanked God for the food, we ate and talked about the events of the day.

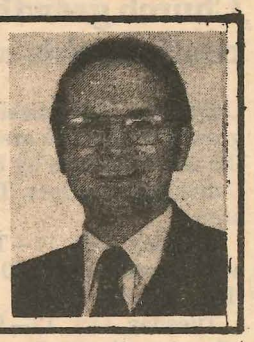
After supper we gathered in a circle. In the summer it was on the porch or out in the yard. In the winter that circle was around the fireplace. We talked and listened to the parents tell interesting stories. The day was ended with Bible reading and prayer.

It was a sad and difficult day when that circle was broken. My brother, 21, just married a few months, was killed in an automobile-train accident. There was left a vacant place in the circle and in our hearts. Though he has never been forgotten, time and faith healed the break. We continued living with the "Q" Circle broken here, but our faith in God and the saving power of Christ made us know the circle would not be broken in heaven.

So many family circles are broken today, not only by death but by divorce, desertion, alcohol, crime and a multitude of other destructive forces. Many of these broken families are not able to cope and to heal the break.

Your Baptist Homes for Children was formed by Kentucky Baptists because of the great need to minister to dependent, neglected and often abused children. We are in the business of ministering to children that come from Broken Circles. It is our joy to fold them into a new Q.C. and share with them a quality life—the abundant life in Christ.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS



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

INAUGURATION IS EXCITING

At Clear Creek there is already a sense of great excitement as we are preparing for the inauguration of a new president on Friday, Oct. 22, 1982.

Usually I am not too much given to 'pomp and circumstance.' However, I believe this inauguration will be a truly historic occasion for Clear Creek. Our school has had only two presidents, Dr. L. C. Kelly, its founder, and Dr. D. M. Aldridge, my immediate predecessor. Only one inauguration has been witnessed previously and we will have trustees and faculty and alumni present in October who were also present when Dr. Aldridge was formally installed many years ago.

Please consider this your invitation to my inauguration. Listed are the events included and we would be glad to have you come to see us at this special time.

Thursday, October 21		
Trustees' Coffee	*8:30 - 9:30 a.m.*	*President's Home*
Trustees' Meeting	*9:30 - 12:30*	*Aldridge Building*
Campus-Wide Luncheon	*12:30 p.m.*	*Campus*
Trustees' Meeting	*2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*	*Aldridge Building*
Campus Tours	*2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*	
Trustees' Dinner	*5:00 p.m.*	*Kelly Hall*
Inaugural Concert	*7:30 p.m.*	*Binghamtown Baptist Church*
President's Reception		*Fellowship Hall*
Friday, October 22		
Continental Breakfast and Registration of Delegates	*8:30 - 10:00 a.m.*	*First Baptist Church Pineville*
Assembly for Processional	*10:15 a.m.*	
Inauguration	*11:00 a.m.*	*First Baptist Church Pineville*
Luncheon	*12:30 p.m.*	*Kelly Hall*
Campus Open House and Tours	*1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*	

ONEIDA JOURNAL

Barkley Moore, President, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972

TORNADO AT ONEIDA

No, not a destructive tornado. Ours is a routine of tornado-like activity each Oneida day. The weekend of Sept. 24-26 began with the closing service of our Fall Revival on Friday evening. We had 42 professions of faith as David Bailey Sr. of Tazwell, Va. preached for the week. It was not an ending, but a great beginning in many lives.

Four of our staff took 73 of our science students to the Oak Ridge Atomic plant, as other of our science classes have visited there in the past.

On Saturday morning 31 students from our civics classes and three staff left early to visit the state capitol, the old Capitol and the lieutenant governor's mansion.

In the meantime 15 students from our Appalachian studies class traveled eastward with seven of our staff to Alice Lloyd College to take part in "Appalachian Day" activities of singing and crafts and three of our staff sang on the program.

The girls volleyball team had left on Friday evening for Louisville, chaperoned by three of our staff, and had two meets on Saturday. Our girls gave a good account of themselves but lost both matches. A number of our parents, some alumni and one of our trustees were there to cheer them on.

Our girls and boys cross country teams were faring better in four races on the Berea College campus as they competed against Berea and Madison Central. Our boys won both the varsity and junior varsity events and the top six in the boys varsity event were all from Oneida. Our girls came in second in both events. Our boys team record is 10-1.

Meanwhile back on the Oneida campus, some of our boys worked much of Friday night, all day Saturday and late into the night on a stage set for our upcoming Homecoming drama production of "Harvey." Last month 25 of our drama class and four staff traveled to Cincinnati to see the play produced on the Riverboat Majestic and two weeks later saw it given by another group at Berea College. We take our drama seriously and several of our graduates are now in college on drama scholarships.

Also, Saturday afternoon our pastor Rackley took 17 of our BSU members to visit with and pray for many of the folk living in the nearby Laurel Creek Nursing Home.

My assistant, Jim Boswell, and Mrs. Boswell left to represent our school at the 300th anniversary celebration of historic First Baptist in Charleston, S. C. where they were members while on the staff of the Baptist College of Charleston. Also, our principal, Oliver Hawkins, celebrating his 56th birthday, represented us at the Irvine Association.

In the meantime, many activities on our campus were going forward. Guests from the South Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, were here for a tour and lunch; other guests included visitors from far west Kentucky and West Virginia, a new girl arriving from Cincinnati to be a student and several couples to spend the night.

Early Sunday 37 of our choir and five staff left to sing at the Liberty Baptist Church, a generous supporter of our work. That afternoon they sang at the annual Apple Festival. In the meantime three of our students, and several alumni, now students at UK, were hosting the opening of a craft exhibit in Lexington.

I spoke in the morning at Chevy Chase Baptist, Lexington, and in the evening at Oak Grove in Jackson County. It is a constant round of activity. But blessed with good health and a lot of energy, as well as a sense of God's will, I feel the longest day short, the hottest sun set too soon. I feel the power of the prayers of his people. Have you prayed for Oneida, our staff, our boys and girls today?

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Church growth workshops continue this week

Only three Bold Mission Thrust church growth workshops are scheduled during the next few days by Kentucky Baptist Convention staffers. Times and places are:

Monday, Oct. 11—**Ten Mile Association**, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Warsaw (Ky.) Baptist Church

Tuesday, Oct. 12—**Enterprise Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Paintsville

Tuesday, Oct. 12—**Wayne Association**, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Monticello

Cothen hospitalized; no signs of cancer

Baptist Sunday School Board president Grady C. Cothen entered a Nashville hospital Sept. 26 for a series of exhaustive tests and minor corrective surgery.

Cothen, 62, entered St. Thomas hospital after experiencing continuing health problems. No evidence of any problem related to Cothen's 1980 stomach surgery for cancer was indicated.

He was expected to be released after a stay of three to five days.

Because of continuing medical problems Cothen asked board trustees in August for medical retirement effective Mar. 1, 1984. The trustees elected a seven-member presidential search committee and adopted guidelines for selecting Cothen's successor by February 1983 or as soon thereafter as possible.

New Nashville facility for SBC nearer reality

Plans for a new building to house eight Southern Baptist Convention agencies moved ahead during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee with the approval, in principle, of an agreement between the agencies which would jointly occupy the building.

The Executive Committee, which will either own or be trustee of the proposed new building authorized its long range study committee to proceed, obtaining detailed plans, engineering studies, square footage requirements and cost estimates.

Rodney Landes, a layman from El Dorado, Ark., pointed out it was the fourth report the study committee has made to the Executive Committee in the nearly two years it has been in operation. Other members are William Fortune, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dotson Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.; and SBC president James T. Draper Jr., Euless, Tex.

Landes, chairman of the committee, pointed out much of the work of the agreement was done by work teams from each of the agencies, as well as the executives, who have met regularly to work out details of the joint occupancy.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, told members that the "several agencies . . . require housing beyond the space presently afforded. These entities believe that good stewardship calls for them to occupy a building together."

Currently, seven of the eight agencies are housed in the SBC Building at 460 James Robertson Pky. in downtown Nashville, a 19-year-old facility. They are the Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Executive Committee, Seminary External Education Division of the six SBC seminaries, Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Foundation and the Stewardship Commission.

The eighth, the SBC Historical Commission, currently is housed in the Baptist Sunday School Board building at 127 Ninth Avenue, North in Nashville, but plans to move to an SBC building, if it is built.

Under the agreement, the Executive Committee would accept the gift of a tract of land at Ninth and Commerce—adjacent to the BSSB building—from the Sunday School Board, and would contract for the planning and construction of a building.

Draper says radio-tv is 'our agenda for the future'

Calling the ministry of the Radio and Television Commission "truly futuristic," SBC president James T. Draper Jr. outlined his views on religious broadcasting for the agency's trustees who met in Ft. Worth, Tex. to approve a record budget.

"I would think the Radio and Television Commission, for Southern Baptists, is our agenda for the future," he said. "You are dealing with tomorrow today."

During the meeting, trustees unanimously adopted a base budget of $5.5 million for fiscal 1982-83, which includes $4.2 million from the Cooperative Program operating budget. A budget addendum of $2.5 million in anticipated income will be used to develop TV programs and finance satellite transmission of the programs for the American Christian Television Systems (ACTS).

RTVC president Jimmy R. Allen told the trustees the additional income will come from commitments already made to the commission. The RTVC also is scheduled to receive 20 percent of the 1982 Cooperative Program advance budget, the money given to the Cooperative Program in excess of its operating budget.

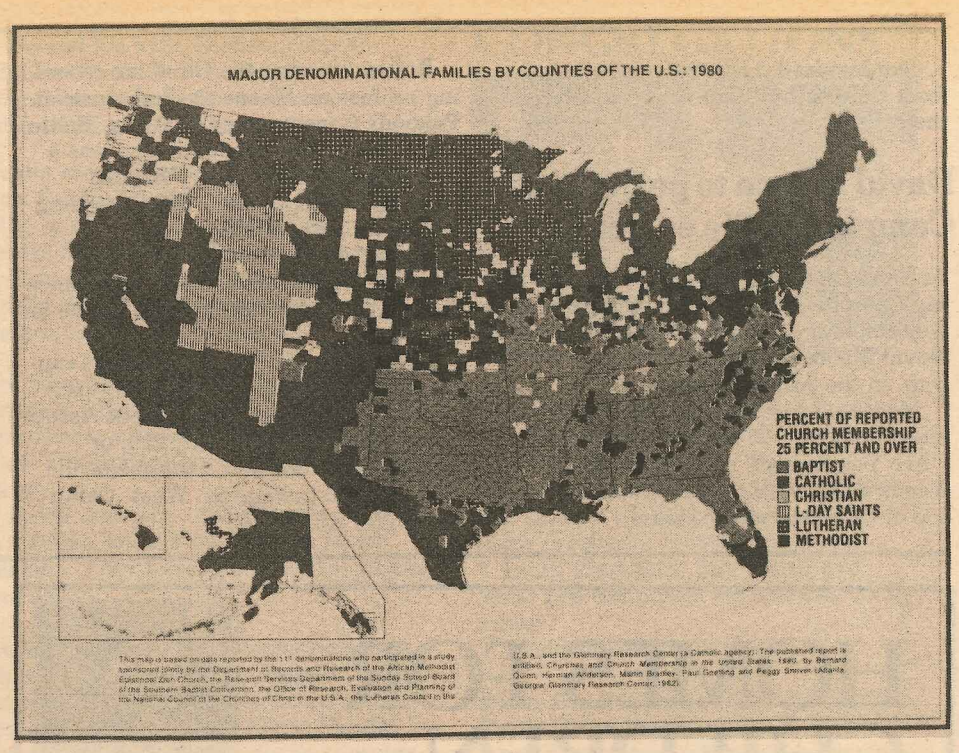
Arkansas elects pastor as its next executive

Don Moore, 49, a Ft. Smith, Ark. pastor, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Moore, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, replaces Huber Drumwright, who died Nov. 2, 1981. L. L. Collins, associate executive secretary, has been interim executive secretary.

The Ft. Smith pastor, who was elected unanimously in an open vote at a called meeting of the 92-member state executive board Sept. 23, planned to resign his pastorate Sept. 26 and assume responsibilities in Little Rock Oct. 18.

Kerry Powell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Forrest City, and chairman of the nine-member search committee, said the group held 15 meetings since it was formed nine months ago. He described Moore as "a man who loves Jesus . . . preaches the Word . . . raises our sights (as a state convention) . . . and is of impeccable character and high standards."



Moore has been pastor of the Ft. Smith congregation 12 years. During his tenure church membership has increased 59 percent, growing from 1910 to more than 3000, and Sunday school enrolment has grown 70 percent, rising from 1583 in 1970 to 2697 in 1981.

According to the Arkansas conventional annual, Moore's church was second in the state in 1981 in Cooperative Program giving. The annual reports the church gave $288,127 to missions, including $197,778 through the Cooperative Program. The total church budget was $1,819,735.

Moore attended the University of Arkansas and graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1955 and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1958. He has been pastor of churches in Smackover, Camden and Jonesboro, Ark., Corum, Okla., and New Orleans, La.

He was president of the Arkansas convention, 1974-75; state pastor's conference, 1972; and cochairman of the 1976 statewide evangelistic campaign.

Bennett, Draper, Falwell deny SBC to push rally

A nationally-circulated news article, reporting the Southern Baptist Convention would cosponsor a rally for Israeli Prime Minister Menacham Begin, is in error, SBC leaders say.

The report, circulated by United Press International, quoted Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell as saying he had agreed to cosponsor a rally Nov. 16 in Dallas with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said the convention is not involved in the rally, although individual Southern Baptist pastors or churches might be.

SBC president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Tex., said he had been asked "months ago" to participate in a rally of support for Israel, but will not be in town on the scheduled date, so will not participate.

Draper said also he has some difficulties with a "rally" which he says "implies support . . . almost like support for him (Begin) personally. While I wish to extend friendship and prayers, I do not wish to indicate political support in any way."

Five Kentucky sites set for TV satellite seminars

Five Kentucky sites have been announced for a nationwide satellite seminar to be held Tuesday, Oct. 26, introducing adult Sunday school growth emphasis.

Sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, the seminar will be held at 90 locations in 24 states, reaching approximately 9000 persons. A one-hour live video program will be telecast from WDCN-TV studio in Nashville and beamed nationwide using the Holiday Inn Satellite Network (Hi-Net).

Host directors and locations in four Holiday Inns in Kentucky and one church are listed:

The seminar at Holiday Inn, London, will be hosted by Don Mathis, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin. At the Holiday Inn, Ft. Mitchell, the director will be Everett Alford, a state adult special worker from Florence. Holiday Inn, Kentucky Dam, will be directed by Bob Kersey, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Paducah. Holiday Inn North, Lexington, will be directed by Bob Justice, minister of education at Porter Memorial Baptist Church. In Louisville, Highview Baptist Church will be the site. The director will be Harold Price, minister of education at Shively Baptist Church.

The seminar begins at 11 a.m. and includes the video program introducing the adult growth emphasis and the "Powerpacket for an Adult Class," a question-and-answer session with the host director and lunch. Tickets may be purchased for $10 from host directors.

The adult class powerpacket is designed to inform and motivate adults to witness to unsaved persons.

CP budget to jump $28.4 million?

A $125 million goal has been established for the 1983-84 Cooperative Program budget of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The goal, from which the detailed budget will be prepared, includes an operating budget of $114,500,000, compared to the 1982-83 figure of $96,635,000.

Included in the overall goal is a $3,340,385 capital needs budget and a Bold Mission Thrust Challenge goal of $7,159,615.

A detailed budget will be prepared following budget hearings in January and will be presented at the February session of the Executive Committee. Final action will be at the 1983 annual session of the SBC in Pittsburgh.

According to material presented during the September meeting of the Executive Committee, anticipated receipts for 1983-84 are $122 million, a 14 percent increase over projected receipts for 1982-83.

Beirut!

Playing rough

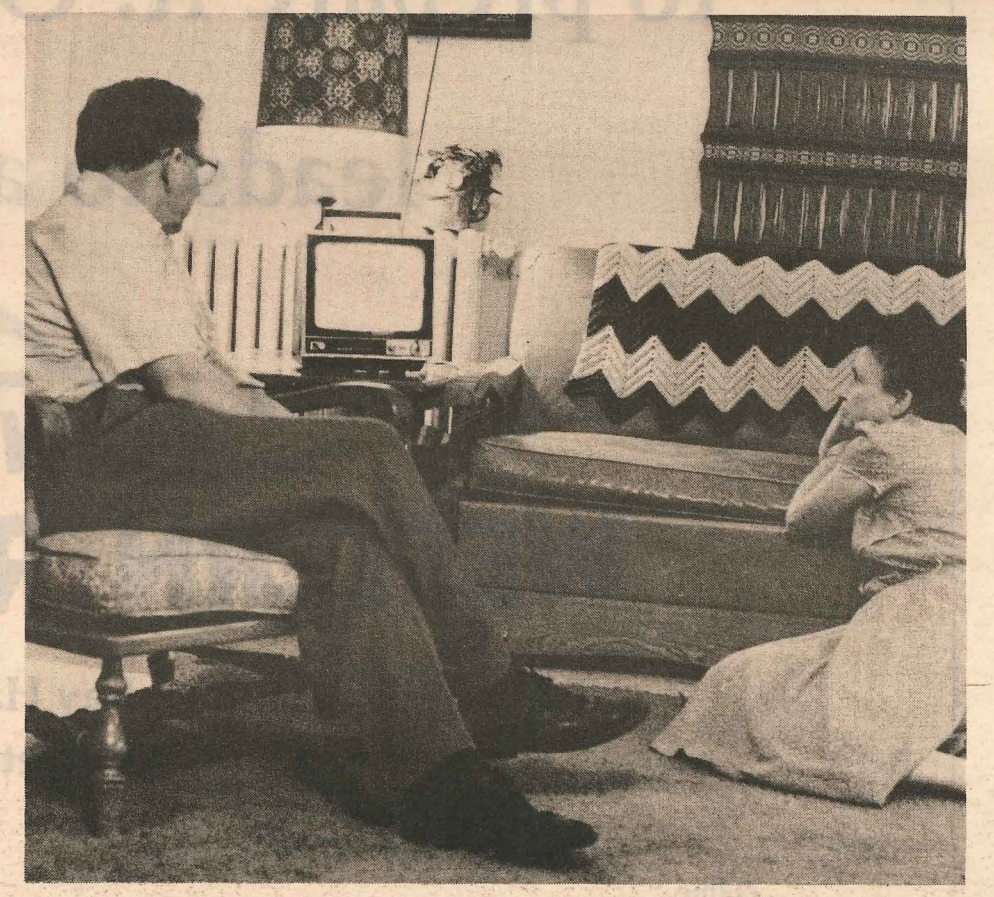
Jim Ragland, Southern Baptist missionary in west Beirut, Lebanon, surveys the damage of a cluster bomb in the playground of Beirut Baptist School where he is principal. Another cluster struck the roof of the school building [background] and a phosphorous bomb caused light structural damage to the front of the school during the same barrage. After the attacks looters entered the school and stripped it of supplies and furnishings.

Precarious play area

Children play on a second floor patio in Sidon in southern Lebanon, seemingly oblivious to the wreckage from the third floor over the heads. They are typical of the people of Lebanon, who live their lives as normally as they can in spite of the destruction and continued skirmishes between rival factions.

Could have been worse

A phosphorous bomb slammed into Beirut Baptist School several weeks ago creating this ominous crack, but caused limited damage otherwise. The building housed several refugee families then but no one was injured. No Southern Baptist missionaries were there. Jim and Leola Ragland, who have served at the school since its founding 27 years ago, have since returned from a brief visit to the United States and are preparing for school to begin. Surveying the damage are John Cheyne [l], Foreign Mission Board senior consultant for human needs ministry; missionary Ed Nicholas and Ragland [r].



Too close for comfort

Ed and Anne Nicholas, Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East for 26 years, watch television news in their home to catch the latest word about the conflict in Lebanon. The Nicholases, who with Mabel Summers have been the only missionaries to remain in Lebanon throughout the entire crises, vividly illustrate the commitment of the missionaries to Lebanon, according to John Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board senior consultant for human needs ministries. Cheyne awoke early the morning after president elect Bashir Gemayel was assassinated and found the Nicholases listening to their radio. "Anne was just sobbing her heart out," he recalls. "She felt such a personal identification with the country."

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