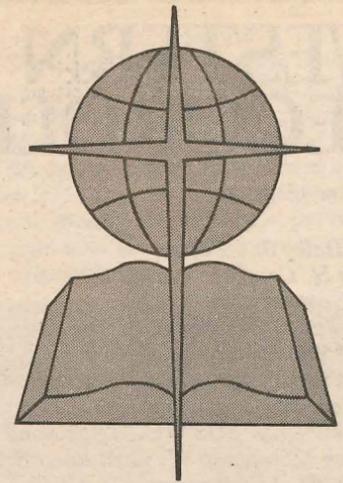
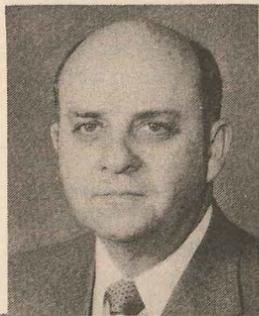


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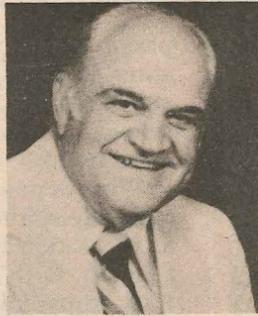


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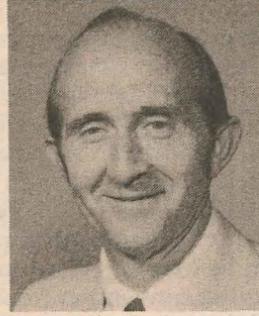
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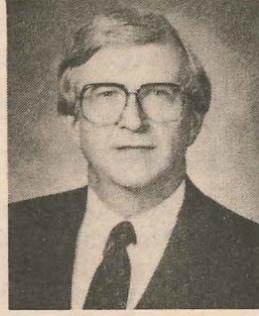
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145th Kentucky Baptist Convention at Immanuel, Lexington, Nov. 9-11

When last they met at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention convened in a newly completed auditorium now dwarfed by one even more imposing today.

This new sanctuary, dedicated Sept. 7, 1980, provides permanent opera seating for 1750 persons on two levels. There are 150 additional seats in the choir loft and space for 300 folding chairs behind the opera seats on the main floor.

Of Colonial Williamsburg design, the facility was constructed with 374,500 bricks. A lighted steeple and cross points 111 feet into the air, housing speakers for a carillon. A three-manual 48-rank pipe organ is situated in the auditorium.

This \$3 million facility will be the meeting site for representatives from 2300 Kentucky Baptist churches in their 145th annual session Nov. 9-11.

It will be the 12th time in their

history Kentucky Baptists have met in Lexington, and the third time they have met with the Immanuel congregation, having been there previously in 1944 and 1965. Seventeen years ago a familiar name—one that will play a large role in 1982 proceedings, Franklin Owen—was president of the state convention.

This year seven persons will address the convention in full length messages. Pictured above, they include:

- William D. Jagers, pastor, Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church, and KBC president (president's address), Tuesday morning
- Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor emeritus, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday night
- Rollin S. Burhans, retired minister, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green (convention sermon), Wednesday morning
- James M. Dunn, executive direc-

tor-treasurer, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., Wednesday afternoon

- James McKinley, foreign missionary on furlough from Bangladesh, Wednesday night
- William G. Tanner, president, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday night

• Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Thursday morning

In addition to hearing reports of their boards, agencies and institutions during the three days in Lexington, messengers will act upon a proposed 1983-84 operating budget of \$16.5 million. They will elect new officers, will probably adopt several resolutions on issues of the day and will choose numerous committee members for leadership roles during the coming year.

A highlight of the week will be tributes to the retiring Franklin Owen,

executive secretary-treasurer of the convention since 1972. Owen and his wife Sue will be recognized during the Tuesday evening session. A reception honoring the pair follows at 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.

Music for the week is under auspices of the KBC Church Music Department, Eugene F. Quinn, director.

The convention opens at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. The benediction is scheduled at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

Ted Sisk is the host pastor this year. Several preliminary meetings will take place in and around Lexington the day before the convention begins. Numerous other functions are calendared throughout the week at times when the convention proper is not in session.

A complete list of these events, as reported in advance to Western Recorder, appears on page 6 of this week's edition.

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

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—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Brothers should never become adversaries

One of the unfortunate aspects of any controversy is that even though it begins with issues it generally degenerates to personalities and personal attacks. The current theological controversy among Southern Baptists is more and more taking this direction. This is bad because any split that might come in the convention could result more from personal animosities than theological differences.

Name calling and impugning in the "inerrancy" controversy began several years ago with critic Bill Powell whose publication became a smear sheet and lost any credibility and respectability it ever had. The resulting backlash caused most of Powell's early supporters to desert him. However, in the heat of the convention presidential race last June, more "respectable" leaders of the "inerrancy" group degenerated to Powell's level by spreading totally false charges related to Duke McCall and drinking. James Draper, who was elected president in a runoff with McCall, did not participate in this shameful smear but some of his sponsors and supporters did. The false charges understandably stung McCall who used a press conference in New Orleans to set the record straight.

The second round of name calling took place shortly after the New Orleans convention. Adrian Rogers, stung by criticism of his pre New Orleans press interview in which he called the Cooperative Program a sacred cow, used his Memphis pulpit to level charges against several Southern Baptist leaders whose names he called.

The latest chapter in this sad saga is an article submitted to state Baptist papers by McCall (see page 3 in this issue). McCall is correct in his observations about the ignoring or misinterpreting of bylaw 21 by Rogers, Smith and Draper. In describing the interpretation of bylaw 21 by Adrian Rogers, McCall takes the pains to say he is not impugning the character of Rogers but the charges of misinterpreting bylaw 21 will sting Rogers, Smith and Draper. This will only fan the flames that grow higher and hotter with every exchange. The end is not in sight.

Participants in the exchange of charges are acting more like adversaries than brothers. For this

reason president Draper is to be commended for getting together influential individuals identified with the two sides in the current debate. Fellowship and dialog should be helpful. Though agreement on issues is not likely to be the fruit of such a meeting, it should be helpful. The hope for saving the convention from destructive division is not in convincing one another but in loving one another and putting up with one another in spite of divergent views.

Some interpret the controversy as purely a struggle for power with the "inerrancy" issue only a camouflage. I disagree. Certainly a power struggle is involved but anyone who listens to W. A. Criswell and Adrian Rogers and who knows the approach to the scriptures taken in most classrooms of Southern Baptist seminaries has to know there is a difference.

This doesn't mean Criswell and Rogers believe the Bible and seminary teachers don't. Many seminary teachers regard the Bible as highly as Criswell or Rogers but they approach it differently.

Whether Southern Baptists survive this struggle without damaging divisions seems more and more to depend upon answers to two questions. One is whether the convention is still big enough to include considerable doctrinal diversity as it has for 137 years. The other is whether participants in the debate are big enough to disagree and continue in love and cooperation as brothers in Christ ought.

Free exercise of religion is a constitutional guarantee

One and probably two court suits related to religious exercises in public schools illustrate the thin and uncertain line between what is considered constitutional and unconstitutional. In Tennessee a law passed last spring by the General Assembly requiring that a moment of silence be observed at the beginning of the first class each day in public schools "for meditation or prayer or personal beliefs" has been declared unconstitutional.

In writing the decision U. S. District Court Judge Clure Morton said, "It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the legislative purpose was advancement of religious exercises in the classrooms. The

overwhelming intent among legislators supporting the bill was to establish prayer as a daily fixture in the public classrooms of Tennessee."

In Minnesota the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union is threatening to file a suit to prohibit religious fellowships or groups from sponsoring activities in a Minneapolis school before or after school hours. What decision would result from such a suit remains to be seen but should the decision ban religious exercises before or after school hours, it ought to be fought vigorously and appealed to a higher court.

Both these are borderline cases but there is a difference. The moment of silence in Tennessee is a mandated activity encouraging prayer. It would be teacher directed and it would also be a part of the official school day. Judge Morton would appear to be right in his judgment of the intent of the law: namely to encourage worship in public schools. This the Supreme Court has ruled against.

On the other hand, the Minneapolis school, its officials and teachers are not at all officially involved in the before and after school activities of religious groups. Only school property is involved along with possibly a small amount of utilities. The Supreme Court so far has not banned such activity.

School buildings are public property and customarily are available to various groups for reasonable rental rates to take care of maintenance and utilities. School buildings in Kentucky are available for rent by churches and in Jefferson County schools have been used for activities ranging from a rally led by an admitted communist to one sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan.

Why should students not have use of school property before or after school if churches and other organizations have access to it? A nominal charge for any extra janitorial services or utilities would be in order but nothing else.

The Supreme Court decisions banning sponsored and prescribed Bible reading and prayer in public schools have led some school officials and others to overly react. Such misunderstanding helps account for much support of the proposed constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to pray in public schools.

But a prayer amendment is not the answer. Even its sponsors in the White House admit someone would ultimately be responsible for composing a voluntary group

prayer. What true Baptist would stand for his or her children being subjected to a prayer written by school personnel or school board members?

What is needed is the same recognition of free exercise of religion as protection from state established religion. Both are guaranteed in the First Amendment. Hopefully the courts will eventually better clarify where the line between free exercise and established religion is. In the meantime we should not allow interpretation of the earlier court decisions to prohibit free exercise of religion.

BAPTIST FORUM

Are we missing the mark?

Some disturbing things have occurred in our convention.

I protest the prostitution of our convention to serve political goals. The ruthless tactics of political wheeler-dealers disgrace a religious body (Matt. 10:33, 2 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 6:12).

I protest the 180-degree turn on separation of church and state. For 300 years Baptists have been in the forefront of the fight to keep separate what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God (Gen. 1:27; 22:21; John 8:36; Gal. 5:1).

I protest the unbiblical view that the USA, rather than church, is God's new Israel. This had adulterated biblical faith with civil religion (1 Pet. 2:9; Eph. 2:12-19).

I protest the shift from the great commission and bold mission to culture religion. The shifting tides of social and political movements swing right then left, but our foundation in God never changes (Matt. 28:18-29; Heb. 13:8-9).

I protest the effort of some to brush aside soul liberty and the priesthood of believers and impose a creed on us. The Bible has been our sufficient Baptist creed for 300 years (John 8:31-32; Rom. 14:2-4; 1 Cor. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 1:24).

I protest reckless attacks on our institutions, agencies and officials by people who offer no documentation for their charges. Jesus made love of the brethren the test of discipleship (Ex. 20:16; John 13:35; James 3:12; 1 John 3:13-14).

Let us say in no uncertain terms to the political power brokers: Get off our backs and let us get on with our God-given task of converting sinners and maturing saints.

D. P. Brooks, Nashville, Tenn.

Viewpoint

I am a literalist

by Duke K. McCall

The message of the Bible should be taken literally. The poetry, the parables and the metaphors of the Bible convey truth which needs no editing.

But there is another document which Southern Baptists will have to read literally if they are to stay together. That is a legal document made up of the constitution, bylaws and business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those who wrote and have amended these documents across the years have sought divine guidance but these documents are not divine revelation. They are, however, the basis for some 14,000,000 Southern Baptists in 36,000 churches witnessing together for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost.

Southern Baptist Convention bylaw 21 states: "A committee on committees composed of two members from each qualified state and the District of Columbia, shall be appointed by the president, in conference with the vice-presidents, of whom one shall be designated as chairman. Members so named shall be notified in writing at least one month before the meeting of the convention and their names shall be published in the first issue of the convention Bulletin. The president may fill any vacancies on the committee when those originally named do not attend the convention. This committee shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions 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."

This bylaw has not been amended since 1949 when it replaced a provision for the representatives of the state conventions to caucus and name their representatives of the state conventions to caucus and name their representatives on the committee on boards, commissions and standing committees. Until 1979 there was no question about what it meant: the president and the two vice presidents elected at the same convention by the same group of messengers met together "in conference" and talked until they had agreed on the best Southern Baptists to be found to name the "committee on committees."

In 1979, when Adrian Rogers was elected president of the convention, he used his unique understanding of literal interpretation to change the meaning of the bylaw. He read "in conference with" to mean "after conference with." He ignored the clear meaning of the last phrase, which by grammar and syntax must apply to one of the vice-presidents, "whom of one shall be designated as chairman."

While listening to a recording of Rogers' sermon preached on Sunday night after the Southern Baptist Convention session in New Orleans, La., I became aware that he is consistent in his interpretation of authoritative docu-

ments. He reinterpreted the clear meaning of a passage of scripture just as he reinterpreted the clear meaning of bylaw 21. The defect is not in his character but in his assumption that what he believes to be true is superior to grammar, syntax and the dictionary definition of words.

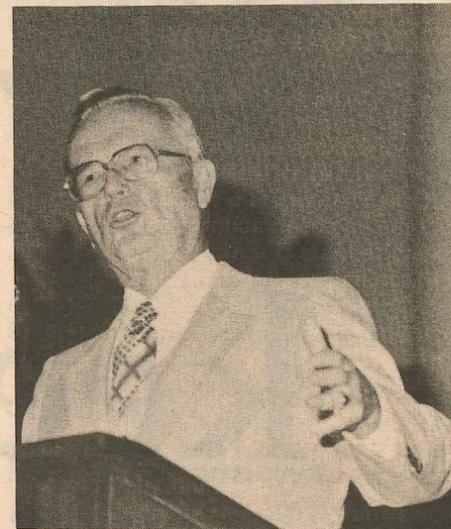
Rogers' misinterpretation of bylaw 21 was carried through the administration of president Bailey Smith. I had hoped, until his speech before the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville in September, that highly intelligent president Jimmy Draper would correct this mistake. In that speech he emphatically declared it was the president's responsibility to nominate the committee members "after" and not "in conference" with the vice presidents. That this interpretation is in error is made absolutely clear by the part of the bylaw consistently ignored which calls for one of the vice presidents to chair the conference out of which the convention president announces the nominations.

This bylaw has a long history which Porter Routh has documented. Since 1919 Southern Baptists have struggled to find a representative, democratic process for naming the members of the committees and boards of the convention. The present awkward wording of bylaw 21 reflects their fear of "one man rule." They used to debate any tendency in that direction as a move toward the papacy.

While I was executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, there was the experiment with the messengers from each state naming the committee. The present bylaw was adopted while I was still in that office and represented a confidence in the president and two vice presidents elected by the whole body. It was built on an earlier bylaw which provided for the president and

the four vice presidents "to name a committee on nominations."

The current power struggle in the SBC annually over the election of a president would at least be greatly modified by literal observance of bylaw 21. While I would go further and amend bylaw 21, I believe the least that can be done to modify the hard line, party line, struggle over the presidency is to obey the existing rule.



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Keith R. Johnson named student life associate

Keith R. Johnson, Campbellsville College's assistant director of financial aid since January 1981, has been named student life associate.

Johnson replaces Sylvia L. Morris, former student life director, who is now student life vice president.

The position title has changed from director to associate because the responsibilities of the associate extend beyond those of the director. Johnson will oversee dormitories, guest housing, orientation, the conference center and other duties.

Johnson received his BS in health education and sociology from Western Kentucky University in 1974 and his MA in student personnel services in 1977.

Johnson served as director of financial aid and student life from July 1978 to July 1980 at Lindsey Wilson College.

He has teaching experience at Eastern High School, Louisville, in a core curriculum of English, social studies and science.

Johnson holds memberships in the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and American Personnel and Guidance Association.

Cumberland begins fund as memorial to McCall

A memorial gift fund in memory of William A. McCall has been funded at Cumberland College.

McCall, world renowned educator and graduate of Cumberland College, died in Coral Gables, Fla., Aug. 8.

Begun by a teaching colleague of McCall's, Lewis Walton of Woodford, Va., the fund will both serve as a living memorial in memory of McCall and will

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The 40 voice Georgetown College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Tony Whitfield, will present a sacred concert at the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention, Tuesday evening, Nov. 9 at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church.

provide funds for deserving mountain students who, like McCall, have a driving desire for an education but who lack the necessary funds for that education.

McCall was born in Wellsville, Tenn. His life was one of accomplishment as he moved from a one room schoolhouse in Whitley County, Ky., to become one of the outstanding educators in America.

All contributions to the William A. McCall Memorial Fund will be used for deserving mountain students. Any gifts to the fund will be acknowledged and Gretchen McCall, McCall's widow, will be notified of the gift unless otherwise specified by the donor.

Contributions to the memorial fund should be mailed to The Dr. William A. McCall Memorial Fund, Office of the President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

Alabama woman's will leaves NOBTS \$500,000

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will receive approximately \$500,000 from a bequest by an Alabama woman.

Elizabeth S. Deer, Monroeville, Ala., died in September 1980 and left NOBTS 25 percent of the residue from the pro-

bated estate and 25 percent interest in the sale of large land holdings in Nebraska. She requested the money be used "as an investment in the future of the institution and its part in the cause of Christ" and to assist in the education of persons for Christian ministry.

This is the second largest gift from an individual the seminary has received, according to Cliff Amos, director of development at NOBTS. The seminary has already received most of the proceeds from the will.

Ashland native Greear graduates from NOBTS

Asa Preston Greear, a native of Ashland, received the MDiv degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at the end of the summer.

Greear is the son of Dewey Greear, Coal Grove, Oh. and Mrs. Josephine Rose, Campton, Ky. His wife is the former Lydia Patton.

Greear is now at Central Baptist Church, Bentonia, Miss.

Southern Seminary offers three-week term

The 1983 January term at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary offers a unique three-week educational opportunity for pastors, church vocational workers and laypersons.

The mini term is planned to enable church leaders to take courses without being away from their churches for more than two Sundays.

The next term, which meets four days per week, will be offered Jan. 5-21, with registration Jan. 4. Registration fee is \$67.50.

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HMEX brings four day home missions emphasis to Georgetown College

"Georgetown College will experience a first on its campus the week of Nov. 1-4," according to Steve Cook, director of church relations.

More than 25 home missionaries will participate in a four day home missions emphasis. Principals from the Home Mission Board will lead in this annual home missions experience, according to Cook.

Home Missions Experience, referred to as HMEX, is a project sponsored by the Special Mission Ministries Section of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

The project will be coordinated by Esther Burroughs and Warren Woolf of the Atlanta based staff. The format of the "experience" will combine conventional worship services and conferences focusing on home missions work in the United States. The worship services will be held in the college's Hill Chapel.

Cook said, "This new Home Missions Experience has been made possible by earlier endowment gifts from more than a dozen Lexington area Baptist churches. The gifts represent a part of the funding of a Missions Impact Program by Kentucky Baptist churches in the college's decade of progress campaign.

The seven planned worship experiences which will spotlight the missions activity are:

- Monday morning chapel at 11:00 will feature Wendell Belew, director of the Home Mission Board. Belew, a 1943 Georgetown alumnus, will speak on "The Message of Mission."

- Monday evening at 7:00 will feature Ed Seabough, minister of singles at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. Seabough has worked with college students through counseling and creative song writing.

- Tuesday morning at 11:00 will bring Mildred McWhorter to the chapel. She is a missionary in the inner city of Houston, Tex., and a regular feature of Home Missions Experience.

- Darrell Adams, Christian singer and composer from Louisville and former US-2 campus minister, will present a concert at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. Adams writes and sings music depicting the hurts, needs and feelings of the oppressed people in our world as well as the joys, triumphs and excitement of people who have experienced victory.

- Wednesday morning chapel at 10:00. Quentin Lockwood, director of the Rural-Urban Missions Department of the Home Missions Board is scheduled as chapel speaker. Lockwood is a 1947 Georgetown alumnus.

- "Walk in Love," a choral pilgrimage for young people, will be performed by the Georgetown College Baptist Student Union choir and instrumental ensemble Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. The book and lyrics were written by Esther Burroughs and the music composed by her husband, Bob Burroughs. They will be at Georgetown for the whole HMEX. Both will share testimonies of their work in missions, working with college students and their ministry in the local church.

- The final service will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday with the message delivered by William Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Tanner is a preacher, former college president at Oklahoma Baptist University and premier spokesman for home mission work.

Special conferences ranging from "For Women Only" and "Language Missions" to "Witnessing to the Sects" will precede the Monday and Tuesday evening worship services. Over 25 special conferences and topics will be led by the HMEX team.

HMEX is the result of several years of planning by the Home Mission Board and Georgetown College. It represents the second major contribution to the Mission Impact Program of the decade

of progress campaign for Georgetown College within this calendar year. Merwyn and Linda Borders, first missionaries in residence, spent the spring semester (January-May) in college housing counseling students and speaking in many Elkhorn Baptist and both Kentucky and Ohio Baptist churches.

The goal of the current Elkhorn Association campaign is to inform every church in the association of the missions plans and needs of Georgetown College so the full \$250,000 for endowing the Mission Impact Program can be subscribed by the end of 1982.

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Draper: 'Teach all views'

Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. wants a "fair representation of all (theological) views" in the classrooms of Southern Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., told a faculty dialog at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., he has confidence in the seminary faculty but noted there are problems on the university level which might be spilling over to some seminary campuses.

The SBC president, however, said he does not want anyone fired because of their teachings.

"Most conservatives would be happy with parity in our classrooms," Draper said. "We would be happy with a fair presentation of all views but we should make a concerted attempt to bring known conservatives to our faculties."

With proper planning, he said, this could be achieved through normal attrition.

Commenting on recent meetings with various convention groups, Draper said nothing he did seemed to please "the Shermans," but he was glad the meet-

ings were held. He referred to brothers Cecil Sherman of Asheville, N. C. and Bill Sherman of Nashville, leaders of a moderate faction in the denomination.

Draper said the first step in resolving controversies is by communicating. He noted Southern Baptists have distinct theologies within the convention and they should communicate their differences and move on.

"If there can be an acceptance of the true diversity of our convention, then I can be optimistic about our future," he said.

Draper maintained Southern Baptist laity is getting tired of paying for the preachers' annual "fiasco" (convention) and they will react to convention controversy, adding he hopes to help ease the tension by appointing people who are conservatives and not identified with any political faction.

He told the Southwestern faculty new guidelines for resolutions hopefully will lessen controversies about that process at future conventions. He plans to use a revised process at the 1983 SBC meeting in Pittsburgh, Penn., where resolutions are brought to a table on the convention floor and registered with the resolutions committee rather than being presented from the platform.

He said he is asking the resolutions committee to meet at least one month in advance of the convention to prepare for possible topics to be addressed by the convention.

Draper said he expects opposition at the Pittsburgh convention to his bid for reelection to a second term as convention president. He said the most liberal elements of the convention are within driving distance of Pittsburgh and are making well organized plans. He said a second term would give him the opportunity to complete some projects.

Draper said he is trying to talk to all people in the convention. "I have confidence in our convention leadership,"

he said. "It's good and strong and most of our leaders are young."

He said reaction to his first appointments had been good, although he had received some criticism for not appointing more people from east of the Mississippi River. "I couldn't appoint someone I didn't know," Draper said.

He said he plans to carefully screen all his appointments to make sure they are solidly Southern Baptist.

'Twice blessed': FMB sends double relief funds

A record \$5,969,163 in hunger and relief funds has been released by the Foreign Mission Board through Oct. 12, more than double the amount allocated during the comparable period in 1981.

The total is running far ahead of receipts, which amounted to \$3,086,397 through Sept. 30, the latest figure available. Receipts for 1982 are up 35 percent over receipts in the first nine months of 1981.



Former U. S. Attorney General Griffin Bell calls for a return to the fundamental social values of "Truth, justice, honor, country, pity and shame" during a luncheon celebrating the 100th anniversary of the SBC Home Mission Board's move from Marion, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga. Bell, a member of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, where the luncheon was held, told the 250 guests and HMB directors no organization in America can help more than the church to incite a return to these fundamental values.

Home board names 72 for work in 20 states

Seventy-two new missionaries were appointed or approved by the board of directors for the Home Mission Board during its October meeting for mission work in 20 states.

Included among the 72 missionaries were five career missionaries, 22 missionary associates, 34 mission pastors and 13 to receive language pastoral assistance.

Few opportunities left for growth workshops

There are only four chances to attend a church growth workshop within a week.

Dates, times and places follow:

Thursday, Oct. 28—Mt. Zion Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Corbin

Monday, Nov. 1—Green Valley Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church, Henderson

Tuesday, Nov. 2—Ohio River Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Salem (Ky.) Baptist Church

Tuesday, Nov. 2—Caldwell-Lyon Association, meeting at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church, Princeton

BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Convention calendar: there's always lots to do during KBC week, in addition to the convention

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention may be the principal attraction of KBC week each year, but it doesn't stand alone by any means. Immediately before it, as well as during the convention itself, a host of auxiliary groups will be meeting, eating and sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is a listing of these activities as reported to Western Recorder.

Monday, November 8

- 11 a.m. KBC Credentials Committee—Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington
- 11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Officers' Luncheon—Annie's Station, Midway
- 12:00 noon Registration and fellowship, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 12:30 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 12:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church

- 1 p.m. KBC Executive Board—Chapel, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference—Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 5 p.m. KBC Committee on Nominations—Hyatt Regency Hotel
- 5:15 p.m. Western Recorder Press Team Dinner—Howard Johnson's, 2280 Nicholasville Rd., Lexington
- 6 p.m. Kentucky Fellowship of Directors of Missions—Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington
- 6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Banquet—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Banquet—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 7 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference—Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 7:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 9 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 9

- 8 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Breakfast—Morrison's Restaurant, Kentucky Central Building, Lexington
- 9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Choir Room, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 10:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention—Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; other sessions: Nov. 9, 1:45 and 7 p.m.; Nov. 10, 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.; Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m. Annuitants' Luncheon—Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 12:15 p.m. Directors of Missions and Friends of Baptist Homes for Children (by invitation)—Springs Motel
- 4:30 p.m. Church Recreators Meeting and Dinner—Christian Life Center, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 5 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society—South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington
- 5 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship—Tates Creek Christian Church, Lexington
- 5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Bivoca-

- tional Pastors—Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington
- 9 p.m. Reception for Frank and Sue Owen—Fellowship Hall, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington

Wednesday, November 10

- 7 a.m. Campbellsville College Breakfast—Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington
- 7 a.m. Georgetown College Breakfast—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 7:30 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist School Breakfast, Ramada Inn, 525 Waller, Lexington
- 7:30 a.m. Cumberland College Breakfast—Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington
- 12 noon New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Lexington
- 12 noon Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 12:15 p.m. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—Ramada Inn, 525 Waller, Lexington
- 5 p.m. Chaplains' Dinner—Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington
- 5:30 p.m. WMU Dinner for Missionaries (by invitation)—Campbell House, Lexington

'Moderate' pastor withdraws from trip

C. Welton Gaddy, one of the few "moderate" representatives on a proposed trip to Israel arranged by Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr., has informed Draper he will not participate.

Gaddy was one of 17 Southern Baptist leaders invited by Draper to participate in the trip in late November under the sponsorship of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish laymen's organization.

At the time he announced the participants Draper said they represented the "full spectrum" of the current SBC political scene and added he was interested that "these men from the diverse groups within the SBC have a chance to develop friendships and relationships."

In making public his decision not to participate in the study tour, Gaddy said he has "hesitation" to participate in an event sponsored by the B'nai B'rith.

"Though I am appreciative of B'nai B'rith and the Israeli government for their willingness to host a group of Southern Baptists, I am uncomfortable with that arrangement," Gaddy wrote in his church newsletter. "Many of Israel's military actions and policy decisions within the immediate past are simply indefensible (and reprehensible) in my opinion. I do not feel good about any identification with Israel, overt or implied, which could be misinterpreted as support for such strategies. That is simply a matter of conscience."

Gillihan will manage Corbin medical facility

Kerry G. Gillihan has been appointed managing director of Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital (SEKBH), effective Oct. 1, according to Homer D. Coggins, president of Baptist Hospitals Inc.

Gillihan has been associated with Highlands Baptist Hospital, Louisville, since 1979 in hospital management. He holds BS degrees in biology and chemistry from Murray State University and a master's degree in hospital administration from the University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham.

The intent of BHI Management Corp., which has contracted to manage SEKBH, and one of Gillihan's primary responsibilities is the development of a new regional medical center. The project will involve construction of a 200- to 250 bed medical facility. Toward that goal, BHI has filed a letter of intent with the Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

\$125,952,000 budget set by mission board

A record 1983 budget of \$125,952,000, one-fifth larger than this year's, won quick approval Oct. 13 from the Foreign Mission Board.

President R. Keith Parks said a combination of sacrificial giving by Southern Baptists, favorable return on investments and good money management made possible the 20.15 percent budget increase.

He emphasized it is also a budget based on faith because it includes the entire \$58 million goal for this year's Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions. This offering alone is expected to provide more than 46 percent of the 1983 budget.

The budget reflects a 16.87 percent increase in the board's receipts from the Cooperative Program, which will provide more than 40 percent of the

budget income.

"This budget," Parks said, "is dollars and cents evidence Southern Baptists are still true to the originating purpose that unites us around the propagation of the gospel at home and throughout the world."

Other board business included the appointment of 34 new missionaries. Among these were Roger and Diana Clardy Gaunt of Missouri and Kentucky. The Gaunts will serve in the Dominican Republic.

The Foreign Mission Board has been able to emphasize long-range projects which seek to deal with the underlying causes of hunger and which are integrated with other Baptist ministries without crippling its ability to respond to emergencies such as recent fighting in Lebanon and Hurricane Paul in Mexico.

Allocations during September totaled \$987,666 and went to 10 different countries. From that, \$25,000 went to repair Beirut (Lebanon) Baptist School which was damaged and vandalized during the recent military conflict and \$5000 went for flood relief in India and \$50,000 went to help refugees in El Salvador.

Countries receiving the largest allocations for long-range development projects were the Philippines, Upper Volta, Argentina and Kenya.

Home board raises Annie though '82 receipts short

Directors of the Home Mission Board adopted a \$47.9 million budget for 1983, elevated Bob Banks to a new position as vice president for administration, appointed 72 new missionaries and celebrated the board's 100th anniversary in Atlanta.

The \$47.0 million budget is an increase of almost \$5.7 million over the 1982 budget of \$42.2 million. It will permit a 10 percent salary hike for appointed missionaries.

Robert T. Banks, associate to the president, was promoted to a newly created position of vice president for administration, effective immediately. Banks, a native of Griffin, Ga., came to the HMB last year after seven years with the SBC Brotherhood Commission and 20 years with the Oklahoma Baptist Brotherhood Department.

In addition to adopting the budget,

the board approved 1983 program goals for the agency and adopted a distribution plan for 1983 Annie Armstrong Easter offering receipts. With a goal of \$25 million for 1983, the offering will provide \$16.2 million for direct support of home missionaries and field ministries, \$2.8 million for HMB projects and \$6 million for "advance in critical areas."

In his annual report to directors HMB

president William G. Tanner reported receipts through the 1982 Annie Armstrong offering are \$1.1 million over what was given by the same period last year, but still short of the \$22 million goal. So far this year, \$19,085,000 has been given through the home mission offering. Tanner told board members projections indicate gifts through the offering probably will reach \$19.5 million in 1982.



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Ministers' Wives meet, eat, hear Boatwright

The Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship will have a buffet dinner at Tates Creek Christian Church, Lexington, Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at Immanuel Church that week.

Roy E. Boatwright (in photo), retired state Sunday school director, will monolog biblical characters.

1981-82 officers are: Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, president; Mrs. Hunter Hensley, vice president; Mrs. William Whitaker, secretary; Mrs. Roy Boatwright, program chairman.



Baptist Hospital patient shot in mafia-like murder

A patient being treated for gunshot wounds was murdered in his bed at Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Columbia, in what police think is the result of a feud among elements of organized crime.

"About 9 p.m. Oct. 23 there were some shots fired outside the hospital and when the police went to investigate the diversion, three men entered the hospital, went to the patient's second floor room and shot him 11 times," said Jerrell Ballard, a Southern Baptist medical missionary.

The victim's sister and another visitor were in the room but were not harmed by the gunmen. In the ensuing confusion the three men escaped, Ballard said.

Less than 48 hours later, three men riding in a car near the hospital were killed by gunmen who pulled alongside them in a jeep. Police think the two incidents are related and also the Oct. 23 shooting was a "finishing off" of the earlier attempt that put the man in the hospital.

Ballard, who has been in Columbia for 10 years, thinks the incident will have an effect on Baptist Hospital but he doesn't think Baptist mission work will suffer.

KBC ACTIVITIES

Tell Others About The CP

cooperative program

OCTOBER

29-30 Baptist Women Retreat. Cedar-more
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

BUSY CONVENTION

These are busy, busy days. Pre-Convention days always are (we meet at Immanuel Church, Lexington, November 9-11). This year we are looking at the busiest days I have seen. I believe we have more ground plowed that must be harrowed, seeded, cultivated, etc. than at any time since I have been in office.

Our Baptist Building Departments and their personnel have their particular ongoing responsibilities all over our state in terms of building better Sunday Schools, Choirs, Brotherhoods, Training Unions, Missionary Unions, etc. etc. We currently also have more special projects going at the same time than I have ever seen.

It is a healthy sign, I suppose. I have lamented in these lines that in recent years, we have tended to go to the Southern Baptist Convention pre-occupied with the question as to whom we would elect as president and other possible officers. I have said that it is a sign that our beloved Southern Baptist Convention is less than well united. It

has become politicized to a considerable measure so that its chief concern upon assembly is whom we elect to lead us and what point of view or party he represents?

The fact that our state Convention is so loaded with Kingdon work projects and programs as to keep us more mindful of our mission that who our officers are to be is a sign of our prior orientation to our work rather than choice of personality and whom they represent. It is also a sign that our immediate president and his predecessors have been dedicated to the program and work rather than to building or promoting political influence.

Join us in the prayer for a great Convention with a spirit of unity and tolerance so typical of our good fellowship. May we be slow to dispute and quick to conciliate, overcoming any possible problems that could disorder our good fellowship. We seldom bog down in unnecessary and unfruitful controversy. Pray that we shall have another great mission-task-oriented Convention.

International Series SPEAKING THROUGH A GENTLE

Numbers 22:4-6 Alarmed at the progress of the Israelites, Balak, the king of Moab, inferred they could not be resisted successfully by mere human agency. In the dire emergency, Balak sent messengers to Balaam the soothsayer, whom kings approached with respectful urgency and with magnificent

offers, and requested him to come and pronounce a curse upon the Israelites of sufficient dimensions that they would no longer be a threat to the Moabites and their allies.

Numbers 23:7-12 Balaam declined to accept the invitation until he had sought the will of God, who forbade him to do what had been requested. Proceeding on the theory every man has his price, Balak sent a second ambassador to Balaam with the promise of a huge reward or a bribe if he would pronounce the curse. Mercenary in spirit and desirous of commercializing his skills for self-advancement and personal glory, and at the same time not wanting to displease God, this two-faced prophet was hoping God would somehow permit him to do what he knew was wrong.

God refused to permit Balaam to pronounce a curse upon his people. Controlling Balaam's words, God had him to pronounce a blessing upon them. As an intelligent man, Balaam knew he must die. Gazing upon the tents of the Israelites, he prayed: "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his." The author of this memorable prayer did not die the death of the righteous, but by his own deliberate choice he died fighting against the righteous. The Bible has two epitaphs of him: "Balaam, the son

of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;" and "Balaam who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication."

Numbers 24:17 Strange as it may seem, from the lips of the man who had been enticed and bribed to curse Israel, God brought forth memorable words which exalted his precious son as the future and rightful ruler and judge of men.

Life and Work Series KEEPING LOVE FORMOST

1 John 3:11, 14, 16-18 The Old Testament taught love for one another was a duty incumbent upon every child of God. Christ told his disciples they should love one another as he had loved them. The early Christians loved one another with that deep and abiding respect which showed itself in confidence, good will and mutual helpfulness. Our love for the brethren is one of the evidences we have passed from death to life. Not only have our love for our fellow Christians an assurance to our own hearts that we have become new creatures, or children of God, but it is also a means whereby others may know we belong to Christ.

Unselfish and sacrificial love

prompted Christ to leave the glories of heaven and to come to the earth to give his life on the cross as a ransom for many. He laid down his life in order to save others from their sins, thus demonstrating that "God is love." If we expect to prove to the unsaved we are the children of God and are truly following Christ, then we must really love one another.

The test of love is not in saying, but in doing. Real love is not expressed in mere pious good wishes, but in a practical manner, such as the alleviation of distress. To see the need of a fellow Christian and not to attempt to do anything to help meet it is to prove the love of God does not dwell in one.

1 John 4:15-18 God's infinite and inexpressible love has been revealed in many ways but never so fully as when he gave his only begotten son to die on the cross as a propitiation for our sins. As we, the children of God, contemplate the love of Christ for us, demonstrated in his atoning death on the cross, we should resolve to love him devotedly. How can we express our love for Christ? The sure evidence of real love for him is by obeying him. When Christ is preeminent in our thinking, we become more like him in his victory over temptation to sin, in his devotion to the father's will and in his passion for the salvation of souls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Oct. 31, 1982



H. C. Chiles

"The initial reaction seems to be 'what kind of people are you harboring in that hospital' and I'm sure people who are planning non-emergency surgery will look somewhere else for awhile," Ballard admitted. "But our doors are open to anyone who needs care and, fortunately, the local papers have pointed out the victim was a 'bad man' who was involved in criminal activities. There have been several incidents of violence lately but no innocent people have been involved and police thank the local mafia is quarreling internally."

SWBTS trustees approve Hispanic Seminary merger

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved the final steps of merger with the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio as they held their annual fall meeting.

A budget of \$750,099 for the Hispanic seminary was adopted. The school will become a component of Southeastern if the merger is approved on second reading at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in November.

Also approved were Hispanic Semi-

nary's curriculum and adjunct status at Southwestern for its faculty. Daniel J. Rivera was elected president of Hispanic Seminary as part of Southwestern's administrative staff.

BHI applies for joint hospital management

BHI Management Corp., a subsidiary of Baptist Hospitals Inc., has announced the submission of a joint proposal with Hospital Corp. of Hardin County Inc. to manage Hardin Memorial Hospital.

The proposal is pending a decision by Hardin County fiscal court.

Southern Seminary has wealth of missions info

Ninety summer missions volunteers, missionary journeymen and U. S. 2ers from Southern Seminary are willing to speak in churches for missions emphases, according to Charlie Wilson.

Wilson, chairman of Southern's missions committee, intends "that missions leaders will help us share what God is doing by using these people."

For further information contact: the Student Missions Committee, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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HEALING AND PREVENTION

Every family with small children knows what it is like to sit around the table at mealtime and have a glass of milk turned over. No matter how careful the parents have been, the glass gets set too close to the edge, over it goes, and milk runs everywhere. The parents go into action. Dishes are moved and a napkin or towel is used to wipe up the spilled milk. All that goes on at this point may be called healing. Healing is correcting the problem, cleaning up the mess and getting things back to normal.

The next procedure is to begin a program of prevention. This involves teaching the young child how not to turn over the glass of milk. I well remember that prevention is not fully accomplished in one simple lesson. Rather, we patiently teach and show over and over how to prevent turning over the glass.

The annual Haworth Conference is jointly provided by Baptist Homes for Children and the Department of Christian Life Relations, Kentucky Baptist Convention. Each year the conference

is planned to deal with some phase of the family and is planned to be of special help to pastors and others in the ministry to families.

The conference this year (Oct. 4-5) was planned around the theme: "Family Breakdown: Prevention and Healing." It was held at Cedarmore and was attended by just over 100 persons. The depth, sincerity and spirit of the entire conference was an experience to be remembered.

Under the leadership of Wayne Oates, we examined the biblical teachings concerning marriage and divorce. Bill Arnold helped us in knowing how to give pastoral care to those caught in family breakdown. There were testimonies, panel discussions and question and answer periods.

With one million families breaking down each year, all of us in ministry responsibilities need conferences like this to help us. But as we help with healing, we must do more to prevent breakdown. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Why not plan to attend the Haworth Conference next Oct. 3-4, 1983 at Cedarmore?

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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



WE'LL ALL BE THERE

The inauguration of the third president of Clear Creek Baptist School was a time of great rejoicing and celebration. Hundreds of delegates, alumni, pastors and guests filled the Clear Creek campus and the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Pineville, as we solemnly committed ourselves to God and asked his blessing on this great work.

However, my thoughts turned inevitably to some precious friends who were not able to be present. Dr. L. C. Kelly, founder of Clear Creek, has gone on to be with the Lord. Dr. D. M. Aldridge, president for 28 years, is a missionary in Africa and could not be present. Some former faculty and staff members at Clear Creek were unable to come. Many personal friends, including my home pastor in Texas under whom I surrendered to preach, were not present. My wife's father, a Baptist pastor for more than 40 years, and my father have both gone on before to be with the Lord.

Perhaps the most important person

missing at my inauguration was you. If you were unable to come, let me share with you the love and appreciation I felt in my heart as I rose to deliver the inaugural address. Clear Creek could not continue without your love, support and prayers. The ministry here is great only because you have made it so. Thank you for all that you have done for Clear Creek and our Lord.

I wish there were a time and a place where all of God's children could gather together to celebrate the grace and goodness of God. I'm afraid we'll never find the occasion here on earth. However, the Bible teaches of a place around the throne of God where "a great multitude which no man could number" shall stand and sing, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9-10). There we shall sing "Worthy is the Lamb" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" just as we did at my inauguration last week. As the old hymn expresses it, "We'll be there, praise the Lord, we'll all be there!"

'PRES AND RUBY'

A pounding on my bedroom door accompanied by the words "I am here! I am here!" startled me awake on homecoming morning. Sleepily opening the door, it took me a few moments to recognize one of our former students. I had last seen Billy when he was expelled 19 years ago. Now he and his wife had driven through the night from Indianapolis and he couldn't wait to show her his old school. They are the parents of two fine teenagers, one already in college.

There was a lot of warmth and a lot of emotion as nearly 1200 men and women, boys and girls shared in one or more of the many homecoming events. The Oneida family gathered from as far away as New York and California, Florida and Minnesota and so many states in between.

The first homecoming event was the senior play on Friday night. Having practiced for two months, they had a lot of fun presenting "Harvey." A cast party at the home of director Debbie Raymond rounded out a pleasant evening.

Saturday afternoon our new 100-bed boys' dorm was dedicated. Alumnus George Hensley, now minister of music

in a Virginia church, did a magnificent job of leading the congregational singing. George and many of his schoolmates were back for the 25th anniversary of their 1957 class.

George Redding, our Bible teacher, preached an inspired sermon for the occasion. Our choir sang.

Then Preston and Ruby Baker were called to the platform, receiving a standing ovation as they came. This lovely couple have now been associated with the school for 61 years. They first came as small children in the elementary department. In the late 30s they returned to the campus. Ruby was the school's only cook for 10 years, working for a dollar a day when she began and making \$100 monthly 10 years later. Pres taught for years and was the elementary principal 40 years. Also, for many of those years he was our dean of boys and work supervisor and coached softball for seven years.

Both Ruby and Pres are charter members of the Oneida Chapter of the Eastern Star begun 35 years ago and Pres has been a Mason 40 years. He has been a most faithful deacon of our church for 35 years and for 30 years was chairman of the deacons. For 30 years he has been a bank trustee. Very active on the Soil Conservation Board,

the Bakers have operated two large farms for over 25 years.

Mr. Baker was a student under Oneida's first three presidents, worked on the staff under the next three and has been a trustee under Oneida's last three presidents. It was most fitting that Oneida's newest building be named for two who have given so much of themselves to the school and the community. Many in the audience had tears in their eyes as the Bakers were honored.

Among the many former coworkers of the Bakers was Martha Bain Rice. Mrs. Rice, like Baker, was once my teacher. She taught here for 12 years and has been an English professor at Elizabethtown Community College for many years. Mrs. Rice well summed up the feelings of those at homecoming for the Bakers when she recently wrote: "No more deserving two ever worked for the institute, for the education of boys and girls and for the betterment of the community. Theirs has been an unselfish dedication; everyone loves and appreciates them for it. I am so glad the building will bear their names, so the boys who live and learn there will be reminded of the values they exemplify every day."

An art show, a choir and band con-

cert, exhibition games with our boys' and girls' basketball teams, our swimming and diving teams, several alumni games and a lot of good eating also helped make a memorable weekend.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



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At Trammell Creek, lay evangelism is another name meaning success

by L. D. Kennedy, *State Correspondent*

A large group of members at Trammell Creek Baptist Church (near Greensburg) are active in lay evangelism. In fact, about 30 of the church's 172 residents make up the church's evangelism team that is sharing the gospel in several states.

Oct. 1-3 the team conducted a lay led revival at Salem Baptist Church in Taylor County. In July they were in Wellington, Oh. where they worked in conjunction with Vermilion Church in a mission endeavor of visitation, witnessing and preaching. A few months prior to that they assisted Brown's Corner Chapel, Scipio, Ind.

"The key point to the success of our church is lay evangelism," pastor Joe Eubanks Jr. emphasized. "I think it began when I went into surgery."

Eubanks had a brain tumor removed in 1979 and was out of his pulpit for three months. About that time he invited a team from Hawesville Baptist Church to hold a lay revival at Trammell Creek. During those services 12 members of Trammell Creek committed themselves to lay witnessing. They became convinced that evangelism is a responsibility of every Christian.

"We began witnessing in our own community," said Steve Slinker, team coordinator. Slinker is the production supervisor at Anaconda Industries of Summersville.

"Many times I've stood amazed at the blessings of God!" exclaimed James Wallace, who often fills the role of co-captain or song leader. "It has been a learning experience to me to discover that laymen can witness."

After the team was formed members began meeting periodically for prayer, training and mutual encouragement. A Church Training study on witnessing to cults gave them helpful insights. Also Eubanks met with them a few times sharing scriptures and pointers for effective witnessing.

BUT SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS stressed that they found no substitute for getting out one-on-one and actually witnessing. And they especially enjoy taking another lay person with them.

The team is composed of men, women and teenagers of varied ages and backgrounds. They have sought to avoid becoming a little self-righteous clique within their church. "We stress that we keep an open invitation to any who will join us," team member Robert McKinney explained.

At their lay led revivals different team members give their personal testimonies, present the way of salvation through Christ and challenge members of the host church to commit themselves to lay witnessing.

During the afternoons Trammell Creek lay members team up with volunteers from the host church to do evangelistic visitation on the church field.

About a dozen Salem members went with them Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Eight men and women responded Sunday evening to an invitation to commit themselves to ongoing lay witnessing.

Pastor Don Watson of Salem commented: "I felt like the involvement of Salem members going out in teams was more than I could have gotten without a lay team effort. Once they got out into

the community they were thrilled!"

WATSON TOLD OF ONE of his deacons who went with a Trammell Creek layman to visit a new family that had moved into the community from New York. He was overjoyed when the prospect came for potluck supper Saturday evening and remained for the revival service.

"When I mentioned to this deacon that I planned to make a follow up visit in that home, he responded, 'Let me know; I want to go with you.'"

While the Trammell Creek team was in Wellington, it helped establish Emmanuel Baptist Mission with six charter members. The congregation has grown and is presently seeking a pastor.

Ralph Pierce accompanied the team to Ohio, capturing on video tapes several hours of services and experiences. The tapes were edited and shown to the home church upon return.

TRAMMELL CREEK HAS maintained contact with the Emmanuel Mission and their Acteens and BYW have sent love offerings to help support the work.

Team pianist Angela McKinney composed a song about the Ohio trip titled "We Did It for You, Jesus." "She gets too emotional when talking about it," her father explained, "so she sings it."

Angela has composed a number of other Christian songs, some of which she and other teenage team members sing during revivals.

Eubanks does not always get to accompany his lay team. Neither can he be on his church field as much as he would like, for he is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nevertheless, he takes pride

in the fact Trammell Creek is not just a church with one minister but a church of many ministers.

Team members stand ready to pray or counsel whenever a need is called to their attention.

"Any time there's a need or I have a personal problem," Slinker said, "I know there are people on the lay team who will help me spiritually or financially."

WALLACE RECALLED TWO occasions when team members were called at a late hour to meet at the church for special prayer. "This was a real blessing to me," he added.

Slinker becomes enthusiastic as he recounts how team participation has helped him "to become a bolder witness and to recognize the needs of people in my own community and then beyond to people in other states."

At Salem the revival theme was "A Total Commitment." Nothing less than that can satisfy the Trammell Creek lay team.

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Clifton conference stresses ministry to the blind

by Denise George, *State Correspondent*

"Because," according to pastor Robert O. Williams, "the blind and visually handicapped are persons who need spiritual ministry," Clifton Baptist Church hosted a Conference on Ministry with Visually Handicapped, Oct. 10-11.

The conference began Sunday morning with Cecil Etheredge, Home Mission Board consultant for blind ministries, speaking on "What Is Happening with Blind Ministries across the Southern Baptist Convention."

"... I would love to see our churches come to the place that the ministry we offer be one of inclusion and not exclusion," he explained. "So often we

preach a gospel of inclusion and we practice a gospel of exclusion. I would like to see us become attitudinally sensitive to where people are."

Jeff Conner, statewide consultant with blind ministries for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, acknowledges:

"There are 25,000 visually impaired people in Kentucky, many of whom are in churches and the minister is not aware they are visually handicapped."

Conference speakers tried to define "visually handicapped" for pastors and church workers. In the Sunday services and Monday morning workshops, guest speakers discussed what an individual, as well as a church, can do in ministry with the visually handicapped, and what community resources were avail-

able to help. Speakers included: Betty Nicely, president of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky; Ernest Bourne, a deacon at Clifton; Helen Parker, writer and Sunday school teacher; Fred Grissone, director of Center for Independent Living; Carla Franklin, president of American Council of the Blind of Kentucky; Doris Swann, editor, Braille Baptist; Robert O. Williams; and Cecil Etheredge.

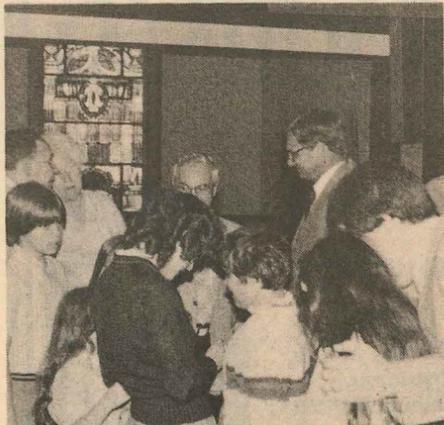
The Home Mission Board's ministry to the blind is only four years old. Etheredge notes: "We had completely overlooked these people, formally and officially, all these years. We've had ministries for all these people everywhere, but the blind—no. I'm so glad to see we're becoming more sensitive and

aware of these needs."

His goal for this new ministry?

"I would like to see a person on every state Baptist convention staff who has the specific job responsibility of blind ministry to help create the kind of awareness that needs to be created."

Through Clifton's "awareness education" weekend conference and through the hard work of agencies, churches and concerned individuals who realize that "the blind and visually handicapped are persons who need spiritual ministry," perhaps the future will see more churches providing what Conner calls "an enabling ministry—a ministry which enables blind people themselves to become a part of the whole life of every church."



Cecil Etheredge greets church and community participants during Clifton's conference on ministry to blind.



Blind musician and deacon of Clifton, Ernie Bourne, presents special music for Sunday morning's service.



Helen Parker and Cecil Etheredge share a moment of mutual appreciation for work both do with the blind.



Kentucky School for the Blind student Amy Kerr gives Clifton pastor Robert O. Williams an appreciative hug.

Cumberland College warns NDSL loan defaulters

Cumberland College students who have defaulted on their federal loans may soon find themselves in court and will find themselves accountable to the Reagan administration since Cumberland is cracking down on students who have defaulted on their National Direct (Defense) Student Loans (NDSL).

"I suspect those former students who have paid their loans will be glad to see those who have not paid be held accountable," said Cumberland College president Jim Taylor.

He continued, "Actually, the dimension of students who have defaulted on their loans is not really as great as one would believe from reports in the national media. At Cumberland we are talking about approximately 200 students who have defaulted and are facing the possibility of litigation. This is a small number when compared with more than 6000 Cumberland College students who have been helped by the NDSL program during the past 24 years.

Cumberland College, whose loan default rate only recently passed the mandated 10 percent cut-off figure and whose default rate is still one of the lowest among Kentucky colleges and universities, has already lost some funds in NDSL it would have received for the 1983-84 academic year.

As a result of this loss of funds and with the impending threat of a total loss of NDSL funding if the default rate continues to increase, the Cumberland College board of trustees has given the college administration permission to file civil lawsuits against former students who are in default.

"I don't like the thought of suing people but people need to pay their bills," declared president Taylor.

"What are we to do? The guidelines are clear: When the college's loan default rate rises above 10 percent for the fiscal year, then funds are reduced for the next year. If we do not collect defaulted loans we are hurting our presently enrolled students and adversely affecting our prospective students. So, we must sue."

For the 1982-83 academic year Cumberland received \$150,000 for its NDSL program. However, because the default rate rose to 11.3 percent for the past fiscal year, the funds for the 1983-84 academic year have been reduced \$35,000 to \$115,000.

According to George Ramey, treasurer and director of business affairs at Cumberland, this loss is significant and the only way to prevent further funding loss is to lower the default rate. To do this the college will soon begin filing lawsuits. College administrators estimate that many lawsuits will be filed in the next two months.

Ramey said, "We don't want to go to litigation but we must. The college gives those who are behind in their payments every opportunity to make their balance current. If they do not do so then the college will file suit."

A loan is declared to be in default when due payments are 180 days (six months) behind. Actually, even one missed payment constitutes grounds for a demand for repayment of the total loan. However, this has not been Cumberland's policy in the past.

"We try to be understanding in these matters and will work with the loan recipients within the limitations imposed to help them repay their loans," said Ramey. "If a student is behind in payments, or cannot make the full payment, we will try to make new arrangements even, in some cases, taking partial payments if necessary. If a student makes a regular payment, then he is not in default."

Cumberland College will not file lawsuits indiscriminately. Instead, the student who has defaulted must meet all of three established criteria before a suit is filed. First, the outstanding balance of the loan must be more than \$500; second, the college must be able to locate the student; and, finally, the student must be either employed or have attachable assets.

According to college officials, the college does all within its power to avoid litigation. According to Pat Hamby, the loan officer at Cumberland, the college first sends friendly reminders that the payments are late. If there is no response, warning letters are sent stating the account will be turned over to a collection agency. If the account is turned over to a collection agency and there is still no positive response, a final warning letter will be sent informing the student who has defaulted

the next step will be a lawsuit filed in circuit court.

Ramey stated it would be to the ex-students' financial advantage to make the loan current before a civil court action is filed. "Let's say a former student had a total loan of \$2500 and is \$500 behind in the payments. He can prevent being sued by paying only the \$500 and making the loan current. However, if a suit is filed, it will be seeking the full \$2500 and, in all likelihood, the judgment against the defendant will be for the entire amount."

Additionally, the person who has defaulted will have to pay court costs, attorney's and collection fees.

Ramey concluded, "What we want to stress is this: First, when the student accepted the loan, he assumed an obligation to repay the total amount. Secondly, because of mandated policies, the NDSL is a very limited program;

therefore, every dollar not repaid is one less dollar for students who need it. Also, if default rates continue to rise and if the cut-off figure remains at 10 percent, the entire NDSL program could eventually be canceled.

"Finally, although the lawsuits filed will be in the name of Cumberland College, after the suits are filed the matter will be in the hands of the courts and the collection agencies. There will be nothing the college can do," Ramey said.

"For a school of Cumberland's size and assets, a loss of \$35,000 in student aid is substantial. The average loan to a Cumberland College student on the NDSL program is \$750. That means that with the loss for 1983-84, 47 students who could have been helped will have to find some other source of financial aid. I don't know what these students will do," Taylor summarized.

Church offers 'nest,' God gives food

by John Rutledge

It started when Ginger York noticed neighborhood children begging for the leftover food from the Meals on Wheels program at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

"I mean, those meals are good when they're hot, but when they're cold, it's terrible—like a cold TV dinner," she said, wrinkling her nose in a way that said, "Yech." "I said I was going to do something about that if I had to serve them Campbell's soup out of a cup off my desk," said Miss York, director of weekday ministries. "I couldn't imagine Jesus not doing something."

With \$3000 in "seed" money from the Home Mission Board, "lots of small donations" from Sunday school classes and help from the church hostess in stretching refreshments left over from church receptions the AGAPE (Aid Given All People Evangelistically) kitchen opened June 7. Meals were served at 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to an average of 115 persons a day. Almost 6000 were served over the summer.

To get the word out, Miss York met with the principals of two nearby elementary schools where 96 percent of the students participated in the free lunch program. School was ending and because of government cutbacks those lunches would not be available in the summer.

That was the way AGAPE kitchen began—one need led to another. Now, since school has begun again, the kitchen has modified its ministry to "a crisis-type" situation. During the summer the food was aimed toward children's tastes—macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, pizza. This fall the menus are more "adult." "Beans and cornbread, casseroles and lots of different soups are our main courses now," Miss York said. "Next summer we'll go back to the children's tastes."

Other families found out about the programs from the Aid for Dependent Children office across the street from the church. Word of mouth brought in others.

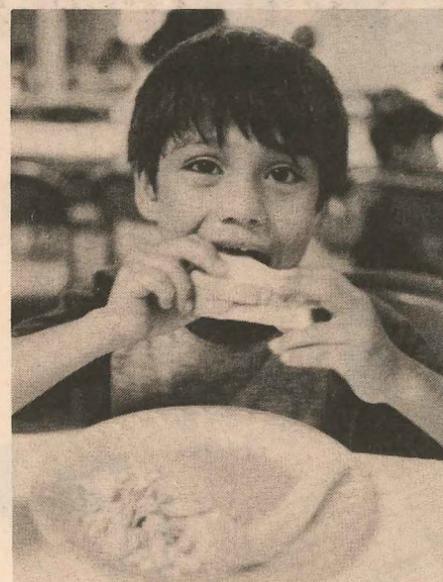
Most of the families that came to the kitchen (a large fellowship hall) were Spanish-speaking. Miss York had several Spanish-speaking volunteers on hand to help in communication but she speaks only English. "The only Spanish phrase I know is 'sit down and shut up,'" she said laughing. It was a line that came in handy when dozens of children decided they'd rather run and play outside than eat.

Actually the children liked to come in

out of the heat to the cool dining room. One volunteer, Lyndelle McClennahan, played the piano and seven or eight children tried to sit next to her and sing along as she played "Jesus Loves Me." Later in the summer a vacation Bible school was held for the children. Sixty children attended and there were 12 professions of faith.

The mothers enjoyed the lunches as well because, for many, it was an air conditioned respite from a day of 100-degree heat. "I decided we could have an English-as-a-second-language class here afterward," Miss York said. "It's cool so why should they go back outside?"

Perhaps the most interesting ministry is the Mother's Club. Neighborhood mothers are provided free child care to meet once a week and learn tips on nutrition, grooming and taking care of children. The effect is to help them gain a positive attitude about themselves and to realize they have value to God.



Salvador Lalin bites into a sandwich during a mid-summer meal at the AGAPE kitchen of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. The program was a response to hungry children who begged for leftovers from the church's Meals on Wheels program.

The church began a food pantry in 1947 and a clothes closet in the mid-60s. Miss York is the Oak Cliff chairman for Meals on Wheels and is responsible for driving a route two weeks a month. Another ministry called Love in Action consists of a potpourri of community services including home repairs, literacy and tutoring aid, deliveries and transportation for those who need it, grief sharing and a "listening to teens"

program.

About 90 volunteers help with the various ministries. Part of the training session stresses you can't tell someone "God loves you" until you can say "I love you" too. Some of the volunteers aren't ready to say that yet, Miss York admitted. But the experience of working with those in need changes their attitudes.

The volunteers are learning to appreciate the people in the neighborhood, "and in turn the people have learned to love Cliff Temple. It's not a forbidding, frightening castle to them anymore."

Some of the families that come to the AGAPE kitchen have nothing else to eat. Others are trying to stretch what money they have. Everyone signs in at a desk set up by the door giving the date and the names in the family. No worship service is conducted but volunteers try to talk with those who come, telling them about other services the church provides.

One family is now "camping out" in the church's parking lot. "The father is working part time out of the labor hall. By camping out in their truck and a tent they don't have to put any of their money in a motel bill. If they had to pay for a place to stay it'd take all his pay and they'd never be able to get ahead. They can use our showers and eat here," Miss York explained.

The weekday ministries also include helping members of the church's Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean congregations in job interviews, apartment hunting and other areas where they might have difficulty.

Although the ministry is evangelistic, it is not so in the classic sense. Many of the people are from Catholic backgrounds. "They were afraid they would have to become Protestant to get a hot dog," said Miss York. A few families have visited Cliff Temple but don't seem to really "feel comfortable." The church family has no problem accepting them but "they seem to have trouble feeling comfortable in the 'fancy' surroundings and with the 'fancy' people. We are trying to find a building to use as a store-front mission." They have a man who will serve as a bivocational minister.

The motto on Miss York's desk summarizes her work: "God gives every bird its food but he doesn't throw it into the nest." Miss York said several people have asked her about the sign. She explains it: "God provides you with the ability to provide for yourself. If you don't use these abilities God won't do it for you. Birds have to get their own grain."

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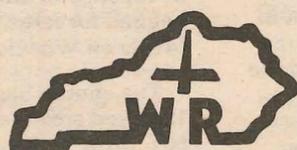
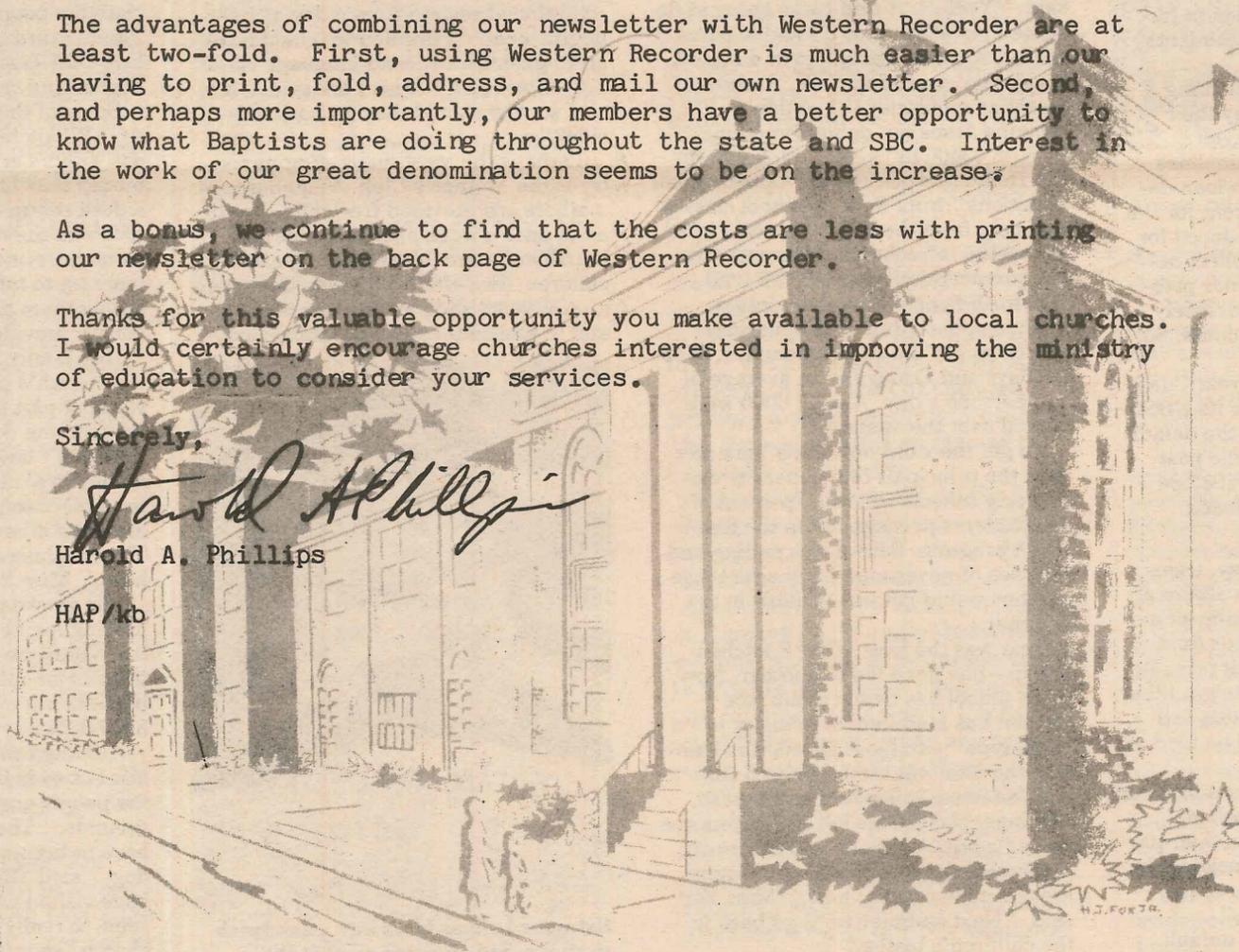
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