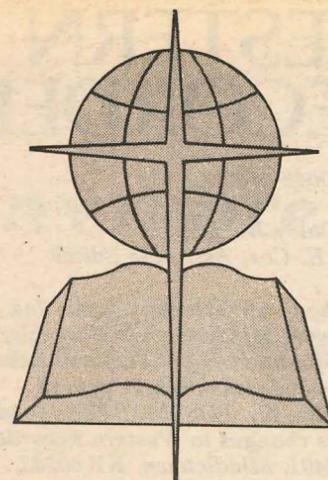


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National newspaper will focus on issues affecting Southern Baptists; Walker Knight will edit

Announcing plans to begin a new national newspaper providing a forum for issues facing the Southern Baptist Convention, Walker L. Knight has asked the SBC Home Mission Board for early retirement effective Mar. 1, 1983.

For 23 years Knight has been director of the HMB editorial department and editor of Missions/USA (formerly Home Missions) magazine.

During the HMB's executive committee meeting the day after Knight requested early retirement, HMB president William G. Tanner commended Knight for his integrity and courage, saying he is "in a class by himself" in

Foundation assets surpass \$10 million

Income from earnings for the fiscal year of Kentucky Baptist Foundation ending Aug. 31 was \$998,782.

The figure was included in a report to foundation directors last week by Grady L. Randolph, executive secretary-treasurer.

Assets of the foundation in that year reached an all time high of \$10,913,000, according to Randolph.

Meeting in Louisville Dec. 7, the directors recognized Charles Westray of Louisville for six years of service on the board. They welcomed Clifford York of Louisville as a new board member.

Felix Murray, a retired banker at Glasgow, was reelected board president. Other elected officers include Cy Waddle, Somerset, vice president, and P. A. Stevens, Louisville, secretary.

religious journalism.

Tanner especially commended Knight for the way in which he dealt with the race issue in the 1960s, saying he stood in the breach and never backed down, was never un-Christian or judgmental but was always fair and loving.

Knight said he would be seeking financial support for starting a new national publication for Southern Baptist leaders, with plans for the first issue in April.

Knight said a final decision had not been made on the name of the new publication but it would be published by a private, non-profit corporation with a board of directors. Such a national publication dealing with SBC issues has been a long time dream of Knight's.

Despite increased postage and printing costs he feels the timing is right for such a publication to fill vacuums in SBC life.

"Southern Baptists do not have a national publication that reaches all pastors, SBC leaders and a significant sector of the laity for the discussion of issues," he said. Some state Baptist papers foster dialog on SBC issues, but there is no national publication. "Noncompetitive to state papers

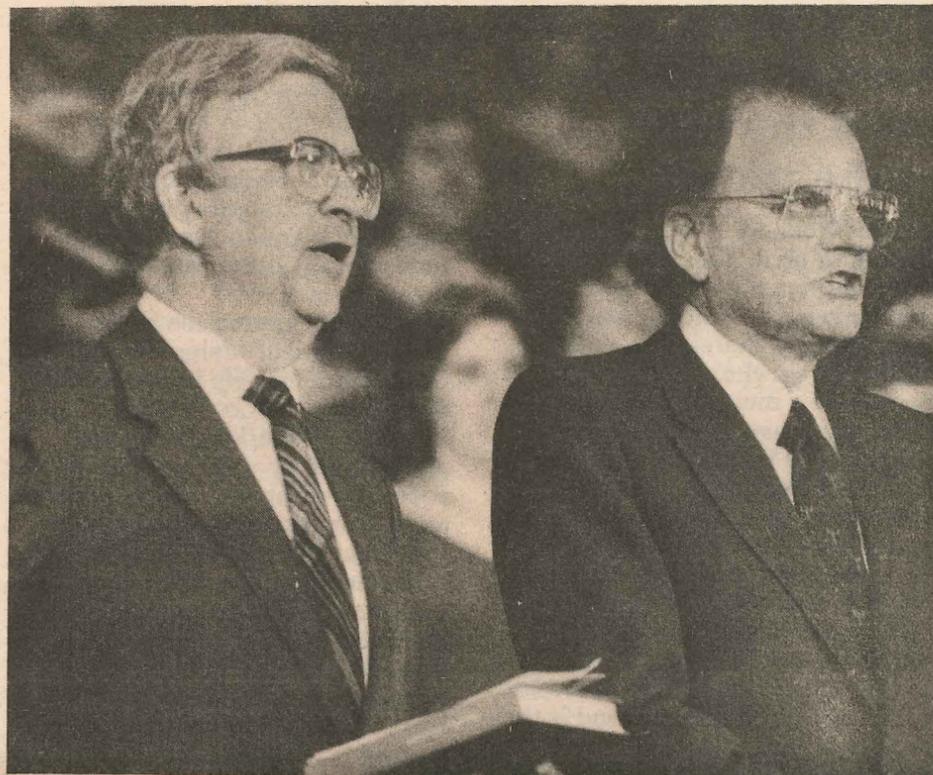
Although Knight emphasized that the new national publication will not be in competition with the state Baptist papers, he acknowledged that because of postal increases, some of the state papers are having to cut back on the frequency of publication and space devoted to national issues. Knight said the paper will reprint for its national audience much of the opinion and editorials in state papers on issues facing the SBC.

The publication will seek to provide "a cross section of what is being said by large numbers of opinion leaders," carrying both "pro and con articles" on the issues. "Opinion change will require that any significant issue be discussed over a long period of time, allowing a free exchange of opinions to build consensus," he said.

Knight, as editor, will take positions on the issues editorially, but he will seek to provide balance in news coverage to provide space for expression of all viewpoints on the issues covered, he said.

The publication will also provide comprehensive news coverage through Baptist Press, Religious News Service and other news sources to give readers a national and world perspective.

Knight said news coverage would seek to interpret what is happening in the SBC. "Because it will not be tied to any institution and will approach news from a national viewpoint, it will have a perspective and a freedom which is not present in any Southern Baptist publication," Knight said.



They will sing of their redeemer

Evangelist Billy Graham [r] and Southern Seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt participate in congregational singing on the Louisville campus last week. Graham was a speaker for the school's first annual evangelism conference. [Photo by Richard Shock.]

Billy Graham cites life's brevity in Louisville seminary addresses

by Denise George, State Correspondent

Holding a bright blue paperback Bible that he "got in Paris the other day" because he had "never seen one so pretty," Billy Graham addressed the more than 1500 students, faculty, staff and community members during the Wednesday morning (Dec. 8) chapel service at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The well known evangelist concluded the three-day first annual congress on evangelism, sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Southern Seminary, and made possible by the Lizette Kimbrough McCall Foundation for World Evangelism.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together evangelists from throughout the United States to share insights with fellow ministers of the gospel on the purpose and nature of evangelism today.

"Time is short," Graham stated as theme of his morning sermon, drawing upon 1 Cor. 7. The guest speaker acknowledged that upon his recent and highly publicized 64th birthday, someone asked him: "What is your greatest surprise in life?" He answered: "The brevity of life!"

Thinking back over a lifetime of ministry Graham reflected: "If I had it to do over again I would study more and speak less." He then urged the mostly student audience to "get all the education you can get. And," he continued,

"while you're studying, on the side study the Word of God for your own soul, not just for classes, not just for grades, but fill your heart with the Word of God. I've found that those who know the scriptures . . . have the power today."

During the evening chapel service, in a sermon titled "A Man for All Seasons," Graham told of his personal experiences in his walk with God. He also described what kind of man or woman God can use in our present generation.

Southern Seminary's president Roy Lee Honeycutt considered the conference, which included more than 200 participants throughout the nation, a success.

"The intent of the conference was filled in a very fine way because we set out to focus on evangelism at Southern Seminary and to reach out to the evangelists as a group of recent, full time, vocational evangelists. It was very well received by them."

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, agrees.

"All the individual conferences and seminars have been well attended and much appreciated. There has been a very positive spirit. This is going to launch us into an annual congress on evangelism. In future years the emphasis will probably differ, but this year is our first one, and with Dr. Graham here, it has been just a tremendous success."

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



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

The success of the mission depends upon the welfare of the troops

Charles Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex., and chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board trustees, recently shared with members of the current church pension study committee a meaningful experience from his college days. Holland was a member of the Baylor University ROTC quartermaster unit under the direction of an officer who had served with Gen. Patton in Europe. The officer left an unforgettable impression upon Holland by listing in order the two most important considerations for an army. The first consideration always is the success of the mission and the second is the welfare of the troops.

Holland applied the same two concerns to the spiritual warfare of Southern Baptists. The first is the success of the mission which is to reach every soul on earth with the gospel. The second is the welfare of the troops who are entrusted with heralding this gospel.

Holland observed further that Southern Baptists are seriously committed to the success of the mission. Missionaries in nearly 100 countries of the world and the ministries of 35,000 churches in the homeland attest to this. Our record, however, in caring for the troops is not near so impressive. Indeed, it is shameful!

These unfortunate souls complain little so their plight is not realized unless pains are taken to learn the facts. The pension study committee has been confronted with these facts and is disturbed. The first task of this committee has been to devise and recommend a pension plan which will make more adequate provision for church personnel who will retire in the years ahead and that plan will soon be disclosed. A second but equally important concern of this committee has been to recommend some source of relief for suffering saints already retired and the committee has responded in a way compassionate souls are bound to respond.

After looking at all possible sources for help, the committee recommended earlier this year that Annuity Board president Darrell Morgan request \$1 million from the challenge section of the 1981-82 Southern Baptist Convention budget for distribution among the

neediest annuitants and their widows whose suffering is the severest of all.

The request came rather late and was not granted. A legitimate reason given was that the 1981-82 budget had been promoted with an appeal for extra gifts for Bold Mission Thrust and to use challenge funds for any other cause would be inappropriate.

The study committee now has urged president Morgan to renew the request for help to the Annuity Board from the Cooperative Program for marketing the new plan and for operational expenses. Presently all operational funds are taken from earnings of annuitants. President Morgan also will ask the calendar committee to recommend a special day each year to present the needs of these old soldiers of the cross to Baptists in the pews and accept a love offering for them. Hopefully, these requests will be granted.

There are always more requests for funds from the Cooperative Program than can be granted. It becomes, then, a matter of priorities and not everyone agrees on a priority list. For example, a plan to move from the present Southern Baptist Convention building occupied in 1963 and construct a new multimillion dollar building to house the Executive Committee and several other agencies now housed in the building has been underway since 1980 and may be finalized in February 1983.

There are valid arguments for a new SBC building but they should be considered in light of other needs. One of these needs is relief for suffering retired pastors whose many years of tireless and sacrificial service in thousands of churches are largely responsible for the present success of the Cooperative Program.

Surely our priorities will never become so confused that new buildings, convenient parking and spacious offices take precedence over human needs like food, clothing, shelter and medicine for suffering soldiers of the cross.

All aspects of Moody controversy are unfortunate

The hope expressed in an earlier editorial that the current hassle at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary involving professor Dale Moody would not become another Crawford Toy or William Whitsitt

chapter in seminary history grows dimmer by the day. The possible consequences of the present debacle appear even more tragic. Toy and Whitsitt expressed doctrinal views contrary to prevailing Baptist beliefs and resigned under pressure. Moody's view on apostasy is contrary to Article 13 of the Abstract of Principles, the doctrinal statement of the seminary, but he refuses to resign under pressure.

This writer's heart is very heavy. My love and appreciation for the seminary are well known. My admiration and respect for Dale Moody and my indebtedness to him have no bounds. To see either the seminary or professor Moody hurt is painful; to see both hurt is exceedingly painful. Ordinarily there is something redeeming about every situation no matter how tragic it is but I see not one good consequence of this tragedy. Everything about it appears to be unfortunate.

It is unfortunate that while other state conventions devoted themselves to positive kingdom enterprises in their 1982 meetings, Arkansas Baptists devoted their convention to the destruction of an outstanding world theologian and one of the greatest biblical expositors Southern Baptists ever produced. Calmer spirits and voices in Arkansas were raised but chief heresy hunter David Miller, who has been gunning for Moody for years and harassing presidents McCall and Honeycutt to fire Moody, led creedal zealots in cheers to "crucify Moody."

It is unfortunate that professor Moody went to Arkansas to present and defend his views. He was already judged a heretic and his appearance only made his critics more bloodthirsty.

It is unfortunate and ironical that in a time when the most discussed issue among Southern Baptists is the authority of the Bible that his critics are using a man written creed to shoot down professor Moody. Moody's conclusion differs with the traditional Baptist position on apostasy but he arrives at it by a literal interpretation of biblical passages. Moody understands better and probably lives closer to New Testament teaching than most of his critics. Heresy hunting is often an exercise of the lesser destroying the greater.

It is unfortunate that the issue has led to a showdown between two long time friends and colleagues, president Honeycutt and professor Moody. Moody was one of the strongest and most vocal supporters of Honeycutt for the seminary

presidency and Honeycutt's love and respect for Moody are unquestioned. Having to deal with this situation is especially hard for the new president and more than he should have to bear so early in his administration.

Moody claims Honeycutt could have and should have sidestepped the issue as former president Duke McCall did on several occasions. This view, however, doesn't take in consideration the present atmosphere of the Southern Baptist Convention nor the pressure that kept building up as president McCall skirted the issue and professor Moody became more persistent and more vocal in his apostasy views.

It's unfortunate that if professor Moody persists in a showdown, he is almost certain to lose. His position is clearly contrary to Article 13 of the abstract and his vocal and written reservations about Article 13 upon signing the abstract don't carry as much weight with others as with himself. President Honeycutt is publicly committed to a resolution of the matter if professor Moody doesn't resign and the trustees will be hard put not to terminate Moody's teaching at Southern.

It's unfortunate that professor Moody will not only lose but his objective in forcing a showdown will not likely be realized. Moody knows he will probably be dismissed but feels he will force the seminary administration and trustees to re-examine and possibly revise what he regards as an archaic and at some points an unbiblical creedal statement. But the current atmosphere is not conducive for questioning creedal orthodoxy. On the contrary, in a time when seminary teachers are generally suspect it becomes expedient for one to die for many. Few colleagues will likely publicly defend professor Moody nor step forward to confess any difficulties they might have with the abstract.

Most unfortunate of all is that a showdown will not only hurt professor Moody but will hurt his colleagues, the seminary and the denomination, all of whom he loves.

The only possible vindication of Moody would come long after his day. History reveals that the heretic of one generation often has become the hero and saint of another generation.

BM-DF advocate

'I don't take anything for granted any more'— Kentucky physician who practiced in Nigeria

by Laurie K. Taylor, *State Correspondent*

Southern Baptist doctors and dentists all across the nation have joined forces to volunteer their skills on the home and foreign mission fields through short term and career endeavors. Those who can't go themselves are helping to underwrite the expenses of those who can.

The 935-member group calls themselves the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship (BM-DF) and declares their purpose is to provide Christian professional fellowship among the membership and to strengthen individually and collectively their relationship to Jesus Christ.

They've adopted several service projects including continuing medical education for career medical missionaries. This past year BM-DF gave \$16,000 to pay the expenses of missionary doctors in Nigeria to attend a continuing medical education seminar in Kenya. To relieve the missionary doctors, 21 BM-DF members traveled at their own expense to Nigeria and carried on the work of those who attended the seminar.

Doctors and dentists from 35 states comprise the BM-DF membership and Kentucky is among those states most prominently involved.

Glen Moore, OB-GYN, Lexington, Kentucky membership chairman, became involved in short term medical missions in 1981 when he, his wife, Sarah, and daughters Kitty, 10, and Ginny, 5, spent a month working with career missionary doctor William Gaventa in Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

"Almost every time I go into the operating room now I realize how much I have to work with and how little many of our missionary doctors have," Moore confessed. "My commitment grows stronger because of this."

"Now I have a greater awareness of God's plan," he continued. "Whatever he has for me to do is where I'll be the most comfortable. I just want to be totally in his will."

"Since our trip to Nigeria I have an awareness of the rest of the world and how what I do affects them," Moore concluded.

At central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Moore has a hundred sterilized instruments at his fingertips. In Nigeria Moore worked with five surgical instruments that were sterilized one at a time as he needed them because of the shortage and expense of sterilized water.

"Many days we didn't even have running water," Moore explained. "I had to wash my hands in a bucket."

"I don't take anything for granted any more. I'm thankful for everything God has provided."

While in Nigeria Moore also had to adjust to the patients he saw. He readily admits that seeing male patients took some getting used to.

"After I had seen about three men in a row I really felt strange," he grinned. "Then I realized I hadn't had a male patient since I moonlighted while doing my residency eight years ago."

Though Moore worked mainly in obstetrics and gynecology on his trip, he

also diagnosed three cases of tuberculosis, performed intestinal surgery and filled in wherever he was needed.

Moore made the trip to Ogbomosho for several reasons, but one reason stands out above the rest.

"I'm still searching to find out if my family is called to full time career medical missions," he confessed. "Are we where we are supposed to be? I've not seen any lightning bolts. It's just a little thing here and a little thing there."

"My former pastor, Reed Polk, once told me that God never came and spoke to him. He just pushed and nudged him along. I'm listening to the Lord and waiting for him to lead."

Like other doctors in the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship, Moore is making an impact right here in the states in his local church. A member of Calvary Baptist, Lexington, Moore is a Sunday school teacher, adult choir soloist and deacon. He is trying to involve more doctors in the Lexington chapter of BM-DF and is burdened for the 100 students who graduate from the

U. K. Medical School each year.

"Christian doctors can be used by God to minister to these medical students," Moore stresses. "They need role models and to know that doctors can live for the Lord. They need to know the need for medical missions. If we make ourselves available, maybe God can speak through us to lead some of these students into career missions."

"I think if more doctors knew about BM-DF, more would join," Moore thought aloud. "There's no pressure to participate in a mission project. BM-DF just offers the opportunity for Southern Baptist doctors and dentists to encourage each other and to gain insight about opportunities we have for witness whether in our own practice, in free clinics on the home mission field or in medical missions overseas."

The national BM-DF meets annually. The last meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency, Lexington, in mid November. Over 330 doctors and dentists met to discuss witnessing through the medical-dental practice, development of mission

emphasis in the local church, volunteer programs, career missionary involvement, Christian involvement during scholastic preparations, providing nationals and missionaries with continuing education and nursing involvement.

Because BM-DF is open only to doctors and dentists, several nurses have formed a steering committee to establish a Baptist Nursing Fellowship. BM-DF is in full support of the new organization and plans to develop organizations for pharmacists, hospital administrators and other allied health care professionals. All of these groups would jointly form the Baptist Health Care Fellowship.

Plans are in motion to incorporate the Baptist Nursing Fellowship by November 1983. Interested nurses should contact Henry Love, Executive Director, Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Doctors, dentists, medical students and residents interested in securing more information about BM-DF should contact Henry Love or Glen Moore, 2620 Wilhite Dr., Lexington.

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

WR elects Ray Hayes, honors retiring staffer



R. Hayes

D. Hayes

Western Recorder directors named a new permanent staff member at their semiannual meeting in Middletown last week. They also honored two others and elected officers for 1982-83.

Named to fill a newly created position combining the functions of bookkeeper, advertising and circulation promotion was Raymond L. Hayes, 29, of Louisville. Hayes has been part time on the Western Recorder staff since November 1980, having begun as a member of the journalism intern program, in charge of advertising.

A native of Baltimore, Md., he grew up in Kentucky and graduated from Campbellsville (Ky.) College with the BA degree in 1976. He earned the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary earlier this year.

Hayes was married Dec. 11, 1982 to the former Danita McNabb of St. Louis, Mo.

The directors of Western Recorder honored Mrs. Dorothy Hayes upon her retirement as bookkeeper. She has been a staff member of Western Recorder 21 years and before that was employed in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's business office 10 years.

A permanent policy of a month's severance pay upon retirement was adopted by the board, and Mrs. Hayes is the first recipient.

C. R. Daley, editor, was roasted by the 12 directors of the paper at a banquet signifying the observance of his 25th anniversary as editor earlier this year.

Elected officers of the board were Glenn Durham, Harlan, chairman; O. G. Lawless, Bowling Green, vice chairman; and John Christian, Hopkinsville, secretary.

The directors welcomed two new members to their group, Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg, and Thomas O. Miller, Nicholasville.

The next meeting of the board is set for May 6.

Conservatives to retain evangelism leaders' jobs?

If conservatives don't fight to protect Baptists' theological integrity "there will be no evangelism" and "your (evangelism directors) jobs will be abolished," Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. has warned.

During the closing address to the national conference of SBC evangelism directors in San Juan Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., listed the current SBC controversy and adverse theological winds as one of nine major problems facing the convention.

"The extreme theological stance of the left will absolutely kill evangelism," Draper said. "The churches represented in the 'denominational loyalist group' are not winning anyone to Jesus and are not giving as much to missions as we are," he charged.

Throughout his speech Draper consistently identified himself with the theological conservative faction in the SBC, harshly criticizing SBC pastors and churches that are not conservative.

"It is inconceivable to me that a church can be doing what it ought to be doing in missions and evangelism and have thousands of members and a million dollar budget and go year after year with only five, 10 or 15 baptisms," Draper said.

"We're not trying to make everyone like us but if we don't have theological integrity and if we don't stand firm there will be no evangelism," he said. "Your jobs will be abolished and we will end up like Southern Methodist University in Dallas which has a professing agnostic as head of the religion department."

Chafin calls for national SBC evangelism strategy

Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, called for the Southern Baptist Convention to develop a comprehensive strategy for winning America to Christ.

Despite the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goal to proclaim the gospel to the entire world by the year 2000, "if we continue as we are now going, we will not win America to Christ," Chafin said.

The SBC must have a comprehensive, national strategy to succeed, Chafin told the annual national conference of SBC evangelism directors meeting in San Juan.

Chafin, former director of the SBC Home Mission Board's evangelism division, said it would be presumptuous for him as a pastor to come to them with such a strategy.

Later in an interview Chafin said such a strategy should be developed by the Home Mission Board evangelism section but it must be endorsed and implemented by all SBC agencies and state conventions.

HMB shifts personnel, buys World's Fair carillon

In its December session, the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board shifted personnel assignments and voted to purchase the carillon and bell tower erected at the Baptist Pavilion during the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn.

The carillon and bell tower will be installed on the Home Mission Board's property as a "visible and audible religious symbol" to the surrounding business community and to thousands of motorists who pass the HMB building daily on an adjacent interstate highway, according to William G. Tanner, HMB president. Funds for the purchase will be provided from the Cecil B. Day fund established in memory of the Days Inn founder.

The committee approved three staff changes related to the HMB's evangelism section. Joe L. Ford, director of the evangelism development division, was named associate vice president of evangelism. Fred E. White, director of the direct evangelism division, will fill Ford's position as director of evangelism

Kentucky Cooperative Program Receipts

for month of November 1982 — \$1,144,453.46
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To date this year	\$2,950,164.77*
Operational goal to date this year	2,972,751.00
To date this time last year	2,594,709.35
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH	
OPERATIONAL GOAL	990,917.00
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH FULL	
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL	1,250,000.00
Over Operational Goal	22,586.23
*\$355,455.42, or 13.699% increase, compared to this time last year.	
Three months (25%) into this year, 19.67% of full CP Goal (\$15,000,000) received.	

ism development division. Bobby M. Sunderland, director of the mass evangelism department, was chosen to replace White as director of the direct evangelism division.

The executive committee also elected George W. Bullard Jr. assistant director of the metropolitan missions department. Bullard, a national consultant for the HMB's MEGA focus cities strategy since last year, will continue to assist major metropolitan associations in developing mission strategies for reaching cities above a million in population.

WMU sells headquarters in B'ham for \$3 million

The national headquarters building of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary

to the Southern Baptist Convention, was sold Dec. 7.

The purchasers met the asking price of \$3 million and WMU will hold a mortgage for part of the cost. Proceeds from the sale will provide a substantial part of relocation funds.

In September WMU broke ground for a new headquarters building on a 26-acre tract of land in Shelby County, Ala. The new site is approximately 12 miles from the present WMU building in downtown Birmingham which WMU purchased in 1952.

WMU staff expects to occupy the new 125,000 square foot building in the early part of 1984. It can continue to occupy the old building for 18 months under terms of the sale.

BAPTIST FORUM

More accolades on tapes

I wanted to thank you and the people responsible for taping Western Recorder.

I am legally blind and I no longer can see to read and I enjoy listening to Western Recorder. I especially enjoyed the issue on the KBC.

Thanks to everyone involved.

Cynthia Slinker, Glendale

Destroying the sacred cows

When will Christians get their priorities straight and especially the leaders? In reading Western Recorder, 11/24/82, I became concerned about the article about Dale Moody.

Moody, in stating his stand on apostasy taken from biblical text, came under attack. This became a touchy subject as he tore deeply into a "sacred cow." We know very well that when idols fall over it seems to take a lot of effort to sustain their balance.

The Arkansas contingent has quickly rallied to the call of "fire the heretic" with the obvious fact they have failed to do their biblical homework.

Moody has served well in his career and has always stood strong on controversial issues that have long been established as hallowed dogmas. The same day as I read this article I read an article in the Utah Evangel about professor Phillip Johnson of Baylor University. Johnson is a committed and practicing Mormon and head of the LDSSA, a Latter Day Saints Student Association. In this situation everything is being done to protect this man, but then he has not approached one of the "sacred cows" either.

It seems to me that priorities are out of focus and there is no effort being made to restore them.

Moody talks about areas of righteousness and I myself embrace the security of the believer but from biblical facts this quality of life produces fruit as evidence. Also, if we study Gal. 5, Col. 3, Eph. 4 and Rom. 1 there is a definite

warning against people living lives of sin.

Recently at our state convention I heard the well worn convention sermon of "Old Time Religion" door knocking, shoe leather and such.

Today we need an awakening in us as leaders that will stop trying to fire seminary professors. We need some preachers with enough guts and some Christ anointed love to face our people and cry out against the sin that many of their people are in. We have gotten more interested in head counts, finances and our great edifices, that the fear of losing a statistic or a dollar has caused a lot of heads to be turned aside to the sin in the camps.

It is long past the time to begin challenging our people to live godly lives, lives that are being set apart to his glory. Put away your pride and destroy those "sacred cows" and let us get about the business of our father.

Ernest G. Sacra, Lexington

Increasing the tribe

Student missions is an important part of my work for Kentucky Baptists. I want to enlist pastors and churches to encourage their college young people to explore the possibility of this life-changing opportunity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to praise one church in particular for their contribution to student missions. Six students from Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville, representing three college campuses, recently auditioned for the Baptist Student Union in-state summer missions teams. Five members of this same church have been summer missionaries in recent years. I want to thank pastor Jim Lewis for the encouragement he and his congregation give to Baptist Student Union summer missions. May his tribe increase!

Ralph Hopkins
Student Work Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention

A bestseller since 1471

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Gutenberg printed the first Bible in 1471. Apparently his idea caught on because generations later, the Bible still tops the bestsellers' list.

Certainly the Christmas season brings with it an increase in Bible sales. According to Mike Stengel, manager of The Love Shop, Louisville, Bible sales in his store are up about 50 percent during Christmas over the rest of the year. He also noted people tend to buy more expensive Bibles when they intend to give them as Christmas presents.

Both Stengel and Ben Williams, Bible sales clerk at the Baptist Book Store, Louisville, and pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Louisville, agreed the King James Version still outsells the rest, although the New American Standard and New International versions sell quite well.

Ward Wells, owner and manager of Logos Book Store, Louisville, attributed the trend toward the New American Standard Version to the study helps in the numerous editions. He recommended the New International as a good reading Bible, though not for studying because it has no notes. Stengel commented he often recommends the New International Version because it is "middle of the road. It has something for all denominations."

The New King James Version, according to Stengel, is "catching on well as people come to accept it." Williams said, "The New King James Version started out fairly well but then sales tapered off." At Logos, according to Wells, the New King James "is not doing well."

Another 'Bible' which has become very popular is the Bible on cassette. The King James Version, the Living Bible and the New International Version with dramatization are now available on cassette. These come in individual books and are also available in sets.

Williams noted these are especially "good for people with reading or sight problems."

Both Williams and Stengel also noted a greater demand this year over previous years for large and giant print Bibles, which have now been printed for almost all major translations.

All three men agreed their recommendation of a Bible always depends upon the individual. Williams summed up this idea: "A Bible is very personal. It's part of you. It expresses you."

Thus, in selecting a Bible, one should consider the needs, interests, purposes, and background of the one for whom it

is being purchased.

This brief overview gives the major characteristics of the many editions available through book stores.

NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE

The **Holman Master Study Bible** is a comprehensive study Bible published by the Bible publishing division of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This edition provides such references and study helps as the master Bible encyclopedia, which contains over 650 pages of information, background articles and the gospels paralleled by A. T. Robertson.

The **Ryrie Study Bible**, published by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, contains the notes of Charles Caldwell Ryrie, professor of systematic theology at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Holman has also produced the first **NAS Children's Bible**, done in paragraph style text, with pictures, maps and a Bible dictionary.

Other NAS editions include the Holman side-column reference Bible, the Holman compact center-column edition, the **Cambridge Cameo NAS Bible** and the NAS soul winner's New Testament.

The NAS is also available in giant print.

KING JAMES BIBLE

Holman has published the **Holman Verse Reference Jewel Bible**, with end-of-verse references and the **Holman Regal Reference Bible**, with center-column references.

Other reference Bibles include the **World Reference Bible**, **Nelson Reference Bible**, with wide margins, **Thompson Chain Reference Bible** also available in large print.

The **New Scofield Reference Bible**, an evangelical study Bible, contains the footnotes of C. I. Scofield, marginal



cross references and introductions to each book. It is also available in extra large print, wide margin, or the original (1917) edition.

The **Criswell Study Bible** features the references and study notes of W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Other KJV study Bibles include the **New Marked Reference Bible** which color codes the four major themes of the Bible, **Nave's Study Bible** and **Ryrie Study Bible**.

Holman's Children's Worship Bible is specially prepared to be used in children's worship activities in the home. It features 42 color illustrations by John Steel.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

The NIV, because of its attempt to cut across denominational lines, does not come with study notes. The **NIV Pictorial Bible** contains photographs, maps and charts, all in appropriate places directly within the text. The NIV also comes in giant print and an illustrated children's edition.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

The **Holman Study Bible** features references within verses and outline surveys of Bible books by 54 scholars. The

Harper Study Bible, with marginal cross references, wide margins and footnotes, is edited by Harold Lindsell. The **New Oxford Annotated Bible**, in its second edition, has introductions to each book and page-by-page annotations, as well as supplementary articles.

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

This new version utilizes updated pronouns, improved verbs and better punctuation and grammar by replacing the outdated words of 1611 with 20th century terms.

OTHER TRANSLATIONS

The **New English Bible** with apocrypha is available in an Oxford study edition. **Today's English Version**, or the **Good News Bible**, comes in a Broadman edition and a Nelson edition. Both contain Annie Vallotton's line drawings.

PARAPHRASES

The **Living Bible** is a paraphrase of the King James Version by Kenneth N. Taylor. An edition with notes by Harold Lindsell is also available. A children's **Living Bible** features illustrations by Richard and Frances Hook.

The **Amplified Bible** features word and passage explanations in the text.

What's in a translation?

A brief history of English translations

The first translation of the entire Bible into English is associated with John Wyclif. Wyclif and other scholars made the translation from the Latin Vulgate, the Latin translation of the original Hebrew and Greek, between 1380 and 1397.

William Tyndale was the first to translate the Bible into English from the Hebrew and Greek. He translated the New Testament in 1526, the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, in 1530 and Jonah in 1535.

The first complete Bible to be printed in English, the work of Miles Coverdale, appeared in 1535. It was based not on the original languages but on two Latin versions, Tyndale's English translation and Luther and Zwingli's German translation.

In 1537 a folio volume was published by "Thomas Matthew," a pseudonym for John Rogers. In this volume are Tyndale's manuscript translations of the books of the Old Testament from Joshua to Second Chronicles, his published translations of the Pentateuch and New Testament and Coverdale's version of the remaining books of the Old Testament and Apocrypha.

In 1538 Coverdale was commissioned by Sir Thomas Cromwell, secretary to King Henry VIII, to do a revision of Matthew's Bible. The version, known as The Great Bible, published in 1539,

was the first authorized version, a copy of which was to be placed in every church in England.

Feb. 10, 1604 King James I called for a translation of the Bible from the Hebrew and Greek to be printed without any marginal notes and only to be used in services in all the churches of England.

Fifty-four men were appointed as translators, working in six companies, each assigned a section of the Bible.

Dedicated to King James, this version with Apocrypha was published in 1611.

The King James Version is indebted to the work of Tyndale. At least one-third of the New Testament follows Tyndale's translation exactly and the sentences of the other two-thirds follow Tyndale's general structure.

In 1870 a committee was appointed to undertake a revision of the King James and the Revised Version appeared. In 1901 the American Standard Version, a variant edition of the Revised Version containing translations preferred by American scholars, was published.

In 1928 the International Council of Religious Education acquired the copyright of the American Standard Version. The council decided revision was needed and in 1937 the council authorized it.

Thirty-two scholars and an advisory board of 50 members cooperated in the effort and the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published in 1946.

The **Jerusalem Bible**, the first English translation directly from the Hebrew and Greek by Catholic scholars, was published in 1966. The **New American Bible**, translated by members of the Catholic Biblical Association, appeared in 1970.

The **New English Bible**, a joint effort of the Protestant churches of Great Britain and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, was published in March 1970.

In the 1950's the Lockman Foundation felt the need to update the American Standard Version. This revision was launched in 1959 by a team of scholars in conjunction with a team of educators and pastors and the **New American Standard Bible** was published in 1971.

The newest translation, the **New International Version**, had its beginning in 1965 with the **Christian Reform Church** and the **National Association of Evangelicals**. A team of over 100 translators worked 15 years compiling a translation which would be accurate to the original text, crossing denominational lines. The **New Testament** was published in 1973 and the entire Bible in 1978.



A page from the original Gutenberg Bible.

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Hardware makes ministry easy

DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, saw opportunity to computerize its filing system and took advantage of it. DeHaven Memorial uses its computer to facilitate the filing all of aspects of church work in the (above) computer screen, although that list is not exhaustive.

The church staff decided to get on computer when they found they needed a new typewriter with memory, they considered the \$4500 investment for the typewriter.

"Let's spend another \$3000 and we'll have it all — payroll, membership, general ledger," urged Berna Gambil, a volunteer worker in the church office who, with her husband, Kenneth, owns a local business consultant firm. The Gambils eased the financial investment of the church by offering to program the computer at no cost to the church.

DeHaven Memorial pastor William Day says he and the church staff have found, "(The computer) provides so many resources for the programing and activities and ministries that are available that a number of years ago when I first came into the ministry no one even thought about. We just feel like it's a Godsend to us."

More specifically, Day stressed, "Our purpose in acquiring the computer was to facilitate some of the ministries that we already had."

For example, he said, "We've tried to devise (a way) that we can make sure people are in church and see their attendance patterns. We have found that there are some people who are first Sunday people — the first Sunday of every month, they are in church. Then there are the second Sunday and third

Sunday people. Then there are the CE (Christmas and Easter) people."

Day said he would like to analyze individuals' attendance patterns, and find out how they can be involved, "and there's nothing that can do that like the computer," he enthused.

"Our goal is to arrive at a place so on Sunday morning, either through Sunday school records or through a scanner, we will have a record of everyone who attends. We will know when John Smith is in church, what services he attends, and we can minister to that person in more activities. The purpose of all this is to help the individual grow," Day summarized.

Also in the computer at DeHaven is information on the visitors which can be used to enhance the outreach program. The computer can best serve the church by being the center of all record keeping, hence allowing deacons, staff, Sunday school classes, missions organizations to perform their particular ministries with minimal overlap.

"We don't want to have deacons doing this and then staff people visiting individuals and Sunday school classes ministering to the same little group of people. They are being visited and ministered to the point it's counter productive.

"The computer just makes it possible to be aware of what's happening."

Day has learned from church growth conferences that if for any reason a person misses church seven consecutive Sundays that person likely will never go to that church again. "If a person's need is not met before that seven-week period is over, the church will probably

lose that member," Day reiterates.

"Our eventual goal is that we will have maybe cards that are color coordinated and maybe a yellow card will mean that person has been out one week, and then the green would mean maybe two weeks and then the red would mean immediate attention so we get right to those people. We can find out what the problem is and minister to them at that point.

"We will coordinate all of our activities, the youth activities, the choir programs, all of these things will be computerized to the point we can really tie into them."

By surveying attendance patterns and reviewing families "we can find out who in that family is a church member, who is a Sunday school member, who is a young person, who is a nonchristian and that means a group can minister to their needs so they can eventually be introduced to Christ and become a part of God's kingdom," he said.

"It breaks the family down whereas before we've just known that this is a family of our church and that's all we know.

"Immediate information affords the opportunity for families to be assigned to particular deacons, so that deacon can minister to them, helping to meet personal needs. If a family misses two consecutive weeks, the deacon assigned to them will call or send them a personal letter asking if the church can help them with a problem.

"Also made possible are specific emergency ministries such as an emergency that might occur when a particular blood type is needed by someone in the community and bloodtypes of church members can be

quickly recalled."

Day plans to design a card to be filled out by each church member which will give personal information on the church member as well as their qualifications. For example, they may be qualified to teach or sing in the choir. It would also list what training courses they have completed.

"These people will become a vast pool of resource people to teach or become active in the other ministries of the church: witnessing, soul winning, counseling, helping with marital problems — and we will have that master file in the computer so we will know who is qualified to do what. We won't put people in positions where they are not qualified and will fail, feel bad about it and as a result avoid every responsibility in the future.

"Computers also help churches keep up with their members," Day added. "We have four million non resident members in the Southern Baptist Convention. That's the entire population of Kentucky that's been lost. Here we are, a convention of 13 million people and we can't account for a third of them."

Day envisions a day when all Southern Baptist churches large enough to afford it are using the computer, so that "when a person moves from DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church to Georgia, for example, several churches in Atlanta would be notified. As it is now, moving people tend to get lost in the shuffle," he concluded.

"The new church would immediately have information on that person concerning in what ministry he might best serve, his areas of expertise, experience, training and interests."

Buy system which allows expansion

Churches which want to utilize computers in their ministries need to anticipate growth and invest in a system that will grow with them, according to Berna Gambil, a member of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, and half owner of a business consulting firm.

Mrs. Gambil, who, with her husband Kenneth, freely assisted DeHaven Memorial with its computer needs, added, "I'd say in a year we're going to outgrow our system. We're going to have to buy some equipment."

Some systems don't lend themselves to updating, according to Mrs. Gambil. She encouraged churches to buy a system which could accommodate future needs, "because if they get into this, they are going to grow."

"Any church large enough to need a computer should get one that can store 64,000 units (bits of information) in its memory. This will cost approximately \$2400. Coupled by a two disc storage (\$2000), the computer will be capable of storing 1,240,000 units," Mrs. Gambil said.

The disc drive storage can hold 640,000 units; however, a two disc drive is necessary to enable the computer to back up its data in case it is lost for any reason.

Each file will contain different information. For example, there might be a memory file, a payroll file, a membership file or a tithing file.

Some software (floppy discs) have already been programmed and are available through Video Dynamics of Jackson, Miss. Video Dynamics has also teamed with IBM to market a computer and customized programs designed specifically for churches. According to Herbert McGutter of Video Dynamics the IBM Datamaster computer costs about

\$8900. A church ministry program containing membership information, contributions, specific mailing groups, talent survey and music library costs about \$3000. Available early next year will be a church financial program containing the general ledger, budgeted financial statements, accounts payable, payroll and inventory. This will also cost about \$3000.

However, Mrs. Gambil maintains that "in this day and time, a church will be able to find someone in the membership to do the programming for them."

An added advantage to having a member do the programming for the church is "they get exactly what they want . . . to manage tithing, bloodbank, membership, Sunday school records, organizations . . ."

"The 'software package' or programming would cost the church about \$3000 if it hired a professional to program the computer to process information comparable to that processed by DeHaven Memorial's computer.

Among the customized programs are Atari programs, especially appealing to the youth, which can be purchased for \$25-\$50.

Mrs. Gambil also warned that churches need to insure that the computer they purchase can be serviced locally in a relatively short time. Some dealers will loan equipment to churches/companies to replace that which needs servicing.

A church's membership is the primary criteria for determining its needs and the consequent investment. A church will want to determine what options will best complement its ministry. The following are some guidelines Mrs. Gambil, who has worked as a volunteer church secretary, offers for churches of varying sizes:

	Computer	\$1800-2500	Hardware
	2 disc drive storage	\$2000	
	Letter quality printer (for word processing)	\$2300	
Churches of 400-1200 membership	1. buy custom church package: ministries, Sunday school records, music library, attendance data	\$900	Software
	2. General ledger	\$250	
	3. Word processing	\$500	
Churches of 1200-2500 membership	1. Word processing package	\$500	Software
	2. Church package offers more than custom package, talent survey for example.	\$1500	
	3. General ledger	\$250	
	4. Payroll	\$250	
	5. Accounts payable	\$250	
Churches of 2500 and more membership	1. Word processing package	\$500	Software
	2. Church package offers maximum options, talent survey, blood bank, etc.	\$3000	



DeHaven Memorial secretary Jean McRoberts finds the computer invaluable.

OBI begins computer program

Oneida Baptist Institute, a school for students in grades 7-12 in Oneida, began teaching computer courses last fall. More recently it appears Oneida has been chosen as a test center for new "software" programs. This means the school will receive thousands of dollars of programs free or at a tremendous discount.

Oneida has a computer lab which is open 14 hours daily, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and staffed by two librarians.

It is equipped with seven Apple II microcomputers and three printers. An Atari computer has also been ordered according to Barkley Moore, president

of the school.

Oneida offers more than 30 programs in subjects including math, science, music, social studies, reading and spelling.

According to Moore, "There are 40 million elementary and high school students this fall in the United States. About one tenth of these are training with computers and we are pleased our young people are in that vanguard."

Moore recalls reading, "those who do not know how to use computers 10 years from now will be as one who neither reads nor writes." Consequently, "With study and thought and prayer, my staff and I came to the realization that our young people would need some level of computer expertise to survive in the next several decades.

"Experts in the field tell us that 50 hours of computer experience will mean a \$1000 advantage in first year job income."

As a result Moore and his staff decided last spring "not one more class would graduate from our school without computer training."

Moore reports more than 200 students used the computer lab the first week it opened.

He concludes; "The beauty of the program is that students learn by doing and there is immediate feedback. Also, the computer is very patient. The student can work as quickly or as slowly as his own need and ability dictate."

KBC computer adds WR mailing list

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has expanded its capabilities so it will soon handle the mailing needs for the 60,000 Western Recorders subscribers.

In addition to mailing functions it provides automated information services to administration, KBC departments, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly and the Woman's Missionary Union.

According to Barry Allen, business manager of the convention, "Decisions have been made which resulted in joint agreement between the (state) executive board and the boards of the Woman's Missionary Union and Western Recorder to utilize the information management systems of the executive board.

"This will mean thousands of dollars per year savings to be directly channeled to our missionary, educational and charitable causes," he said.

Further, the Burroughs 900 computer produces more than 1000 checks each month in payment of missionary assistance, Cooperative Program allocations, designated giving and the on going operational expenses of the convention.

It offers detailed records for designated giving which are used to distribute funds to various Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist causes. Also immediately accessible are lists of the top 100 Kentucky Baptist churches by Cooperative Program giving and per capita giving.

Maintenance of mailing files facilitates correspondence with pastors, Church Training directors, Sunday school directors, ministers and music and similar leaders.

Computer users invited to join

You who are involved in data processing and you who are anticipating using computers in your work as Southern Baptists are invited to join the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association. Dues are \$10.00 per year for an individual or \$20.00 per year for an agency, institution or church for active membership of two or more persons.

Our annual meetings will be Mar. 15-16, 1983 in Dallas, Tex. The program this year includes data and word processing, small computer software, computer literacy and the office of the future.

For information or membership contact: M. A. Sanderford, Box 4255, El Paso, TX 79914.

Friends remember Grady Nutt's life

by Vince Staten

Friends, more than a thousand of them, crowded into Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Nov. 29 for a memorial service to Grady Lee Nutt, the country humorist who died in an Alabama plane crash Nov. 23.

There were well known friends from his show business career like country music legends Roy Acuff and Grandpa Jones, Hee Haw singer-comedian Kenny Price, producer Sam Lovullo and writer Tom Lutz. There were friends from his life as a Southern Baptist.

There were friends from his college and seminary days. And there were friends who had just encountered Nutt and responded to his warmth and happiness.

They came, not to wallow in sorrow, but to celebrate the life of the man known to millions of television viewers as "The Prime Minister of Humor" on Hee Haw.

"Grady was always taking care of his friends, always making us feel as if we were the most special person to him," said Dwight Cobb, who had known Nutt since Cobb's seminary days, 16 years ago and, like Nutt, was a member of Crescent Hill church.

Paul D. Duke, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, brought a

smile when he remembered Nutt saying, "if all the people who loved me were placed in one room, you'd need a bigger room."

And sure enough, the church didn't have a room big enough.

Daniel Aleshire, associate pastor of Crescent Hill, spoke for everyone at the service when he said, "We are not ready for Grady Nutt to be absent from our lives. We're in too great a need for the laughter he has given us and the gospel of Christ we experienced in him."

When the service was over many stayed, gathering in the aisles, talking, embracing and remembering, swapping Grady-stories and laughing at how

much Nutt would have enjoyed his service. "He'd have had fun with this," said Ray Bailey, a church member who had known Nutt since their days at Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

"Grady would have cried all the way through," said Cobb. "He wouldn't have made it through a single hymn before crying. And he would have loved what's happening now, all the people hugging. Grady was always the last to leave."

An hour after the service, Eleanor Nutt was still standing at the altar, hugging friends. "No doubt about it," she said of her husband. "Grady would have loved it."

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KBC ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

- 25 Christmas
- 26 Student Day at Christmas

JANUARY

- 3-7 January Bible Study Week
- 9 Witness Commitment Day
- 10 Area Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Bethlehem Baptist Church
- 10 Area Religious Education Shoptalk. Paducah, First Baptist Church
- 10 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. Paducah, Princeton and

Hopkinsville

11 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. Owensboro and Madisonville

11 Area Evangelism Conference. Lexington, Broadway Baptist Church

17 Area Evangelism Conference. Owensboro, Buena Vista Baptist Church

18 Area Evangelism Conference. Bowling Green, Living Hope Baptist Church

21-22 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreat. Cedarmore

23 Baptist Men's Day

24 Area Evangelism Conference. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church

25 Area Evangelism Conference. Hopkinsville, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church

28-29 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreats. Cedarmore and Kentucky Dam Village

31 Area Evangelism Conference. Somerset, First Baptist Church

31-2/4 Masterlife/Disciple Workshops. Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church

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NEAR RECORD

I suppose I should never be discouraged. One month ago as I reported a slightly down month in Cooperative Program receipts for October. I stated that this happens so rarely that it always discourages me when it occurs.

The truth is I was a little bit concerned. I had just read repeated references to the depressed economics of Kentucky as one of the worst hit states. When I saw a slight decline from the previous October, I was afraid the recession sure enough was beginning to show in our offerings.

Comes now the report for November and it is the second highest month in our history at \$1,144,453. How grateful we are for the faithfulness of our people in their giving during tough times.

Incidentally, our record month was August, 1982. August is the closing month of the fiscal year and is usually expected to be the highest month in the year. In other words, November ran second only to a year's end catch-up month. It therefore was the largest routine month we have ever experi-

enced. At the end of the first quarter of the Budget year, we are currently running 13.699% ahead of last year.

We must not get over-confident. We have increased our Budget every year. The target gets higher and higher. We do have other income that adds to the funds available if they are needed to meet our Operational Budget. (\$11,891,000 this year.) However, we don't normally expect to need these income funds to meet the Operational Budget. It is sobering though, to note that we now must receive in our office from the churches a million dollars per month to meet the Operational Budget. We call the overage the Challenge Budget. It is distributed at year's end by the decision of our Executive Board.

Our over-all Budget goal (including the top of the Challenge goal) is \$15,000,000. We have always fallen a little short of the full Challenge goal. We shoot high on this figure since it isn't so imperative that we fulfill every dollar of it.

Let us continue to grow in our giving —by the way, this is Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering month.

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Life and Work Series

BIRTH OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

Matthew 1:18-23 Among the Jews it was customary for a couple to be engaged for 12 months before marriage. Joseph and Mary were betrothed but not married. It was a terrible shock to Joseph when he was informed that Mary was to become a mother. Not knowing the details of her conduct

Joseph naturally thought Mary unfaithful to him; so he was greatly perplexed about what he should do. Being a just and merciful man, he wanted to do what was right. His love for and kindness to Mary constrained him to be forgiving.

Proclamation 1:20-21 When the angel proclaimed to Joseph "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost," Joseph was grateful for the revelation. Concerning the yet unborn child, Joseph was informed as to his birth, name and mission. God's Son was coming to bring eternal life to all who would receive him as Savior.

Prophecy 1:22-23 Isaiah's prophecy, spoken more than 700 years before, had to be fulfilled in God's own time and manner. In the fullness of time, God sent forth his son. And Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to the Messiah.

Matthew 2:1-2, 11 The promise that the Messiah would come found fulfillment in the birth of the Lord Jesus.

The Search 2:1-2 "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." The scriptures do not disclose their number, their names or the particular country from whence they came. They represented the best of the old world culture, learning, religion and civil-

ization. They were students of astronomy and kindred sciences. They were also men of rank, wealth and influence. Their earnestness of purpose was revealed by their long and dangerous journey in search of a heavenly king.

Familiar with the Jewish scriptures which predicted the Messiah would come, with keen interest and great anticipation they were looking for his coming.

The Success 2:11 Upon the successful completion of their search the wise men were filled with joy when they stood in the presence of the young child and his mother. They were sure that he was the one for whom they had been searching. They rejoiced when they found the king whom they had come to worship. After they had worshipped him in whom the living God had become incarnate, they opened their treasures and presented to him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the very best gifts which they had to offer.

JESUS' BIRTH AND EARLY LIFE

Luke 2:4-7 In order that Joseph and Mary might be in the proper place at the right time, God caused Caesar Augustus, the Roman emperor, to issue a decree that all over whom he had control should be enrolled, every one in

the city where he was born, with a view to taxation and perhaps military service.

Joseph and Mary, in obedience to the decree of the emperor, went to Bethlehem in order that the scriptures might be fulfilled with reference to the birth of the Savior. Arriving at the inn in Bethlehem late one afternoon, not even an improvised corner could be found in the inn to shelter and protect the expectant mother. So Joseph and Mary were granted permission to stay in the stable.

When "the days were accomplished that she should be delivered," without a physician, nurse or attendant in the hour of her great need, Mary "brought forth her firstborn son," and "wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

Luke 2:22-32 According to the law of Moses, two things were required of Mary following the birth of the Savior, namely, a ceremony of dedication for the child and one of purification for herself. Due to her poverty, Mary did not have a lamb for an offering at the ceremony of purification; so she presented a pair of turtledoves instead.

Luke 2:52 During the 28 years of his obscurity in Nazareth, the Lord Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favor with both God and men.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Dec. 19, 1982



H. C. Chiles

Wise men seek Him still.

John 14:6



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PEACE OR WAR

It appears that our society is on a video game craze. You walk into places of business and people are glued to a video game machine, oblivious to anything around them. Reports also indicate home video games are selling like hot cakes.

A recent television commercial designed to sell video games shocked me. Among the things that were supposed to make this video game attractive to everyone was the promise that it would set family member against family member, friend against friend, and world against world.

Is our society really so sick we now sell gadgets by promising they will come between family members and friends? True, our divorce rate is extremely high, neighbors develop tensions with neighbors, coworkers have troubles, groups fight groups and nations experience strained relationships.

All of this stress and brokenness delivers a terrible burden of hurt, loneliness and despair. This war we

carry on with ourselves and those about us is producing a host of neglected, hurting children who need healing, not alienation. Our need is peace not war.

Your Baptist Homes for Children is devoted to the ministry of making peace. Our commitment is to help children in their time of need. This help is delivered through several channels. We bring peace through the security and safety of a stable home environment. We are involved in helping normal children who have been surrounded with abnormal circumstances make peace with life. All of this is done as we work to bring families together or find a suitable family for a child.

I am glad so many in our state join hands to support us as we provide a ministry designed to bring family members together, friends together, and eventually nation to nation. Yes, the children we minister to may play video games but they are working at the business of peace not war. Pray for us as we lead children to make peace with God, with themselves, with family and with friends.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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I WILL NOT HURRY

By nature I am an impatient man. The Christmas season only accelerates my pace. So I often take time to preach to myself. Romans 15:5 recently caught my attention when Paul mentioned "... the God of patience." The writer of Hebrews reminded his readers they needed patience (10:36) and I feel at times I need a similar exhortation.

I need to be reminded God is not in a hurry. It is his universe and his world. God is in control and doing his work in his way. It is not for me to judge or doubt him, but to trust him.

If God is not in a hurry and I am, maybe I should change. The Christian life is more like a marathon than a 100-yard dash. Patience (or endurance) is required.

I will not hurry through this day;
I will take time to think and pray;
I will look up into the sky,
Where fleecy clouds and swallows fly;
And somewhere in the day, maybe

I will catch whispers, Lord, from Thee!
R. S. Cushman

Most of our students at Clear Creek are older. God has moved in their lives and they are zealous to plunge into the harvest field. They sometimes chafe at the three (or four) years of training at Clear Creek. Their families are under extreme financial hardship and Christmas may serve only to remind them of their dire need.

They need to be reminded of the patience of God. It will encourage them to continue with the Lord slowly when they are impatient.

To talk with God,
No breath is lost
Talk on!
To walk with God,
No strength is lost
Walk on!
To wait on God,
No time is lost
Wait on!

They (along with me) can learn to say,
"I will not hurry — God is in control."

DOING MORE WITH LESS

For children in grades six to 12 in the state of Kentucky in a private, non-governmental program of any religious or other affiliation, do you know that Oneida Baptist Institute has more:

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- children from broken homes than any other boarding school or child care institution;
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- children going on to college or other higher training than any other;
- students participating in state tournament competition in various sports than any other in recent years;
- a broader, more comprehensive program than any other;
- participating in daily worship than any other;
- led to the Lord making professions of faith than any other?

In short do you realize Oneida Baptist Institute is taking care of more boys and girls, grades six to 12, than all the other private child care (live in) or boarding schools in Kentucky put together?

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Indeed we compare favorably with any such program of the nation.

In short Oneida is getting more done per dollar.

Let's compare Oneida's work with that of the best-funded, perhaps most famous institution in America that helps the same age child we do in a rather similar program. A recent report on NBC's Today Show concerning that institution reported they had spent 40 million dollars caring for 600 children for one year. That averages to \$66,670 per child for a year.

Last year Oneida did the job at least equally well, if not better, for approximately \$3000 per child. While the other program spent 22 times more money per child, they certainly did not have a 22-time better result, or even a twice better result.

We stand ready at Oneida to be compared with anyone's program for what is being accomplished for the dollar.

Many programs change their philosophy every 15 or 20 years on how best to train the child. However human nature hasn't changed in 5000 years. We have only to read the Bible to know this. The folks we read about there seem rather similar to people each of us has personally known, especially in their frailities.

Oneida school, which has also always been a home for children as well as a

school, all on the same campus with the same staff, has the same approach that worked 80 years ago, 50 years ago, 30 years ago, last year and is working this year. "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." A strong program of academics, sports, daily work, daily worship is just what a teenage boy or girl needs, anybody's boy or girl, regardless of background or circumstance.

A loving, qualified, dedicated staff that provides a sense of security through love and discipline is the key to the successful operation of a program like ours. Where "modern" philosophies and "textbook" psychology have predominated there are a lot of "mixed-up" children. Good discipline is an act of love and there cannot be good discipline without love for the individual. Young people accept discipline when they know you really care and that is how we have been successful with so many though we too have our share of failure.

Oneida has very modern buildings and equipment. But we are as old-fashioned as the guidebook we use, to which not one word is to be added or taken away. We are not subject to every wind that blows for our leader is unchangeable and unchanging, "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Our program encompasses hundreds

of our students working weekly with computers, some shoveling cow manure, some participating in such sports as fencing, and all hearing a gospel sermon most days and experiencing worship every day.

Oneida has more of nearly everything of the private institutions in Kentucky except money. We presently are in a real crunch. We need your help.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



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MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

PERSONNEL

Tharp retires from High Point pastorate
James Tharp, pastor of High Point Baptist Church, Mayfield, for the past 32 years, has announced his retirement from the ministry. Tharp's resignation, which he gave to the congregation Nov. 21, becomes effective Dec. 26.

Tharp is a native of Carlisle County. His father also was a Baptist minister.

Tharp's first pastorate was Berkley Baptist Church, 1939-40, and Antioch Baptist Church, Bardwell, 1939-40. He then was pastor of Zoar Baptist Church, Lowes, 1940-44. Later he was pastor of Mississippi Baptist Church, Bardwell, 1942-45; Poplar Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., 1945-48, while he attended Union University; and Spring Bayou Baptist Church, West Paducah, 1948-50. In December 1950 he was called to High Point's pastorate.

Tharp has been moderator of Graves County Baptist Association, a member of the state executive board of Kentucky Baptists, and chairman of the board of trustees of Mid-Continent College, Mayfield.

He and his wife, the former Alvina Burgess, have two daughters, Georgetta Riddle and Donna Sanderson.

Highland Heights pastor published
Glenn W. Mollette, pastor of First Baptist Church, Highland Heights, has four articles in Baptist Sunday School Board publications this quarter. "The Pastor's Role in the Rural Community" is in the December issue of Church Administration. In Sunday School Leadership he has three articles: "Growing a Sunday School in the Rural Community," October edition; "Training Workers in the Small Sunday School," November edition; and "Ministry in the Small Sunday School," December edition.

McGee goes to Central Baptist, Corbin
James M. McGee assumed responsibilities as minister of education and activities of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Nov. 14. He went to Central from a similar position with Rosemont

Baptist Church, Lexington, where he served five years.

McGee studied at Murray State University, the University of Kentucky and the ministry training program of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Don R. Mathis is pastor of Central.

DEATHS

Bob Hampton, Hazard, dies

Robert E. Hampton, 52, missionary/pastor at Lothair Baptist Church, Hazard, since 1978, died Oct. 21. Interment was at Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

Hampton was a graduate of Louisiana College and Spalding College. He had attended Southern Seminary and earlier New Orleans Seminary, Campbellsville and Georgetown colleges.

He was associational missionary in Crittenden Association 1959-62, pastor of Leatherwood (Ky.) Baptist Church 1962-63, and pastor of Lake Dreamland Baptist Church, Louisville, 1967-69.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Taylor Hampton; three daughters, Jo Ann, Jennie and Mrs. Lillie M. Wilcox; two sons, Robert and Larry; four brothers; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

MISSIONS

Bakers move to Greenbrier, Tenn.

Larry and Lou Anne Baker, missionaries to Ecuador since 1978, resigned from missionary service Aug. 31. They served in Guayaquil, Ecuador, where he was a theological extension teacher.

He was born in Ft. Campbell and has lived in Hopkinsville. She is the former Lou Anne Pool of Hopkinsville. They may be addressed at Rt. 3, Hygeia Rd., Greenbrier, TN 37073.

Ruckers work in Cairo, Egypt

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Rucker, missionaries to Egypt, may be addressed at P. O. Box 472, Maadi, Cairo, Egypt. She is the former Linda Stovall of Eddyville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.



Marie Coleman, wife of deceased trustee J. R. Coleman, puts match to note as [l-r] pastor Billy Marcum, moderator Calvin Pollack and trustee Raymond Short watch. The note represented final indebtedness on facilities of First Baptist Church, Brandenburg. The new structure, replacing the building destroyed in the 1974 tornado, was paid for in half the time anticipated.

Katherine Park marries Sept. 25

Katherine Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Park, missionaries to Liberia, married Anthony C. Gutierrez Sept. 25 in Kansas City, Mo. Her parents are in the States and may be addressed at 4901 Red Bridge Rd., Kansas City, MO 64137. Mr. Park and his wife, the former Jane Parsons, are natives of Paducah. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972.

Miss Askew arrives in Brazil

Beverly Askew, missionary journeyman to Brazil, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term of service as a secretary in the mission office. Her address is: Caixa 1571, 50000 Recife,

PE, Brazil. She is a native of Hopkinsville, employed by the FMB in 1982.

ASSOCIATIONS

West Union to honor Tom Lewis
West Union Baptist Association will honor its director of missions, Tom Lewis, and his family, Dec. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the West Union Associational building, 2507 Broadway, Paducah.

The West Union have gone to West Union from Jackson, Tenn., where he was director of missions for Madison-Chester Association for 16 years.

The West Union executive board invites all who wish to attend.

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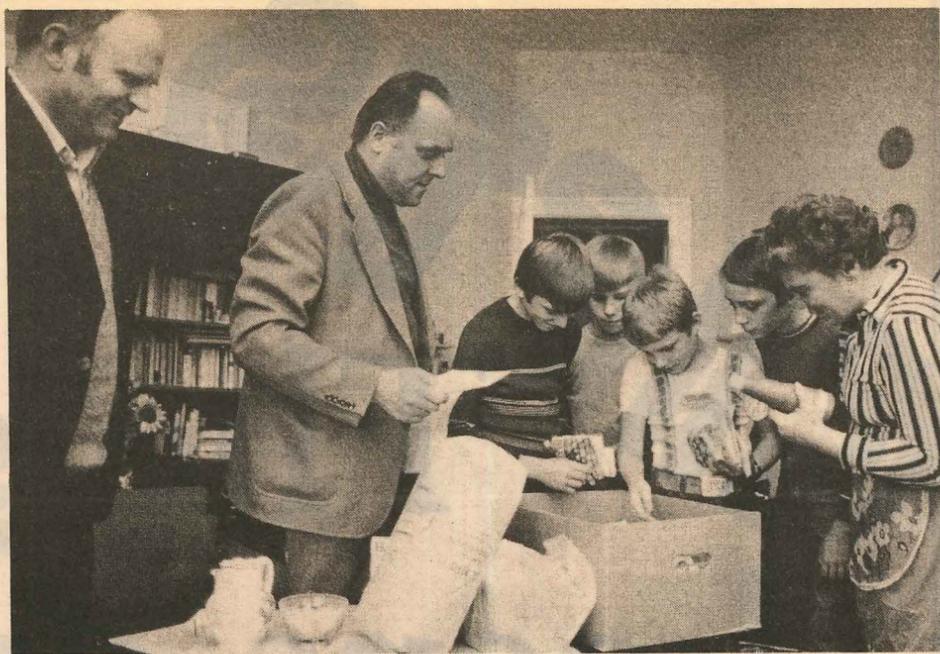
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A \$1 million relief effort to Polish Baptists and others in 1982 provided food and scarce supplies in shipments like this delivery to the Baptist Center in Warsaw.

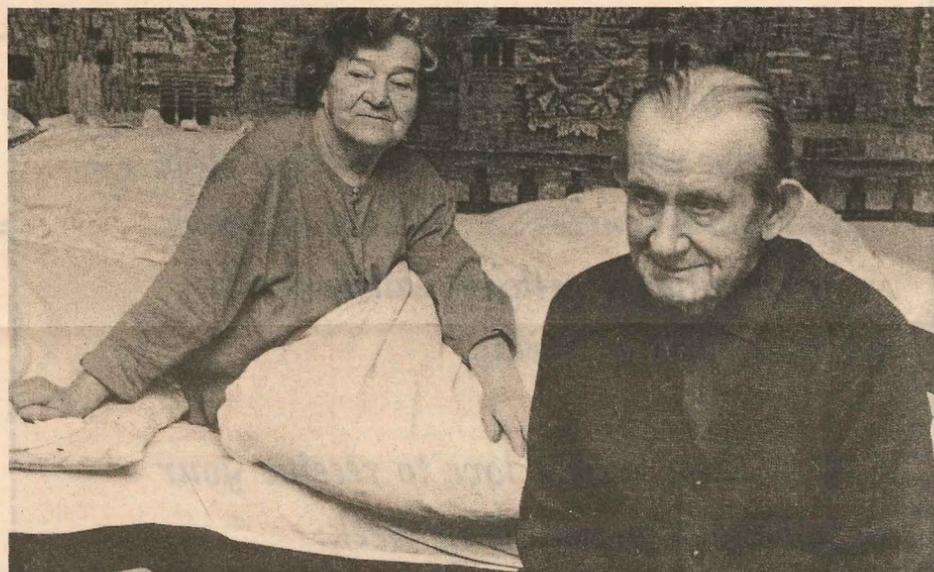


Baptist churches in Poland, such as the congregation in Wroclaw, distribute food not only to their own members, but to others in need. Bronislaw Zachanowicz (left) and Anatol Bogacz of the Wroclaw church deliver a food parcel to a foster home for seven boys operated by Zygmunt and Janina Musial. The Musials receive a government stipend of \$1.25 a day per child to provide for them.

Baptists in Poland



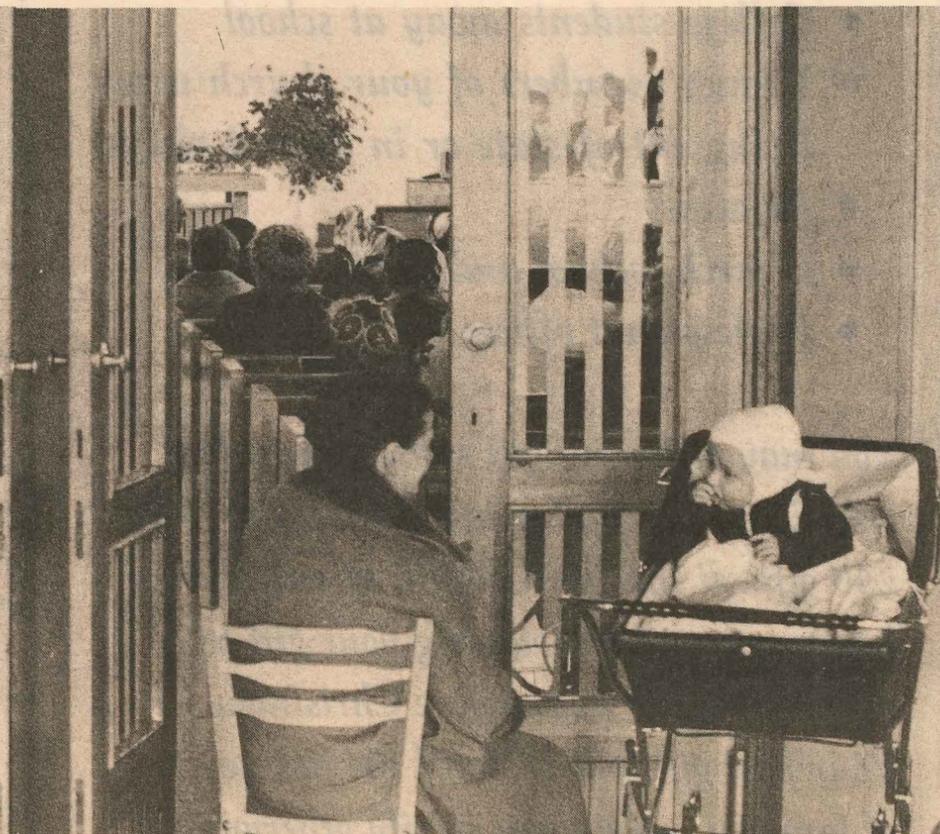
Mikolaj Prusak [second from right] is a Baptist layman and a chicken farmer put out of business because of the lack of chicken feed. The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$250,000 in hunger funds to test corn and soybean crops in eastern Poland. If the crops are feasible, chicken feed can be produced locally and Prusak and others can restock.



Olga Sieratowska, 76, and her husband Wladyslaw Sieratowski, 91, live on a pension of \$45 a month supplemented by food parcels they receive through the church, the Baptist Church in Warsaw. The couple also can use some of the food to exchange for such services as utility repairs.



Sunday worship services such as this one in Bialystok, Poland, draw approximately 7000 people into the 55 Polish Baptist Union churches. The union reports 88 mission points and a baptized membership of 3000 people. A burgeoning interest in scrip-



ture plus the visible "pattern of brotherhood" people have seen among Baptists during the relief effort have led to renewed evangelistic efforts in local churches.

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