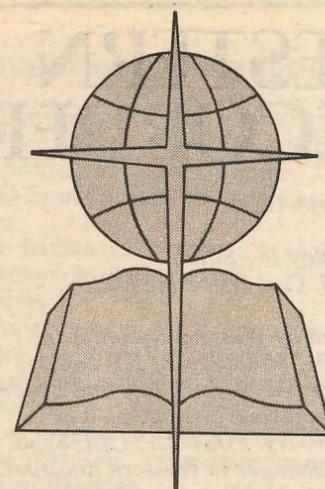


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Denominational leaders meet Oct. 5 to 'define' SBC problems

by Dan Martin

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. and eight other leaders met Oct. 5 to discuss ways to help the 13.8 million member denomination "get past the controversy we have been in."

While declining to discuss the specific details of the meeting, Draper told Baptist Press the participants "discussed inerrancy, theology, the program, the schools, education . . . the whole thing. It was an honest discussion of what we felt the controversy was about, why we were having problems, why we were having tensions. We talked about the Southern Baptist Convention as each of us saw it."

Meeting with Draper at the Dallas/Ft. Worth (Tex.) Airport complex were: William Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies; Adrian Rogers, past SBC president and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Fred Wolfe, president of the SBC Pastors Conference and pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Also participating were John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., and first vice president of the SBC, and Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and second vice president of the SBC.

Declining to participate was Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church of Houston, Tex., and a leader of the moderate-conservative faction of

the denomination. "He (Draper) invited me and I had intended to go. I decided for personal reasons not to participate," Chafin said, but did not elaborate.

Draper said: "We had a good meeting. It was honest and candid. Everybody made strong statements. There was a willingness on the part of everybody to discuss what we had been doing." He noted he had invited a small group because he "knew the smaller the group the more progress we could make."

He added the group agreed "there are points beyond which we cannot go" (but) said there is still room for negotiation.

Dilday said he was "pleased with any effort like this to get groups of people in our convention together. I feel it is always helpful in a time of disagreement and tension to sit down across the table and share in an open way."

He specified he participated not as an official representative of the seminary but as an "individual."

Patterson, identified as a leader of a movement to turn the denomination to a more conservative stance, said the meeting was amicable, frank and honest. "Nobody became combative . . . that was a very definite plus, demonstrating widely disparate views can come together and talk."

Rogers said it was "productive and helped us to clear our minds as to how the various ones in the room perceived

the problem. I believe before we can solve the difficulties, we have got to have a clear understanding of what they are. I felt it was a worthwhile meeting."

Draper and Patterson were hesitant to label the meeting "productive," both noting it is "too soon to tell." But Patterson commented: "I feel it is produc-

tive when folks who disagree are sitting down talking."

Draper said he is planning another meeting, but with an expanded participation. "We will probably triple the number of participants," he said, noting no date has been set for such a meeting, but indicating it may be in late October or early November.

BJCPA reaffirms support of free exercise rights

A reaffirmation of the free exercise of religion rights guaranteed by the First Amendment highlighted a two-day meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive committee.

In a unanimously adopted statement the Baptist Joint Committee underscored its "determination to safeguard the genuine free exercise rights of every U. S. citizen."

The statement further requested staff

of the Washington, D. C. based agency to "seek proper legislative and judicial avenues to protect and enhance the free exercise of religion of all citizens including that of elementary and secondary school children."

In other action the committee affirmed the Baptist Joint Committee's participation in the Brooks Hays Memorial Fund—an endowment set up to honor the late Baptist statesman and former congressman from Arkansas.

Illinois editor wins third historical award

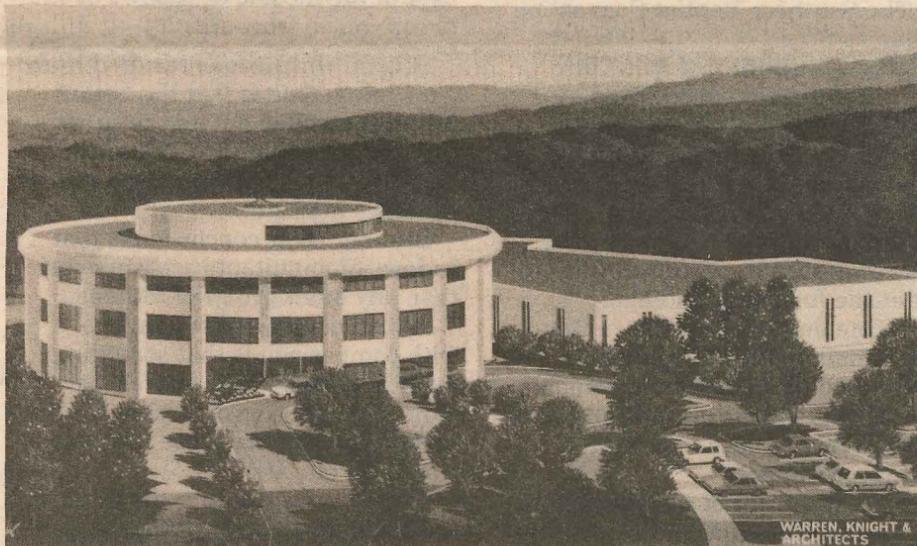
Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist, has been honored by the Illinois State Historical Society for 40 photo essays on Illinois churches.

The society presented an award of merit for the series published in the Illinois Baptist, newsjournal of the Illinois Baptist State Association, during the past 11 months. To prepare the series Hastings visited a cross-section of Illinois churches, including rural and city, ethnic and black, large and small.

The purpose of the series was to highlight the 75th anniversary year of the Illinois Baptist State Association founded in 1907.

According to Lynn E. May, executive director of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, "the series is not only valuable as a resource for a better understanding of the religious history of Illinois but also is valuable to the entire Southern Baptist Convention as a resource for a better understanding of Baptists in this geographical area of the nation."

Hastings' current award marks his third award from the Illinois State Historical Society. In 1973 he was honored for his boyhood memoirs, *A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk*, and again in 1976 for his oral history of Baptists in Illinois, *We Were There*.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

New WMU building, near Birmingham, Ala., to be completed in 1984.

Bob Jones, Goldsboro dominate high court

The church-state docket of the U. S. Supreme Court, which returned to the bench Oct. 4 for its 1982-83 term, is dominated by the pending conflict between the Internal Revenue Service and Bob Jones University and Goldsboro (N. C.) Christian schools over tax-exempt status for the two schools.

While the high court announced on its first day back after a traditional summer recess that it will decide on the constitutionality of a Minnesota law providing tax deductions to parents who send their children to sectarian schools, its church-state agenda features one of the most highly publicized cases in recent years, the IRS flap with Bob Jones and Goldsboro over race discrimination policies.

Complicating the case for nearly a year has been the government's on-again, off-again decision to pursue the IRS's claim that revocation of Bob Jones' tax-exempt status and outright

denial of the benefit to Goldsboro Christian Schools is mandated by civil rights laws barring discrimination in admissions and other school policies.

The tangled web clinging to the Bob Jones-Goldsboro case began in 1969 when the IRS announced, with the support of then president Richard M. Nixon, that it would thereafter deny tax exemption to schools that could not prove they did not discriminate on the basis of race.

With the successive support of the Ford and Carter administrations, IRS refused to back down. In 1976 it revoked the tax-exempt status of Bob Jones University.

Officials at the Greenville, S. C. institution were encouraged, nevertheless, when presidential candidate Ronald Reagan promised during the 1980 campaign to reverse the IRS policy, a pledge generally unreported by the media.

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C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Retired Baptist ministers deserve better treatment

If churches face a final accounting, and I believe they do, some will be found grossly guilty of neglect of their responsibility to care for the material needs of those who served them as ministers. When it comes to the care of retired ministers, churches are even more guilty.

Many of us know of retired Baptist ministers who have it hard because of meager retirement income. The truth is many of them would be completely upon the mercy of the world were it not for Social Security, Medicare and their ability to continue working after retirement age.

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board sought to learn the degree of suffering of many of these retired servants of God by asking them to fill out a questionnaire included with monthly checks mailed to them earlier this year.

The findings reveal a distressing situation. Indeed, it is more than distressing. It is shameful! Consider the following findings:

- One half of all Southern Baptist annuitants receive less than \$100 a month in annuity payments.
- Eighty-six percent of widows of pastors receive less than \$100 a month in annuity.
- Four percent of retired pastors receive food stamps and seven percent of ministers' widows get food stamps. Others qualify but refuse food stamps because of their pride.
- Five percent of retired ministers live below the poverty level and 20 percent of widows of ministers live below poverty level. (Poverty level is considered to be \$3950 for one person and \$4980 for a couple.)
- Only three percent of retired ministers say they have more than adequate income.
- Twenty-four percent of retired pastors do not own a home and 50 percent of widows of ministers own no house in which to live. Some who own homes report they are falling down for lack of funds to repair and maintain.

If these suffering retired servants of God had rendered limited ministries, low retirement income would be understandable. The fact is they gave heart and soul for an average period of 35 years.

In light of such limited annuity income, how do these retirees sur-

vive? They survive thanks to Social Security, Medicare, friends, loved ones and the ability of many to continue working. Here are other facts revealed in the survey:

- Forty-two percent of retired pastors continue to work at least part time and 24 percent of widows of retirees work.
- Ninety-two percent of retired pastors and 79 percent of widows of retirees receive Social Security.
- Eighty-six percent of retired pastors and 70 percent of widows of retirees have Medicare.

Indisputable proof that working after retirement, Social Security and Medicare and not annuity income are now the hope for retired preachers is seen in the fact that only about 11 percent of the average household income of retired ministers and a little over 13 percent of the income of widows of retirees comes from annuity.

Several conclusions resulted from the survey. One is that the better off retirees filled out and returned the survey form and so the picture is most likely darker than the above statistics indicate.

Another clear conclusion is that widows of annuitants are worse off than any other group of retirees.

A final conclusion for anyone with compassion is that something must be done to relieve present suffering and to insure more adequate provision for those who retire from now on.

The Annuity Board is about ready to challenge churches, pastors and staff members with a much better plan than the present one. Be ready to respond positively.

How much power should a convention president have?

How much power the president of the Southern Baptist Convention should have is a burning question among Southern Baptists today. Examination of the duties and powers of this office since the organization of the convention in 1845 indicates this question has never been answered satisfactorily.

A basic principle of Baptists is that power should never be concentrated in one person but should be spread as widely as possible. Most convention presidents have followed this principle and have seldom used the office to advance

personal positions or programs. The power of a convention president has generally been conceived as the power of influence and example rather than constitutionally delegated authority.

This principle was abandoned in 1979 when Judge Paul Pressler and Paige Patterson adroitly devised a plan to use the appointive power of this office to advance the cause of ultraconservatism in the Southern Baptist Convention. The plan was to load the committee on committees which the president appoints with ultraconservatives which in turn would nominate ultraconservatives for the committee on boards which nominates trustees and directors of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Adrian Rogers and Bailey Smith, the first two presidents sponsored by Pressler, Patterson and their followers, lived up to or surpassed the expectation of their sponsors. No such one sided committees as they appointed have ever been seen in Southern Baptist history.

Actually the convention president has been entrusted throughout Southern Baptist history with considerable appointive powers. In 1845 when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized no specific appointive powers were assigned to the president but in 1846 a motion was adopted allowing the convention president to appoint all committees of the convention unless otherwise ordered. The only two convention agencies at that time were the Foreign Mission Board and the Domestic (Home) Mission Board.

In 1872 it was voted that instead of naming board members himself, the president should appoint a committee of two from each state to nominate members of boards of the convention (almost the same plan used today).

In 1917 a motion was adopted calling for the four vice presidents of the convention and five other brethren to compose a committee on committees to appoint a committee on boards. The convention president was to name the five brethren on the committee on committees.

J. B. Gambrell, noted Baptist statesman, praised this action saying the responsibility was more than one man (the convention president) ought to bear and that the committee appointments should be spread more widely.

In 1925 the responsibility for ap-

pointing the committee on boards was again placed in the hands of the convention president.

In 1946 the plan was changed so that the convention messengers from each state would caucus at the convention and suggest three names from which the current committee on boards would choose one and these would constitute the new committee on boards.

The state caucus plan was abandoned two years later. It was replaced with the plan of letting the committee on committees (appointed by the president) name the committee on boards.

In 1961 the question arose as to whether the convention vice president should enter into the decision process in naming the committee on committees. This was thought to be good and accounts for the present reading of Bylaw 21 which provides for the appointment of the committee on committees by "the president, in conference with the vice presidents."

The problem has come in connection with the interpretation of Bylaw 21 and specifically with the phrase "in conference with the vice presidents." Some presidents have leaned heavily upon the vice presidents in choosing members of committees while others have virtually acted unilaterally.

There is no doubt that the interpretation given by Bylaw 21 by presidents Adrian Rogers and Bailey Smith has politicized the office and has concentrated power in the hands of one man which Dr. Gambrell warned against in 1918 and the convention sought to avoid by amending Bylaw 21 to provide for presidential appointments in conference with the vice presidents.

This problem has to be solved or the fellowship of the convention will continue to be threatened.

The ideal solution is for all convention presidents to observe the spirit of Bylaw 21 which is to bring the vice presidents in the appointive process fully. A unilateral approach to this responsibility is vicious and is a sign of a little instead of a big person.

The convention presidency is an office of honor and trust. Those who occupy it are expected to be spiritual and not political leaders. The office is degraded when used for personal and political ends.

James Draper Jr., current president, has a good opportunity to restore fairness and integrity to the office of convention president. Pray for him.

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Those growth workshops are in seven locations

Church growth workshops, described in detail on page 4 of this week's Western Recorder, will be held in seven locations before another Recorder is issued.

Times and places are:

Thursday, Oct. 14—Lynn Camp and North Concord associations, meeting at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Corbin

Friday, Oct. 15—Crittenden Association, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Dry Ridge (Ky.) Baptist Church

Friday, Oct. 15—Upper Cumberland Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Lowell

Friday, Oct. 15—Boone's Creek Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Corinth Baptist Church, Trapp

Monday, Oct. 18—Lynn Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Munfordville (Ky.) Baptist Church

Monday, Oct. 18—Owen County Association, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Owenton

Tuesday, Oct. 19—Red River Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Stanton (Ky.) Baptist Church

MSU BSU to host alums at homecoming

A reception is planned for all BSU alumni of Morehead State University during homecoming weekend Oct. 28-30.

The reception will be Saturday, Oct. 30 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center, according to Gene Parr, campus minister.

There's good news for Good News deliverers

The stop-gap funding measure approved by Congress before it adjourned for the Nov. 2 general election maintains, for the time being, existing non-profit postal rates.

The measure will fund federal agencies and programs through Dec. 17, by which time Congress must pass the regular appropriations bills for fiscal 1983 or be forced to come up with another stop-gap measure.

Rates for non-profit mailers such as Baptist state papers performed like a roller coaster during 1982. In January, due to a shortfall in another continuing appropriations measure Congress passed in late 1981, non-profit rates jumped from step 10 to step 16 of a 16-year phasing process begun in 1970 to gradually move preferred mail rates toward the full attributable costs by 1987. The increase doubled the postage costs of most Baptist state papers.

Then, when Congress included a \$42 million postal subsidy in an emergency supplemental appropriations measure last July, non-profit rates were brought

back to step 13.

Non-profit rates are expected to climb again when Congress enacts the regular funding bill for the Postal Service but not nearly as drastically as the January 1982 increase.

Criswell warns 'we are losing our institutions'

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., warned Baptists they are in danger of losing their educational institutions to "the liberals."

"All the great old universities of the world were established by the church for religious purposes—to train the ministry and godly laypeople," he said. "All of us know the great old schools are now completely secular. All are lost to the faith. They are infidel institutions."

"It is the same pattern I see no less in our great Baptist institutions."

Criswell, president of the SBC (1969-70), decried comments recently about the battle for the Bible, charging concerns were misplaced.

Criswell said he heard the "head of a Baptist agency" say Baptists are straying from their purpose of missions with an overemphasis on biblical authority. (He referred to a speech by R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.)

"He (Parks) lives in a city (Richmond, Va.) where a university (The University of Richmond) was lost," Criswell said. "Why doesn't he say anything about the castigation of that school?"

Criswell quoted a recent talk by William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, in which Self warned Baptists are in danger of being stampeded from their goals of missions and evangelism into a "swamp of

Note to Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers

The Kentucky Baptist Convention will meet with Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington, Nov. 9-11. Churches sending messengers should determine the number of messengers by membership ARTICLE III of the convention's constitution which reads as follows:

ARTICLE III: The membership of this body shall consist of messengers from cooperating affiliated Baptist churches as follows:

(1) Two messengers from each church having 100 members or less, which is in friendly cooperation with this convention; is sympathetic with its purposes and work; and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work.

(2) One additional messenger for each such church shall be allowed for each additional 250 members, or for each \$250.00 contributed to the Cooperative Program during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting, but no churches may be allowed more than 10 messengers.

(3) Messenger cards will be sent, upon request, to individual churches who meet the above requirements from the state convention office.

(4) Ballots will be issued to each messenger at the time one registers.

Churches using the Cooperative Program gifts to the convention for determining additional messengers should refer to the audited Cooperative Program giving as recorded in the 1981 KBC Annual beginning on page 409-424.

Messengers may include ministers, staff members and lay persons when churches are eligible for additional messengers. All messengers are required to register before receiving ballots.

Visitors are always welcome and they, too, should register upon arrival at the convention site where badges and materials are disbursed. Visitors may speak as provided by Bylaw 2: "Visitors shall have the privilege of speaking in debate but not of voting."

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creedalism."

"What creedalism?" he asked. "Because of the insistence that teachers and professors believe in the word of God? I don't understand why our de-

nominal leaders seek to cut down those who stand up for the infallible, inerrant word of God.

"The liberals are taking our institutions away one by one," he said.

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For additional information contact the Director of Alumni Affairs, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769 or telephone (606) 549-2200, Extension 400.

Potpourri

Church growth workshops: a smorgasbord of ideas to help churches launch bold missions

Anna Mary Byrdwell gives a testimony from her home church's stewardship campaign.

Fred Halbrooks leads in singing

State denominational leaders are everywhere these days it seems. There are good reasons for it. They're caught up in what Southern Baptists have voted to be about.

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"Bring Them In."

Bob Jones uses a film to instill the concept of birthing new congregations.

Mike King draws concentric circles of concern on a sketch pad.

Vernon Cole distributes a printed invitation to a baptismal service.

ALL OF THE ABOVE are techniques Kentucky Baptist Convention staff members are currently employing in 56 church growth workshops across the state. A reporter attended No. 27 of the 56 in Elkhorn Association, held at Versailles Baptist Church on a recent Friday night.

The workshops, as previously announced in Western Recorder, are specifically planned to help congregations implement Bold Mission Thrust—to become a part of Southern Baptists' nationwide effort to reach unchurched people in a massive way by the year 2000.

The individual workshops are all they have been advertised to be—"motivational and inspirational," and—in fact—some of the best team efforts to come from the Baptist Building in Middletown.

According to actual count, 45 different individuals are participating in leading these workshops. Leaders are drawn from the KBC executive board staff, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist campus ministers, associational missionaries and a few pastors and ministers of education.

THE FIRST SUCH WORKSHOP was held Sept. 9 in Henry County. The last one is scheduled Nov. 18 in Freedom Association. Western Recorder is announcing the weekly schedule on the "Baptist News in Brief" page.

The format in each location follows the same pattern. After a few moments of introductions and instructions in the church auditorium, participants divide themselves into one of five workshops. The workshops offered are the same at each location. A brief combined service of commitment concludes the two-hour meeting.

In the Elkhorn session Vernon Cole, director of the KBC Church Training Department, presided as staff coordinator. A different individual fills this role at each location.

Cole also had the responsibility that evening of team teaching a workshop for pastors and church and associational staff members. The other half of the team that particular evening was Douglas Strader, pastor of Somerset's Beacon Hill Baptist Church, who is appearing in six of the 56 church growth workshops.

Fred E. Halbrooks, state Sunday School Department director, led a workshop titled "8.5 by '85."

Bob Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, was in charge of "Missions Ministry" workshop.

A "Witness Training" section was conducted by Mike King, associate in the Church Training Department at Middletown.

One on "Stewardship" was directed by Anna Mary Byrdwell, director of Baptist Women's work in the state WMU office.

While 20 minutes in each workshop permits only a sampling of the smorgasbord of ideas which were offered, the taste in one's mouth is a

good one. Here is some of what was observed.

IN THE "WITNESS TRAINING" WORKSHOP, Mike King's crowd consisted primarily of Church Training directors, deacons and Sunday school outreach directors.

When he drew those concentric circles of concern on the sketch pad, he talked about the divergent groups of persons each of us encounters in life. They include family, relatives, associates, neighbors, friends, acquaintances and finally person X. King suggested that witnessing to them "should be a very natural occurrence.

"There are some people who aren't ever going to be able to share a verbal witness," said King. "There are those who will do it through good deeds.

"Our responsibility is to share the witness. From that point on, it is not our responsibility to force the issue. We turn it over to the Lord, and he will do the rest," he suggested.

His audience agreed and shared testimony to their beliefs.

MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE HALL, Bob Jones was asking his "Missions and Ministry" conferees to pair off and, in buzz groups, come up with all the objections they could why churches are slow to begin new congregations.

Some of their answers included "fear," "don't feel led," "what it will do to our membership," "lack of time," "lack of finances" and "let somebody else do it."

"Your answers speak a whole lot about what churches need to be concerned about," Jones admonished.

"When we put missions and evangelism at the heart of church then we are about what we should be about."

On a chalkboard, he listed four kinds of growth a church can experience: evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and missions/ministries.

"The average Baptist does not think in terms of starting new work," Jones concluded, "but rather in holding the status quo. But the New Testament church in Jesus' day was interested in beginning new churches and this should be our mission, too."

NEXT DOOR, MRS. BYRDWELL used an overhead projector to talk figures with her "Stewardship" workshop participants.

Her figures showed that messengers to last year's Kentucky Baptist Convention voted to recommend that at least 1100 KBC churches (approximately half the total number in the state) consider a two to five percent increase in Cooperative Program giving by 1985.

She suggested that, while eight to nine percent Cooperative Program giving is average in all SBC churches today, the percentage that is "best for my church" may not be best for yours.

"It might be 3-5 percent, or it might be 20 percent or beyond," she allowed. "The main thing is to give joyfully what God has led us to do."

She encouraged her participants to return to their own congregations and push for increases in Cooperative Program giving, the "mainline of the denomination" in all of its outreach efforts.

She also said giving records indi-

cate the special offerings for Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus do not detract from the Cooperative Program. Rather, during their annual emphasis Cooperative Program giving picks up considerably.

AROUND THE CORNER, FRED HALBROOKS was talking "8.5 by '85" with his workshop crowd. That's a popular slogan fostered by the Baptist Sunday School Board which focuses on increasing Sunday school enrolment in Southern Baptist churches to 8.5 million by 1985.

Halbrooks distributed a resource kit prepared by the Sunday School Board called "8.5 by '85 Promotion Packet for Your Church."

He led in an evaluation of the present Sunday school status in participants' churches. Conferees were asked to answer on paper certain questions about awards, workers' meetings, space, contacts, outreach efforts, etc.

In putting down information Halbrooks' group was led to statistically draw a picture of where they are now in their Sunday schools and where they would like to be in the church year 1983-84.

As they completed the goal setting assignment, Halbrooks led them joyfully to sing a chorus of "Bring Them In."

IN THE REMAINING WORKSHOP, Vernon Cole asked pastors and staff members, "What better way can you preach the gospel than through a baptismal service? That may be a way for you to find prospects you'd never find in the normal way," he indicated.

He moved on to the subject of communication and how much one must repeat a message before it gets across. "Say it until you are saying it in your sleep," he offered. "Only then will some people ever hear what you have to say."

Doug Strader talked briefly about the price of growing in churches. "It does cost you," he assured and the price won't be cheap.

"What you want to get across to people is that they can grow, and you must lead them to do it," he concluded.

Cole proposed that churches select from a group of printed plans distributed to conferees for a concentrated spiritual directions emphasis. At least four alternatives were given, including a weekend, two Sundays and a Wednesday, three Sundays or four Sundays. Strader gave testimony to the fact such an emphasis held in his church has been extremely beneficial to the concept of growing.

Following prayer, the group returned to the auditorium for the brief commitment service. This included a dramatic monolog testimony given by Strader, drawing all the workshops and their emphasis on growth together.

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION: This has to be one of the best combined efforts Kentucky Baptist leadership has ever put together, for it has purpose, direction and holds the interest of the learners to the very end.

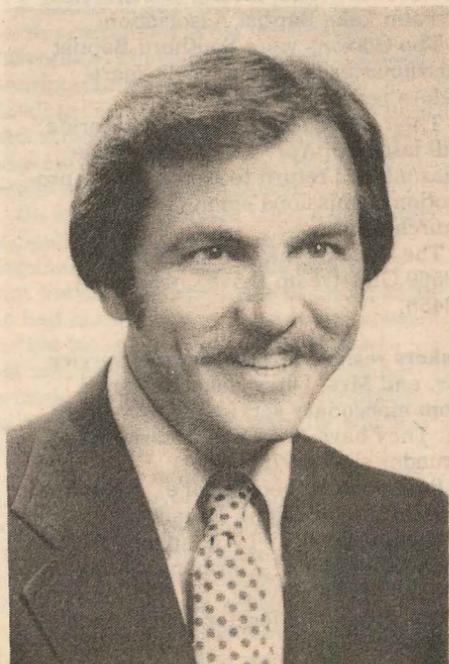
We left with the feeling it is good to be a Kentucky Baptist. Our state leadership must surely be second to none.

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

What do you do when a pastor dies?

How one Kentucky congregation found life after death took their pastor in the prime of life, coped with almost unbearable grief and carried forward under a new leader

by Laurie K. Taylor,
State Correspondent



Landon

When Richard Landon became family life minister at Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, he never dreamed he would one day pastor there. In fact, Landon was quite content with his role as a staff member.

"I was in the process of organizing a conventionwide association of family life ministers," Landon now 40, recalled, "I was looking forward to having some input and providing leadership on the state and national level with churches who wanted to start family ministry.

"My ambitions were not to become pastor. I didn't want to administer the church or preach. Seminars and workshops met my needs for fulfillment."

Landon's ministerial role changed drastically in August 1980 when his pastor, Bob Brown, died unexpectedly while delivering a speech in Louisville. Landon remembers the events of that tragic day.

"Bob was in Louisville delivering a speech and I was working in a church office. I received a call from a convention official saying Bob had become very ill and had been taken to the hospital. He asked if I would notify the family and informed me that a state trooper would arrive shortly to escort the family to Louisville."

With tear filled eyes and breaking voice Landon relived the events of the next few moments and days.

"I immediately left the office and went to the Brown house to tell the family."

After Landon saw the family safely to the car and on their way, he rushed back to the church and called General Hospital, Louisville, where Brown had been taken.

"I taken he had been pronounced dead on arrival," Landon shared, "so I contacted the hospital chaplain and asked him to meet the family when they arrived at the emergency room.

"I sat alone in my office and held the information that Bob had died until the chaplain called back and told me the Brown family had arrived and been told.

"When I knew the family had been told, I called our church staff together and broke the news to them. Then we began to get the word out through our deacon hotline.

"One deacon called another and immediately everyone came to the church. We spent the next two days caring for the Brown family."

PUTTING PIECES BACK TOGETHER

Shortly after the funeral Landon called a deacons' meeting and recommended they call an interim pastor. He suggested they either form a pulpit committee or call an interim pastor.

"I told the men I would consider such a call with the explicit understanding the position was interim and not a permanent decision. I had been at Trinity six years by this time and felt I could ease the heartache during the period of transition in the pastorate."

Landon assured the deacons he would work with whomever they chose and even suggested several men for the position. Then he left the meeting so the men could discuss the situation freely and decide what would be the best for the congregation.

The next time the church met the deacons recommend that Landon be called as interim pastor. The grieving congregation voted to call him to fill the position and decided to wait one year before making any major decisions regarding staff.

"I felt like we needed a year to do our grieving and adjusting," Landon

explained. "They knew me and my style of leadership. I knew them and the church programs, so my becoming interim pastor was not a big adjustment staffwise."

THE INTERIM PERIOD

At the very start of his interim year Landon met with every chairman and committee and explained his time schedule would not allow him to attend all meetings.

"I told them to go ahead and do the things that needed to be done and not to wait on me," Landon mused. "I just asked them to keep me posted.

"No program, big, medium or small, quit after Bob's death. We canceled vacation Bible school which was scheduled the week after he died to allow personal grief, but we made a conscious decision not to cancel anything else.

"In fact," Landon continued, "the first Sunday after the funeral Bob's wife and daughter Amy were back at the organ and piano for worship services.

"Their example more than anything set the tone for our recovery. They taught us that grieving doesn't mean you go hide in a closet, pull the shades and quit."

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THE BIG DECISION

During the interim period at Trinity attendance and decisions held up. Established organizations grew and slowly but surely, Landon began to "enjoy some of the pastoral tasks."

The year passed and the church survived. The memories of the man who had led them for a quarter century surfaced painfully at times, but they huddled together and comforted each other in their grief. They felt a renewed strength and decided it was time to call a full time, permanent pastor.

The church elected a pulpit committee and Landon decided he loved the pastorate too much to give it up.

"I wrote the chairman of the pulpit committee and told him I'd be interested in the position of pastor. I told them what I thought I could do and couldn't do," Landon confessed. "I told them part of my being a pastor for me meant I wanted the opportunity to keep my professional, pastoral counseling load. I wanted to be involved in small growth groups and retreats, too.

"They were very much interested so I met with them and we talked a lot about expectations in terms of salary and job descriptions. They

recommended to the church that I be called as pastor. I was unanimously elected and assumed my present responsibilities in August 1981."

IN BOB BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS

Following an aggressive, innovative pastoring a difficult task, but Landon isn't threatened by the esteemed accomplishments of the late Bob Brown.

"In a sense I'm following Bob's footsteps," admitted Landon. "I joined the church as a layman because I liked who the church was, the kind of people they were and the attitudes they had. I want to strengthen these areas, not change them.

"I joined Trinity because of the kinds of programs they had, so I don't want to change that—if anything," Landon thought aloud, "I want to add some more of the same kind of programs.

"Bob and I were in great, great agreement. In fact, we never had a fundamental disagreement where I thought he was way out in left field. I supported him and he supported me."

ADVICE TO GRIEVING CHURCHES

In times of death and crisis church members automatically look so their pastor for comfort and direction. Most churches do not even discuss what steps they will follow in the event of the pastor's death.

Who will assume the leadership role?

Who has the authority to take the reins of the church immediately?

What will be done for the pastor's family?

What other staff member should function in the administrative role until an interim pastor is secured?

Death comes to everyone. Even pastors can die tragically and unexpectedly in the prime of their lives. Landon offered this advice to churches who face the death of their pastor.

1. Clarify immediately the areas of responsibility and decision. "Otherwise in a few months someone will make a decision you thought was yours and you're going to get into a fight."

2. Don't rush into major decisions. "Give yourself time to do your grief work which is primarily a lot of adjustment."

3. Encourage committees to function smoothly and with little staff supervision. "Let the chairmen do their jobs and let the church make their recommendations work."

4. Talk about the grief process through sermons and messages. "Anticipate certain kinds of behavior from grief-stricken people. Don't panic or try to change that behavior. It's a stage and they'll move through it."

A HISTORY OF SURVIVAL

"Trinity Baptist Church, because of its unique ministry, has a marvelous way of dealing with crises," Landon vowed.

"In the late 1960's fire destroyed the church building and arson was suspected at Trinity because of racial integration. We've also faced horrendous financial crises in the past.

"When Bob died we pulled together and trusted God to get us through. We deliberately and consciously said, 'We're the church, we're going to keep it going and we're going to make it happen.'"

And to those who know the situation, it appears Trinity has done just that.

PERSONNEL

First Fisherville calls Tullock
David Russell Tullock has accepted the call to First Baptist Church, Fisherville, as minister of music and youth.

Tullock is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Loudon, Tenn., for four years.

Pryor accepts Ohio Valley pastorate
Howard E. Pryor began his ministry as pastor of Ohio Valley Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Sept. 5.

Pryor, a native of Paducah, attended Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was licensed in 1952 by Fairdale Baptist Church, Louisville, and ordained in 1953 by Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown.

He comes to Ohio Valley from Virgie (Ky.) Baptist Church, where he has been pastor since 1971.

He and his wife, the former Myrtle Heck of Louisville, have two children.

Immanuel calls Plank to pastorate
Dennis R. Plank is the new pastor of Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, replacing David Bruce, who resigned in May to return to school.

Plank comes from First Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. He has also pastored churches in Greenbrier, Tenn., Trenton, Ky., Parma and New-town, Oh.

Born in London, Ontario, Canada, Plank has been a pastor for 22 years. He received his MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has done graduate work at the University of Louisville and the University of Akron.

Plank and his wife Donetta have two daughters, June Ellen and Linda Ann.

James Trader has been interim pastor at Immanuel since Aug. 1.

First Middletown youth is Junior Miss
Karole Spangler, a member of First Baptist Church, Middletown, was named Derby City Junior Miss.

Miss Spangler is a senior at Youth Performing Arts School. She now moves to the state Junior Miss competition in Bowling Green in January.

Lofland observes seventh anniversary
Wilson Lofland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Central City, celebrated his seventh anniversary with the church.

He and his wife Dora have one son, Brent.

Thompson accepts Vertrees pastorate
Franklin Thompson has resigned the pastorate of Colesburg Baptist Church, a mission of Severns Valley Baptist Church, to become pastor of Vertress (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Anderson enrolls in Southern Seminary
Jerry Anderson, pastor of Gamaliel Baptist Church, Monroe Association, has enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Providence calls Crosby to youth/music
Dan Crosby has joined the staff of Providence Baptist Church, Campbellsburg, as minister of youth and music.

CONGREGATIONS

Providence will mark 125 years
Providence Baptist Church, in the Woodlake district outside Frankfort, has invited all former members and friends to attend its 125th anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 17.

According to Pierce Dodson, who has pastored the congregation five years, services that day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. will highlight the church's history. Two

former well known Kentucky pastors, brothers who both served the church at different times—T. Hicks Shelton and R. G. Shelton—will return for the anniversary.

A luncheon will follow the morning service, and reservations are not necessary.

J. B. Head, another former pastor, now 82, was also scheduled to return

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

Wednesday, Oct. 13 to present a Liberty Bell program at prayer meeting.

Liberty observes 154th anniversary
Liberty Baptist Church, Logan Association, celebrated its 154th anniversary Sept. 19.

J. Sheldon Hale is pastor.

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

Ned Cothen was guest speaker and The Travis Family Singers performed in the afternoon.

James Driver is pastor.

Post Oak holds homecoming Sept. 26
Post Oak Baptist Church, Bethel Association, celebrated homecoming Sept. 26. Jay Brown, Kentucky Baptist Convention evangelism secretary, spoke.

Bells Run celebrates homecoming
Bells Run Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, observed its homecoming Sept. 26. Don and Barbara Green, Owensboro, performed special music. Hugh Wedding is pastor.

Sonora holds dedication service
Sonora Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held a dedication service for its renovated sanctuary Aug. 29. Pastor James Prewett delivered the sermon.

ORDINATIONS

Elkhorn City ordains Brickey and Salyer
Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained William Brickey and David Salyer as deacons Sept. 19.

Pastor John Haynes preached the ordination sermon. John Pate delivered the charge to the deacons and to the church and Roy Looney gave the ordination prayer.

Severns Valley ordains Mull to ministry
Keith Mull, who has been called to the pastorate of Round Top Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, was ordained by Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

Mull is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Severns Valley pastor is J. Howard Cobble.

Fourth Avenue ordains Randles
Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained Raymond Randles to the ministry Aug. 22. Henlee Barnett preached the ordination sermon.

Randles holds a BA and MA from the University of Louisville and a MDiv and PhD in Old Testament from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is presently associate pastor of Fourth Avenue. Pastor is C. Gerald Summerfield.

Mohler ordained by Florida church
Richard Albert (Al) Mohler Jr. was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist

Church, Pompano Beach, Fla. Aug. 8.

Mohler is a graduate of Samford University and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He recently accepted the call to the pastorate of Union Grove Baptist Church, Bedford.

Mohler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mohler Sr., Pompano Beach, Fla., and grandson of Mrs. Russell L. Mohler

and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, all of Plant City, Fla.

Paul Morton ordained as deacon
Powell's Creek Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, ordained Paul Morton as deacon.

Brown ordained by Davis Memorial
Steve Brown, pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, was ordained Sept. 26 by Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville.

ASSOCIATIONS

WMU scholarship winners announced
The Woman's Missionary Union of Elkhorn Association has announced the winners of its annual scholarships. Made possible by the Julia Woodward Mission Action Offering, the scholarship provides \$500 for each recipient.

This year's winners are Stuart Wayne Turner, Mary Beth Newman and Rob Lee Delaney Jr.

Turner is a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lexington, and a student at the University of Kentucky. He feels called into full time Christian service and plans to enter seminary after graduation from college.

Miss Newman is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and plans to attend Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Delaney is a member of Southside Baptist Church, Lexington, and plans to attend Georgetown College also. He is preparing to enter the preaching ministry as a bivocational pastor.

Members of the scholarship committee are Carolyn Scott, Jane Fields, Nan Baker, Jane Cullar and Ruby Dunn.

Wayne County Assn. elects officers
Wayne County Association elected officers at its 79th annual meeting. They are: Jonathan Roberts, director of music; Glen Ramsey, clerk; Glenn Edwards, assistant moderator; Harold Vire, associational Sunday school director and associational treasurer; Louis Shepherd, director of missions; and Campbell Kendrick, moderator.

REVIVALS

Evangelistic crusade held in Jonesville
An area-wide evangelistic crusade was held in Jonesville Aug. 30-Sept. 5.

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was speaker. Drummond is the former pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

Choir and congregational singing was under the direction of Everett Priddy, pastor of Friendship No. 1 Baptist Church, Magnolia.

Tunnel Hill announces revival results
Tunnel Hill Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, reports 40 decisions made during its Aug. 8-15 revival.

Rick Clark preached and Joe Gallo-way led the music.

Ralph Langley leads Central revival
Central Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, held revival Aug. 14-28. Ralph Langley was evangelist.

Don Spencer led congregational singing and Russell Newport performed a mini concert and special music in several services.

Meta reports results of revival
Meta Baptist Church, Pike Association, reports 34 people made professions of faith in its Aug. 23-29 revival. H. Harold Smith led the services.

MISSIONS

Forrest Hills sponsors mission group
Forrest Hills Baptist Church, Pike Association, sponsored a group of 14 people from Melber Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to lead vacation Bible school and revival at Slaters Branch Mission.

The group was led by Melber pastor Ray Morgan.

Daughertys return to mission field
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Daugherty, missionary associates to Japan, have returned to the field. Their address is 23-2 Inarimae, Yatabe machi, Tsukubagun, Ibaraki-ken Japan.

He is a native of Tennessee. She is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello, Ky. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Miss Retallick begins labors in Ecuador
Sylvia Retallick, missionary journeyman to Ecuador, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term of service as an elementary English teacher. Her address is Casilla 4725, Quito, Ecuador.

A native of Virginia, she was born in South Hill and considers Singers Glen her hometown. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, she was a teacher in Berea.

Hardys are on mission field in Asia
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hardy, missionaries in East Asia, may be addressed at Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, ROC.

Hardy is associate to the Foreign Mission Board's area director for East Asia.

He is a native of Logan County and his wife, the former Mavis Shiver, is from Frisco City, Ala.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Kentuckians promote Florida missions
Mr. and Mrs. W. Neville Claxon are now living in Florida, where they will promote missions among the churches of Palm Lake Baptist Association.

The Claxons were Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa for 33 years before retiring last year.

Their present assignment in Florida will last until Apr. 1, 1983 when the Claxons will return to Kentucky for promotion of missions among Baptist churches here.

The Claxons may be contacted at 19560 Gulfstream Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458.

Bakers resign from missionary service
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker resigned from missionary service effective Aug. 31. They have been missionaries to Ecuador since 1978.

Baker was a theological extension teacher in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

He was born in Ft. Campbell and lived in Augsburg, Germany, Ft. Lee, Va., and Hopkinsville.

His wife is the former Lou Anne Pool of Hopkinsville.

Their address is Rte. 3, Hygeia Rd., Greenbrier, TN 37073.

AT BELFRY, KY.

Correctly interpreting God's call: pastor, people blessed as a result



Norman

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

There are a lot of things which are distinctive about Pike County.

Not only is it Kentucky's largest, it is one of the largest counties in the eastern United States in land size.

Perhaps its best known historical notoriety dates from Aug. 7, 1882 when the famous Hatfield and McCoy family feud erupted into bloodshed on Blackberry Creek at Hatfield Branch, about eight miles south of Toler, Ky.

Pike County today is an area whose economy is tied almost completely to two industries, coal mining and railroads. Since the wealth or famine of one regulates the other, the impact of these two industries is felt in even greater proportion. If either the railroads or the coal mines go on strike, nearly everybody is affected. But when both are prosperous, this region benefits in a big way, too.

Pike County is also typical of many eastern Kentucky and Appalachian areas in that its largely rural population includes a mixture of people with widely varying religious experiences. While a goodly number of Pike Countians are Baptists, many of these belong to Regular and Primitive Baptist churches and several lesser known groups.

But the most significant fact is that at least 50 percent of Pike County--and some estimates run as high as 60 percent or more--is unchurched altogether. These people make no pretense of their agnosticism at worst or their unwillingness to become affiliated with any body of the followers of Jesus Christ at best. What a challenging opportunity for someone to do a mammoth work in the name of Christ!

Enter Bob E. Norman.

Realizing there was such an enormously large populace in Pike County which was unidentified with any church and spread over rugged terrain in the state's largest county, Bob Norman went to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Belfry, 11½ years ago at the age of 25.

A native of Monroe County, Ky., Norman attended Western Kentucky University. There he met Brenda Elaine Benningfield, who grew up near Bowling Green. The two were married and eventually moved to a comfortable pastorate in rural Daviess County, at Sugar Grove Baptist Church.

On impulse, Norman tried a semester at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. But he admits that his snap decision was ill timed and he had not made adequate preparation for the transition. Thus, he dropped out and has not returned, although he is intrigued with the idea of eventually gaining the theological training which has eluded him.

Meanwhile, nearly a dozen years ago he attended a world missions conference at Owensboro and heard James W. Watt Sr., then associational missionary in Pike County, speak. Watt shared with Norman his burden for mountain preachers and suggested that the pastorate at Belfry was open.

One thing led to another, and before

long, on one of February's coldest, bleakest days--when the trees were completely barren and the roads were treacherous--Norman found himself, his wife and their young son, Bobby, winding their way up the steep grades to Belfry for a trial sermon.

The Belfry congregation was constituted into a church in 1939. Since that time, at least eight pastors had come and gone from the scene in three decades. The longest tenure of any pastor had been seven years.

This would have been enough to dissuade many men from seriously considering it. But when the Belfry congregation extended the call to Bob Norman, there was no denying the Lord was in it and Norman had no choice but to accept.

What do you do when receipts increase from \$19,238 to \$195,000—in three years?

The statistics of the church in the years since have testified again and again that both church and pastor interpreted God's call correctly.

In the year before Bob Norman went to Belfry, the church baptized nine converts. During his first year there, 52 were baptized. But at this point Norman offers an explanation.

"I don't know why it is, but at least in our rural mountain area there has been a history of sowing and reaping in alternate years," he explains. "You work one year with the people and you harvest new souls in the next."

His second year there, after baptizing 52 his first year, there were 15 added to the church through baptism. The third year, 44 were baptized. The next year, 22. The following year, 42. This same high-and-low pattern has followed in successive years, although fewer converts have come forward in more recent years.

There are other figures that are impressive, too.

In 1971 First Baptist Church had a membership of 336. Today it is 585, a net gain of 229, or 65 percent. There have been 420 additions during this period, but a number have gone on to other churches, died, moved away or been removed from the roll.

Recently, Sunday school enrolment has climbed from 237 to 307, with 159 average attendance during August 1982. Average morning preaching attendance hovered between 210-220 in August this year.

The church provides other regular activities every week, including prayer meeting, adult and children's choirs and the mission organizations--Mission

Friends, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Acteens, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union.

Finally, Norman turns to the financial picture, which--he allows--is tied to the coal and railroad industries and rises and falls with the success or failure of those two industries.

"The Arab oil boycott in 1974 resulted in coal prices shooting up, like perhaps from \$12 a ton to \$48 a ton," he remembers. "As a result, our church budget of \$19,238 in 1971 jumped to \$195,000 in 1974."

While many pastors would love to be blessed with increases like that, Norman reflects, "Sometimes too much money can be more harmful than not having enough. Stashing it away with no purpose is a bad thing. My philosophy is to take care of the needs on the home front, but don't keep what's left over for yourself."

The high giving of 1974 didn't last, of course, due to the falling economy. But 1978-79 has been the low year since with only \$77,000 coming in. Norman says he has majored on teaching giving and "that idea is catching on."

As a result, the Belfry congregation saw a need to help tornado-stricken churches and people throughout Kentucky in 1974, the year of their financial bonanza and began doing so in a big way. In fact, \$106,000 of that \$195,000 went to mission expenditures that year.

Altogether, in the 11 years Norman has served Belfry, 57 percent of the church's total income has been earmarked for missions.

Three years ago the church was designating 15 percent of its receipts to the Cooperative Program. But as a result of a desire to become involved in the convention's Bold Mission Thrust effort, the people committed themselves to move to 25 percent within three years, a feat now accomplished.

An additional 13 percent now goes to Pike County Baptist Association.

This pastor's greatest blessings haven't come from church, but from a most unusual source.

Mission giving has amounted to a grand total of \$659,365 out of total receipts of \$1,156,000 since 1971.

In local projects, the church voted to remodel and enlarge its auditorium not long ago, spending up to \$70,000. Norman says, "A third of that money was provided immediately with no campaign or special appeal at all." He says the people naturally respond to requests without an intensive effort.

"They are a very warm, loving, gracious, caring people," he affirms.

But Bob Norman will tell you the

thing that has been "most personally satisfying" to him in his years at Belfry has not happened in his church at all. Rather, it has taken place at Belfry High School, just a few hundred yards down the highway.

In October 1971 three students in his church asked him if he would come to the school and begin a devotional period one morning a week before classes started.

Norman said yes, and Frank Welch, the school's principal, gave his permission.

"We began with four students," Norman remembers. "Sometimes, there was nobody there but me."

"But the word got out and it began to grow. Now, there's a huge crowd every Friday morning, 20 minutes before school begins."

On a recent Friday this fall 173 students showed up, "a typical crowd," Norman reports. That's about one-fifth of Belfry's student body.

They started out meeting in a classroom but eventually outgrew it. Today they meet in the school's gymnasium, the only place big enough to hold it.

Norman usually follows the same pattern each week. He begins with a verse of scripture, comments on it, concludes with prayer and then tells the students a "joke of the week" before they depart. Ever so often he invites any whom the Lord is dealing with to talk with him privately about it.

He's seen dozens of kids saved as a result of these weekly prayer meetings. And this has also given him an opportunity to get into classrooms by invitation to speak on marriage and family life, for devotions in home rooms and so on.

Another dimension of this ministry which he almost holds sacred is that of being the official "unofficial" chaplain to the Belfry High School football team every Friday night in autumn. Norman loves football anyway, and when the coach asked him to have prayer with the team before and after a game in 1973, a model developed which has continued.

In fact, Norman has missed only one Friday night game (at home or away) since 1973, the week when his father passed away.

In addition to all this, he finds time to write a weekly column for the Williamson (W. Va.) Daily News (Belfry is only five miles from Williamson). And for 10 years he has taped a 30 minute program each week for a Williamson radio station.

His own family has grown to include three children now--Bobby, 14; Sara Ellen, 7; and Rebekah, 3.

If you ever thought there might not be mission opportunities to preach in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, surely you've never met Bob Norman. His successful ministry in Pike County suggests that he has been on the scene at the right time. And God's work has prospered mightily because he and his congregation listened and heeded that still small voice when it spoke.

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

'Theology is a verb' conference sets agenda

Southern Baptists seeking support and fellowship from "like-minded" pastors and laymen more concerned with major social issues than the political struggles within the Southern Baptist Convention got together Oct. 3-5.

More than 100 people from as far away as Texas and New York gathered in Charlotte, N. C., for "a seminar on practical ministries for Southern Baptists" focusing on economic justice, women's rights and peacemaking.

The "Theology Is A Verb" conference was hosted by St. John's Baptist

Church.

In informal discussion groups the conference decided on a four-point agenda two of which may be visible at the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

An effort will be made to "get the issues of economic justice, women's rights and peacemaking before a much broader group in Kansas City," and there is a possibility a national conference on Baptist women in ministry will meet during the 1984 convention.

Other agenda items included rallying Baptist support for an upcoming statement on nuclear disarmament from the United States Catholic bishops and drafting a "letter to the churches" to

inform other congregations about what took place and what might happen in the future, conference participants said.

The Peacemaker, a group sponsored by Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, is taking the lead in seeking the most effective way to share the group's concerns with a greater cross-section of Southern Baptists, according to C. Carman Sharp, pastor of Deer Park church.

Anne Neil urges female participation in missions

Anne Neil, visiting professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theolog-

KBC ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

- 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

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PRESERVE HISTORICAL SITES

It is neither the purpose nor the prerogative of my office to raise money for single causes beyond the Cooperative Program without authorization. However, two important Historical interests need to be held up for possible gifts by Baptists who want to preserve our history. I have prior authorization for one of them and the other has approval in Southern Baptist Convention circles.

I speak in the first instance of Old Bracken Church at Minerva, Kentucky. The Church was founded in 1793 by pioneer Preacher-Builder, Louis Craig who led the "Traveling Church" through the Cumberland Gap to escape further persecution in the then colony of Virginia. Apparently the Pastor-Builder erected the yet standing structure. Here he ended life's labors. He and his wife Betsy are buried here.

Old Bracken's building could still be preserved, but it is approaching final decay. Bracken Association has purchased the site for \$18,000 to be paid in three years. Some noble souls have made gifts, but it is less than half paid for. We want to fix its roof, install doors

and windows and thus prolong the life of this well-proportioned brick structure.

The other site is of more recent development. The Home Mission Board of SBC has come into possession of the Old Luther Rice homesite in Massachusetts.

Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson went out as Missionaries to India from another denomination. American Baptists supported no Foreign Missionaries. Through contact aboard ship with British Missionary, William Carey, Rice and Judson became Baptist converts. Thus without support in India, Rice returned home to "Hold the Rope" while Judson "stayed down in the well." Rice also became a great voice for Baptist support of Christian Education and Training as well as Foreign Missions.

A Convention Committee is raising funds to restore the Rice homesite which is already in use as a center of operations for Southern Baptists in New England. Kentucky members of the Committee are Mrs. Edwin R. Denny of Lexington and Dr. Carl Fields of Georgetown, Kentucky.

Life and Work Series OPPOSITION TO CHRIST

1 John 2:18-22 John informed those believers to whom he was writing they should be aware of growing opposition to Christ and his cause. He sought to convince his readers they were being tempted to substitute people and things for Christ. Like them, we are being tempted to do the same thing. As a

rule those who seek to take the place of Christ are subtle in their attempt. The warning of the danger of false teachers and their heretical teachings is needed as much or more today than in John's generation. We need the reminder that the attacks from the enemies of Christ are more severe from within the ranks of professing Christians than from those who are not. Those who undermine the faith of Christians and infiltrate the Lord's churches today are frequently individuals of such high intellectuality and charming personality they throw off-guard their victims.

John used very strong language against those who denied the deity and the atonement of Christ. He taught those who denied Christ was the true son of God proved to be among his worst enemies. John urged all Christians to hold fast the truths which they had received from and about Christ. 1 John 4:1-4 Christians should learn to tell the difference between truth and error. They should test those who represent themselves as having been sent from God by scrutinizing what they teach about Christ.

One who has been saved by Christ readily acknowledges the deity and the humanity of Christ. To deny the reality of the incarnation of Christ is to strike at the roots of the Christian faith. Moreover, such a denial also declares

there cannot be any real union between God and man. John contrasts the man whose origin is God and who is anxious to hear and delighted to accept the truth and the man whose source is the world and is either incapable of hearing or unwilling to accept the truth.

The first test of every spirit claiming to be of God is, "What think ye of Christ?" The two orders of teachers may be recognized by what they are in themselves, by the spirit with which they are imbued and by what they believe about Christ. Repeatedly John emphasized the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ are linked inseparably. Christ was a unique person and his death had exceptional significance for man's relationship with God. His incarnation was a necessity if God's love were to be proved and demonstrated.

GROWING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 John 3:1-10 This glorious hope, which the true believer has, of seeing Christ when he returns and being like him is based on the love of God. Let us inspect the love of the father closely and look at it intently. This hope arises out of Christian sonship—"now are we the sons of God." We should marvel at the transaction by which God has brought us into his family.

All Christians are assailed by Satan and tempted to commit acts of sin but they are urged not to lapse into acts of sin. Verse nine makes it clear that the person who is born of God does not have either the desire or the ability to go on in the habitual practice of sin. If one is a child of God, the pattern of his life does not run in the direction and continuance of sin. The Christian, under the control of Christ, will not surrender to a life of habitual sinning, but will practice righteousness. Anyone who makes sinning a way of life, as he did before professing faith in Christ, proves to all who observe his manner of life he is not a child of God.

When one is regenerated God imparts the divine nature to him and that nature manifests itself in righteous living and in the demonstration of Christian love. As certainly as one can tell what kind of a tree it is by its fruit, a child of God can be recognized by his conduct.

There is an unrevealed feature of this glorious hope—"not yet is it manifested what we shall be." About this hope there are some revealed features also. One of these features is that we shall be like Christ. Another revealed feature of this hope is that we shall see Christ. Nothing will be as satisfying as seeing Christ in his resurrected and glorified body, in all of its majesty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

OCT. 17, 1982



As submitted by

H. C. Chiles

ical Seminary, has urged female parity with men within the mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During a Missions Day program at the seminary she noted 54.4 percent of SBC missionaries are women and advocated full participation by women in all aspects of missionary work including staff positions of the convention's Foreign Mission Board.

The title of Mrs. Neil's address, "Many Other Women," came from Luke 8:3: "Among them were many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples." Mrs. Neil asked, "How socially acceptable was it for these women to be following Jesus?" and

added, "I feel sure they did not do so without a price!"

In a brief summary of the history of women in Baptist missionary work from the Boston Female Society of the early 1800s through the present day, she noted women were limited to fund raising activities until they were first appointed to the mission field in any significant numbers in the 1880s. Today, she said, "women are teaching at all levels from kindergarten to seminary. Others are music and religious education consultants, general evangelists, women and children's workers, campus ministers, publication workers, mass media programers, social workers and specialists in other areas."

Mrs. Neil stated concern that "in recent years some women have expressed what may be described as a 'subtle' unconscious bypassing of women, rather than outright discrimination, on the part of the Foreign Mission Board. Some married women have been 'put off' by the practice of not being examined as thoroughly as either husbands or single women. Some of these women have felt they have not received much recognition."

However, Mrs. Neil conveyed an optimistic outlook for the future: "There is planned intent (at the Foreign Mission Board) to open more avenues to single women" in such areas as church planting and field evangelism. She said

there would be more capitalizing on "the gifts and skills of married women."

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

The Hebrew children in Egypt, as slaves of Pharaoh, were required to make bricks for Pharaoh's building program. These were sun-dried mud bricks, much larger than the bricks with which we are familiar. Pharaoh's bricks were made of clay thoroughly mixed with chopped straw to give the bricks strength.

Moses, bearing the word of God to Pharaoh, requested that the people be permitted to go into the wilderness to worship God. Pharaoh answered, "I know not Jehovah, and I will not let Israel go." The king surmised that the people were idle and thus desired to make a religious journey. Therefore, he commanded that they not be given straw to make bricks. Rather, they were to gather their own straw and still make as many bricks. This was equivalent to adding another shift of work daily.

Could it be that Baptist Homes for Children have come upon a day when we will be asked "to make bricks without straw?" I am daily aware of the economic crunch. Unemployment is high, layoffs continue and cost of living

increases.

For families it means a struggle to survive. Unemployment brings more stress, more child abuse, more husbands and wives walking away from their marriage and their children, and more escape to alcohol and a loss of hope. Dependent children, often neglected, abused and shifted from place to place, are hurt and scared. Baptist Homes for Children are needed more than ever.

Families and children need the nurture, care, hope and healing we offer. More calls for help are being heard. Yet, because of the depressed economy, some people who have been faithful to give to this ministry are without work or have less to give. But the need for our ministry increases while our support remains stable or even goes down. Must we do more with less? Must we "make bricks without straw?"

I believe Baptists will continue to provide the "straw" so we can deliver a quality ministry to as many children as possible. Every one of us with jobs and material blessings must give more this year to make up for those who cannot.

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HALF-PINT

Big eyes and a thatch of red hair were the most noticeable features of a 12-year-old boy who came to us last year from Pulaski County. He stood 4'6", was very frail and we soon learned he smoked up to four packs of cigarettes daily. The boys immediately nicknamed him "Halfpint."

He was only a fifth grader and our program begins with the sixth grade. However, he needed much remedial help and we accepted him along with an older brother. Both boys needed many things the Oneida program offers.

Of course, one of "Halfpint's" greatest needs was to quit smoking. A number of Christian schools will not accept a student who smokes or has other noticeable faults. But our Lord, the head of the Oneida work, loves and died for sinners. Like him we do not like the sin, but God is love. We must love these girls and boys enough to work with them even where there are difficulties, especially then.

Today "Halfpint" does not smoke. He is growing both physically and, more importantly, spiritually. Some months ago he made his profession of faith and was baptized into our church

fellowship. In a recent cross-country field day in competition with five other schools, "Halfpint" came in third in a field of 34 runners. He ran 3.1 miles in 21:6.

He ran in the Three Rivers Conference meet at Oneida Oct. 6. Six traditional boarding schools of our area are associated in this conference and have competitions against one another in cross-country, basketball, softball, baseball and track. Oneida swept the events of the day making for a 42-15 record to date for our boys varsity, 20-25 record for girls varsity and a 12-5 junior varsity record.

Oneida's Paul Chambers set a new course record making the 3.1 mile run in 17:16. Paul is a junior who came to Oneida five years ago. His brother Mike has been the highest ranking student in our school the past three years. Their father is minister of music now in a church in Bethel, Oh.

Paul was much in the shadow of his younger brother when he came to us. A quiet and shy boy, he lacked self-confidence and had great academic difficulty. We put him in our Special Help program for several years where he received much individual attention. For the past two years he has been an

honor roll student and was voted "most outstanding" of his class for the past two years by the faculty. Shortly after school was out last year, Paul discovered the fire in Hensley Hall. Though very frightened, with great courage he groped through heavy smoke in several rooms to awaken and save another sleeping boy and then raised the alarm.

Both Paul and brother Mike are dedicated Christian young men. While seventh graders they were on our fencing team that was runnerup in the state tournament. They have helped win the high school state fencing championship each of the past three years. Also they have both played soccer.

Fifty-eight seconds behind Paul was Keith Groce, a senior from Lexington, in his third year with us. He, too, has always been a fine Christian young man. Third was freshman John Muse, a brother of "Halfpint," who won our "progress" award last year as an eighth grader. In fourth place was Mike McMonigal of Louisville. Here for the second year, Mike also participates in wrestling, baseball and the choir.

Paul Arnett came in fifth. He came to us three years ago in the sixth grade. His mother came here 25 years ago to

live in the girls dorm and met Paul's father. Paul is a special young man, spiritually, academically and athletically.

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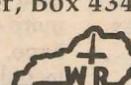
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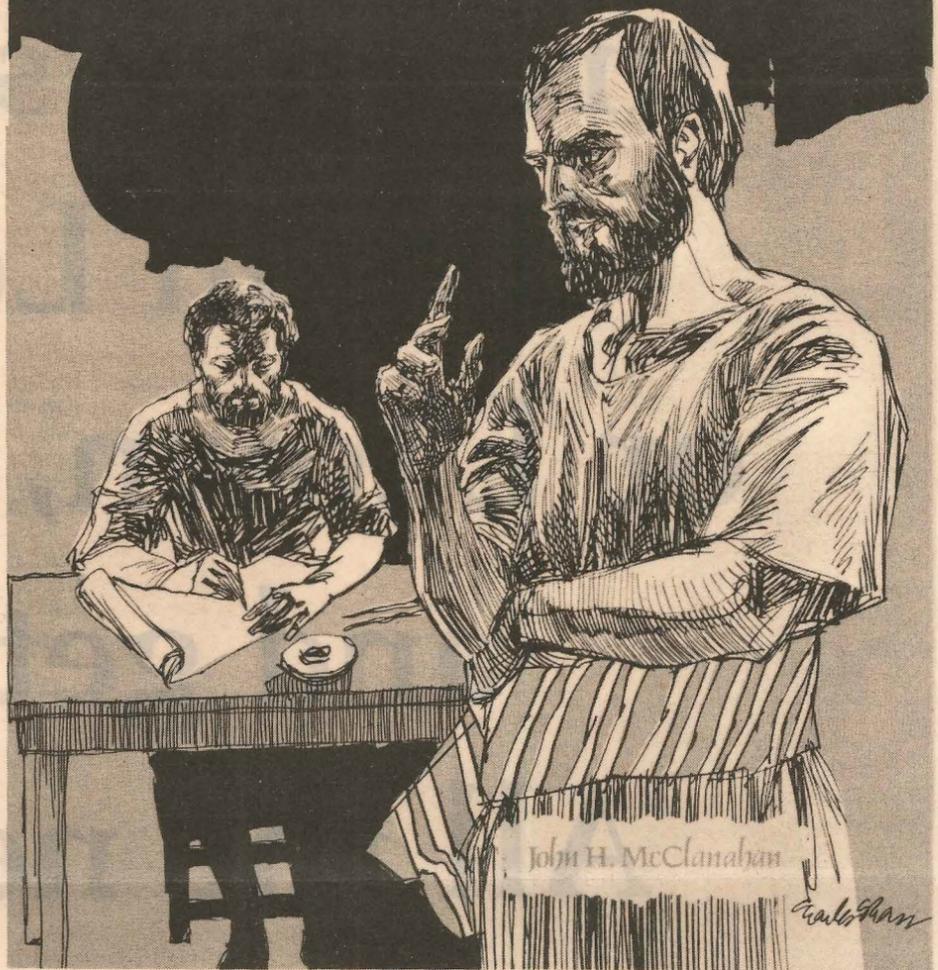
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1 Peter: Message of Encouragement



Encouragement is theme of January Bible Study

by Linda Lawson

A chin up attitude made possible by the knowledge God will see his followers through difficult circumstances is the encouraging message of 1 Peter, the 1983 adult January Bible Study book.

John McClanahan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., and author of the adult textbook, *1 Peter: Message of Encouragement*, said the positive message of 1 Peter is one many Christians needs today.

"These certainly are not easy times to be a Christian," said McClanahan. "We live under a great deal of pressure—economic, social, the awesome threats of war. We also become depressed for personal reasons.

"People know what despair and discouragement are," emphasized McClanahan. "They need encouragement."

Similarly, McClanahan said 1 Peter, which was probably written early in the A.D. 60's, "encourages a group of Christians to remain faithful to Christ under circumstances that were already difficult and which Peter felt would become increasingly hard."

The message of encouragement in 1 Peter is not a "grin-and-bear-it kind of stoicism," said McClanahan. "The message is one of Christian hope, that

God will see us through and righteousness will prevail."

Noting that 1 Peter includes sections on what Christians should believe and how they should behave, McClanahan said Peter reminds Christians that "they have an inheritance from God that cannot be destroyed."

McClanahan said the experience of preparing and writing the textbook was a positive experience of seeing again "the relevance of what the Bible has to say."

"The Bible is not a museum piece. It speaks to us today. It's the living Word. I came through the book encouraged in my own faith," he said.

As a pastor, McClanahan said the annual January Bible Study emphasis is "one of the great education programs in the church.

"January Bible Study helps keep us anchored where we ought to be—in the Bible which points us to worship the God revealed in the Bible," said McClanahan. "It's like coming back to home base."

January Bible Study textbooks have been released annually by the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department since 1948. McClanahan, a native of Arkansas, has been at the Pine Bluff church since 1865.

The annual emphasis includes studies for all age groups.

Campbellsville prof takes study at University of London

by Geneva Johnson

Where does one who wishes to study Victorian literature go to continue his education? For Robert L. Doty, professor of literature and languages at Campbellsville College, there is only one answer—London, England.

For seven weeks this summer Doty, who has been teaching at the college since 1973, studied Victorian literature and arts at the University of London. Doty had previously studied Victorian literature in connection with his PhD work at the University of Kentucky. However, studying with British stu-

dents provided Doty with a suitable opportunity to continue his formal education.

"To keep abreast of your field it is essential to continue your education," said Doty. "Students will derive benefit by the increased level of enthusiasm, as well as the expanded knowledge. It

also provides students with a deeper insight in the culture which produced the literature."

Of the 70 students enrolled in the course, 17 different countries were represented. The students lived in the Bloomsbury district of London, within walking distance of the theatre district. Visits were made in the evening to the theatres, giving students a chance to see plays from the Victorian period.

"Victorian plays tended to be much more elaborate with respect to props," said Doty. "That period didn't see an extensive amount of really good drama. It was more an age of the novel and fiction. In the 1890s there was an emphasis on social comedies where the playwright would highlight a failure or a folly within the social system."

The Bloomsbury district of London is a haven for students interested in literature. The dormitory is located three blocks from the homes of T. S. Eliot and Virginia Woolf and two blocks from the home of Charles Dickens.

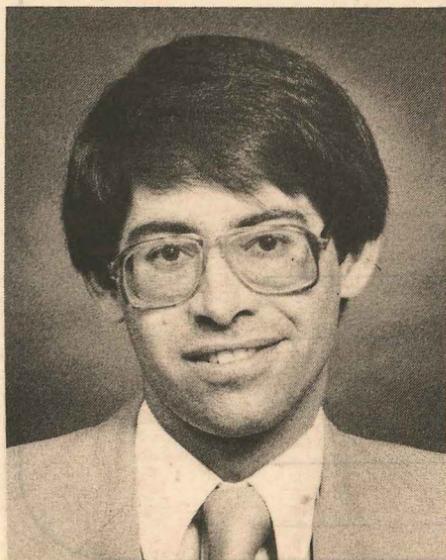
"I also visited in Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and South Wales," said Doty. "In South Wales I saw the Tintern Abbey where Wordsworth wrote his famous poem, 'Lines Written A Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey'."

Doty received an associate of science degree from the Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Mich. He holds a BD degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Doty is the son of Mrs. Eddie Doty of Ravenna.

Kentuckian to work in Uganda

Hoima, Uganda, Africa will be the new home of John M. Noland Jr., a 30-year-



old former Lexington resident who has completed 13 weeks of intensive training in preparation for his two-year assignment with Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Founded in 1951, Campus Crusade for Christ has approximately 16,000 full time and associate staff of many nationalities involved in Christian outreach in 150 countries and protectorates around the world.

Noland, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Noland Sr. of Lexington, expects to work with the Ugandan government on reforestation projects as part of The Agape Movement.

The Agape Movement is a ministry specifically to assist in meeting physical and social needs overseas through sending Christian lay persons who have specialized vocational and professional skills. Staff members use their professions as a springboard for communicating the message of Jesus Christ.

Noland graduated from Lafayette

High School, Lexington, in 1970 and then earned his BS degree in forestry from the University of Kentucky.

He has served since 1979 at the organization's international headquarters in San Bernardino, Cal., with the grounds crew of which he was a crew supervisor for the past one and one-half years.

He is a member of Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington.

When asked about his desire for an international ministry Noland replied, "I want to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Africa. For every 10 people that have an opportunity to hear the gospel, six and one-half will respond. Because of these statistics, I think my greatest impact will be in Africa."

Noland will be in the Lexington area, and is available to speak to civic and church groups about his work. He can be reached by calling 278-4667 before he leaves for Uganda.

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