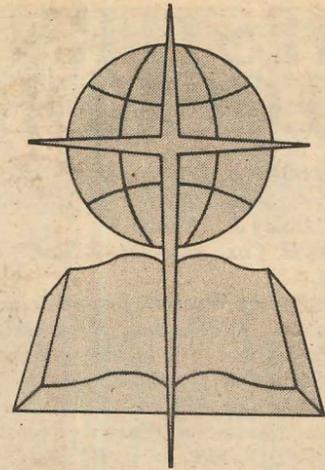


# WESTERN RECORDER



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## Congress is kind to Baptist state papers at close of 1982

Preferred-rate mailers such as Baptist state papers face only a one-step increase in postal rates following congressional passage of a catchall funding measure to keep most government agencies running through fiscal 1983.

In contrast to the stop-gap funding bill Congress passed late in 1981 which doubled postage costs for state papers and a wide range of other non-profit mailers, 1982's version calls for a normal annual increase in preferred rates to be maintained through Sept. 30, 1983.

Specifically, non-profit rates will be maintained at step 14 of a 16-year phasing process Congress began in 1970 to adjust these rates toward full attributable costs in annual increments. Due to a shortfall in the 1982 funding of the postal subsidy, the phasing was eliminated last January, causing rates to leap from step 10 to step 16. But last summer Congress appropriated additional funds for the subsidy, bringing rates back to step 13.

Rates had been expected to go somewhat higher than step 14 in 1983 after both Senate and House appropriations committees recommended funding the postal subsidy at \$708 million—a figure which would have put non-profit rates between steps 14 and 15.

But in its version of the stop-gap funding measure, the Senate decided to keep the rates at step 14 and Senate-House conferees agreed to the Senate version. This put cost estimates for the subsidy at \$789 million, well above the \$500 million recommended by the original administration budget which would have pushed rates beyond the step 16 levels.

## Ethically speaking

### Louisville will be host for national seminar on Christian discipleship Mar. 21-23, 1983

A Christian Life Commission national seminar to help Southern Baptists deal with ethical dimensions of Christian discipleship has been set for Mar. 21-23 in Louisville.

The seminar on "Discipleship and Ethics" supports a three-year conventionwide Bold Mission Thrust program emphasis on developing believers.

William L. Hendricks, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., will deliver the keynote address. Robert H. Schuller, founder and senior minister of the Crystal Cathedral of Garden Grove, Cal., will deliver two addresses on the concept of personhood in the Bible as it relates to discipleship.

Other speakers include Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., who will relate social imperatives of the gospel to Christian discipleship, and Richard Foster, popular author and assistant professor of theology at Friends University, Wichita, Kan., who will discuss biblical criteria for Christian lifestyles and values.

Arthur Simon, founder and executive



Schuller



Mrs. Nutt

director of Bread for the World, New York City, a world hunger education and advocacy organization, will make specific proposals for Christians to use in dealing with the problem of world hunger.

Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners*, a magazine of Christian opinion, and editor of *Waging Peace* and author of *Agenda for Biblical Peacemaking*, will speak on peace with justice.

Charles R. Swindoll, senior pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church, Fullerton, Cal., will speak on Christian servanthood. Swindoll's books, *Improving Your Serve* and *Strengthening Your Grip*, are currently number one and two

on the Christian Bestsellers list.

Additional speakers are Eleanor Nutt, a speaker, writer and active member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; Don Shriver, a Presbyterian minister from North Carolina now president of Union Theological Seminary; and Gladys Lewis, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay, now an involved Southern Baptist layman living in Midwest City, Okla. Each of these will deal with the ethical dimensions of discipleship.

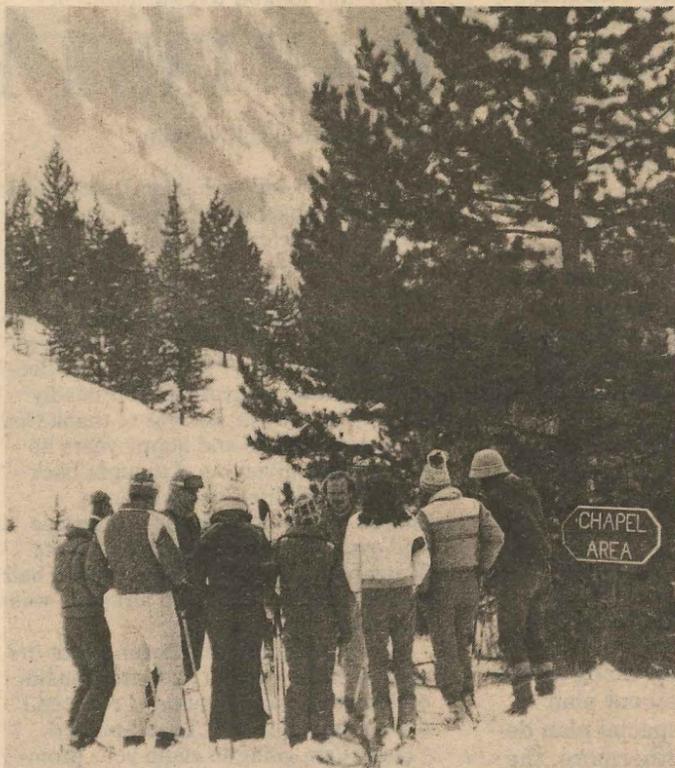
"This seminar is planned to help Christians become disciples who act in clear and courageous obedience to their Lord," said W. David Lockard, director of organization for the Christian Life Commission and seminar director. "The seminar theme of 'Discipleship and Ethics' is timely and desperately needed to provide the hope of the gospel in a world of hunger, violence, war and moral decay."

Additional information on the 1983 seminar to be held at the Galt House in Louisville may be obtained from the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, 460 James Robertson Pky., Nashville, TN 37219.

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### Holiday haven

Steve Moorhouse, a Home Mission Board church planter apprentice, holds slopeside services for tourists who flood the ski town of Crested Butte, Colo., during the New Year holiday. The "stickiest" pastor the town has had in half a century, Moorhouse also ministers to old-timers, second-home owners, seasonal workers and the locals who own the town's hotels and restaurants. [HMB photo by Ben Sherman]



### An unusual music minister

Jack Norris, a professional musician, uses his musical knowledge to produce "On Track," a half-hour radio program created by the SBC Radio and Television Commission. The program features the upbeat music of contemporary Christian artists to encourage listeners to stay on track spiritually. "On Track" is one year old and is heard on 357 radio stations. [Radio-TV Commission photo by Ken Beazley]

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was once for all delivered to the saints.  
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### Convention resolutions should be based on verifiable facts

The 1982 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Lexington last November was considered unusually harmonious and non-controversial but one resolution passed by the messengers has deeply disturbed some members of the Kentucky General Assembly. They claim they were misrepresented and they make it clear they want their side heard.

The resolution which passed with almost no debate called upon Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown "to convene a special legislative session whose agenda would include the re-consideration and repeal of Senate Bill 103." This bill has been dubbed "the greed bill" by the press and others who consider it a rip off of Kentucky taxpayers by Kentucky legislators in order to feather their nests.

The legislators say this is not so. They further claim false information was included in the resolution passed by Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers. They consider this as shoddy treatment of legislators, some of whom have been very supportive of Baptists and other Christians in efforts to create and maintain a moral atmosphere in Kentucky.

How did such a resolution come to be considered and approved by the convention messengers? The resolution did not originate in any convention committee or agency nor even in the Resolutions Committee. It was presented by Bill Turner of Lexington, one of the most insightful and fair-minded pastors in the state. He is also known as one who does his homework.

When presented to the messengers the resolution was referred to the Resolutions Committee as are all resolutions. This committee had no research resources at its disposal and had only a few hours between receiving the resolution and making its report to the messengers. It was assumed the resolution was based upon documental facts and thus was recommended for adoption.

Two messengers commented briefly on the resolution and it was routinely passed. Many messengers were not even present for the vote and went home unaware of the adoption of the resolution. In reporting on the nine resolutions

adopted by the messengers Western Recorder devoted six and one-half lines to this particular resolution.

The secular press, however, made much of the resolution as it had of the legislation when it was passed. Reaction from legislators was quick and sharp. Obviously it was salt in wounds still sore from earlier press and public reaction.

In the spirit of fairness which is always becoming for Baptists here are some of the points made by legislators in letters, telephone conversations and one interview with Rep. Albert Robinson of London. Robinson had a prominent part in the passage of SB 103. He also has a good voting record on moral legislative proposals. He has been especially helpful to Delbert Butts and the Kentucky Temperance League in combating sale of alcoholic beverages in Kentucky.

The convention resolution said Senate Bill 103 "drastically increases the salaries and expense accounts of legislators." Rep. Robinson says this is not so. The legislators' expense allowances were increased but not by SB 103. Rep. Robinson outlined in detail salaries and expense allowances provided legislators and defended them on the basis of services rendered. He says few Kentuckians realize how much time conscientious legislators give to their duties.

The convention resolution claims SB 103 "requires the state to pay for hospital and medical insurance for legislators and their families." Rep. Robinson says the bill does provide medical insurance but only for the legislator, not his family. Furthermore this is but the restoral of a benefit legislators earlier were receiving but which had been dropped in 1980. This is the same medical insurance that all state employes are entitled to, according to Rep. Robinson.

The convention resolution says SB 103 requires the state "to pay extravagant new pension benefits for retiring legislators." Rep. Robinson says the pension benefits in SB 103 are good but that the same benefits are already being received by judges in Kentucky and that the legislators are being added to this existing retirement plan instead of having a special plan designed for them. Furthermore, the legislators contribute five percent of their salary to this retirement plan.

The convention resolution says SB 103 "will cost Kentucky taxpayers more than nine million dollars by June 1984." A staff member of the Legislative Research

Commission says best calculations put state costs by June 1984 at \$1,773,000 instead of \$9,000,000. Robinson says this tells only part of the story in that while the state will put money into the plan for several years, the pension plan will eventually pay its own way and in time stands to return all that the state has put in.

In a telephone conversation a staff member of the Legislative Research Commission verified Rep. Robinson's responses to claims in the convention resolution.

Bill Turner, author of the resolution, says his information came from press releases and other analyses of SB 103 which he assumed to be accurate. He says he knows some legislators who considered the benefits of SB 103 too generous and who would likely vote to rescind some of them.

What is the conclusion of the matter? As is almost always the case, the same action can be interpreted differently according to whether one is on the paying or the receiving end of the benefits. The legislators looked after themselves in SB 103 but who doesn't? U. S. representatives gave themselves more than nine thousand dollars a year Christmas present a few days ago while millions of unemployed Americans struggled to eat, to stay warm and looked to charitable or-

ganizations for food for a Christmas meal.

The question for Kentucky Baptists is whether facts or inaccuracies were used in arriving at a conclusion on SB 103. Was the resolution fair to the legislators? Should a proposed resolution with serious charges ever be recommended without proper research by the Resolution Committee? Can such a resolution be introduced one day and be considered thoroughly enough to be presented for approval the next day?

The merits and demerits of SB 103 will continue to be debated. As for the resolution on Senate Bill 103 adopted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention for any inaccuracies used and unfair accusations made an apology is in order and is offered. We should also profit by this experience and never make judgments without irrefutable facts.

The above explanation and treatment of SB 103 and the resolution adopted by Kentucky Baptists have been shared with Bill Turner, author of the resolution. After re-examining his sources and doing further research, he apologizes for unintentional inaccuracies in the resolution but reaffirms his convictions about the action of the legislators. Readers are urged to turn to page six of this issue for Mr. Turner's statement.

## BAPTIST FORUM

### The miracle is still working

Some of you will recall that I was given the acute leukemia diagnosis Apr. 27, 1973. The doctors felt I had had the disease for several months. They said I had about three months to live.

I was not surprised to discover I was not afraid to die. My faith in God was stronger than ever. When the four doctors left, after delivering their deadly diagnosis, my first act was to thank God for the wonderful and happy years he had already given me. I thought back on a very full life filled with love, action, happiness, adventure, service and even some modest achievements. Many of the dreams of my boyhood had become reality. I realized already I was a winner.

After telling my wife Sarah about the verdict of the doctors and after considerable prayer and thought, I realized I did not intend to die. Then I prayed, "Lord, I am going to claim your promise that you are the Great Physician. I pray for your healing touch. About all I ask is for the strength—physical, mental and spiritual—to face each day as it comes. And Lord, I'll fight for my life every minute of every day. I do not ask for an instant miracle but I will never give up."

The chemotherapy treatment (five powerful drugs) and the transfusions of packed red blood cells began. I started to do push-ups each morning on the floor of my room. Although according to my chart I was supposed to be so weak I could not even stand, I started a program of walking in the hospital corridors up to one mile per day. I continued to have a hearty appetite and lost very little weight. The doctors were astonished at the strength I demonstrated. They said it did not match my low blood count and medical records. Knowing I would recover, I did not worry and thus had an additional reservoir of power. I slept soundly every night.

Well, the rest is history, as the saying goes. I had a few ups and downs the first couple of years, but after over nine years I am still in complete remission (the disease has vanished).

My faith in God was fully justified. He is the Great Healer.

Our hearts are full of love and gratitude for the love and prayers of so many friends across the country and the world. We have special warm places in our hearts for the wonderful people we served as pastor in Louisville, Ft. Mitchell and Auburn, Ky.

Darrell C. Richardson,  
Memphis, Tenn.

*Make Your Will Month*

# Your last will and testament

The making of a will is probably an ancient custom, dating back to biblical times if not before. However our form of testamentary disposition of property comes from Roman law. In our country a complete disposition of property is permitted, subject, of course, to certain conditions. The writing of a will has been called the single most important document that a man is ever called upon to write. Therefore there are some important matters to keep in mind.

First of all it is your property and you alone have the privilege and the responsibility for the disposition of that property. Your desire to distribute your property to relatives, friends, religious or other charitable causes should be made known and clearly spelled out in a properly drawn will. The law will distribute your property to your next of kin. But keep in mind there are not provisions in the law for special cases or religious and charitable causes.

Another important factor to remember is that you need and should seek legal counsel. If a child is sick, you call a doctor; if the car won't run, you call a mechanic; if the plumbing needs fixing, you call a plumber; yet, when it comes to this most solemn act of all, a man will take a pen in hand and do what experience and court records fully demonstrate he is incompetent to do — write his own will. State laws govern

the writing of wills and these laws vary from state to state. So when moving from one state to another, have your will examined and if needed revised in keeping with the laws where you reside.

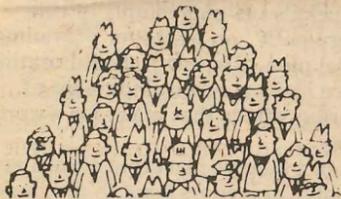
The use of legal counsel is important, not only because of the laws, but for the purpose of clarity and understanding. A single obscure word or an omission can alter the entire will. Any obscurity that occurs means the court has to decide on the matter and this costs the estate time and money.

Third, keep in mind that the money saved in taxes and administrative costs is money for your relatives or more money for the cause of Christ.

The last thing that needs to be said about your last will and testament is that it reflects much about your life — your interests, your nature or your character. The will is a public document after it has been submitted for probate and those who read it will be able to tell a lot about you even though they never knew you. Someone writing on the subject of wills put it this way, "So surely as the berry indicates the soundness of the root, the flower the bulb, so does man's last will tell of the goodness or foulness of the heart which conceived it." This in keeping with the scriptural admonition, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

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## Christian Education



### SBTS receives \$229,000 Trigg trust fund

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has received a \$229,000 trust fund from the estate of Mary Cofer Trigg of Elizabethtown.

Income from the undesignated endowment fund will supplement Southern's general operating budget, thus supporting the seminary in perpetuity.

Mrs. Trigg was a member of one of the "old settler" families of Elizabethtown and Hardin County. They had been members of Gilead Baptist Church near Glendale before moving to Elizabethtown and joining Severns Valley Baptist Church.

She married George Allen Trigg, publisher of a newspaper in Richmond, Mo. The couple lived in Richmond and Kansas City, Mo., before retiring and settling in Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Trigg was an active member of Severns Valley Church and "was there every time the door opened for as long as her health allowed," said former pastor Verlin Kruschwitz, assistant director of the seminary's Boyce Bible School.

Her gift to Southern Seminary stemmed from her appreciation for the seminary and her pastors who had been Southern Seminary graduates and "her lifelong interest in learning," Kruschwitz said.

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## On becoming a real Christian

Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). And Paul said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Both those who trouble us with the false doctrine of apostasy (falling from grace) and those who believe Christians can presumptuously and willfully live in sin are ignoring the permanent change that takes place when we are born again and made new creatures in Jesus Christ.

Those of us who have been born

again do not want to "live like the devil." Those who claim to be saved and continue to "live like the devil" have not experienced the new birth in the first place. They may have been reformed for awhile, but they were not transformed.

The new birth is God's greatest miracle. It is a permanent transformation of the inner man. Everlasting life begins when the change takes place and lasts for eternity. We are kept saved by the power of God forever.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my

hand" (John 10:27-28).

After the new birth takes place there is a constant battle between the spirit and the flesh. We sin because of the weaknesses of the flesh, but we don't live in sin. The Bible says, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Rom. 6:1-2).

Thank God that those of us who are born again are saved now and forever, and like Paul we can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). Amen.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

# KBC ACTIVITIES

## 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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# FRANK OWEN

CRITICAL ISSUE



Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC  
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The flat rate tax proposal of Governor Brown is so serious in nature that I must speak to it here as I have already done to him by mail. The proposed plan would remove the traditional privilege of the tax payer to deduct religious and charitable organization gifts in filing one's state income tax.

I hope our citizenry in general and legislators in particular are fully conscious of the gravity of this proposal. It would terminate a friendly, traditional state approval of and witness to the value of religious and charitable organizations. It would remove a strong incentive for religious and charitable giving.

Alongside the cherished principle of separation of church and state in our country there has been also an ever friendly attitude toward worthy religious proclamation and the charitable and educational operations of free churches in a free state. A favorable climate has encouraged volunteer giving to religious and other charities and educational institutions.

Our moral fiber has grown in reli-

gious soil. Religious and morally oriented charities and education need the encouragement that both our state and nation have given them in the past. The flat rate tax proposal would be one big step away from this time honored position. Surely most of our citizenry wants our society to keep alive charitable, educational and religious institutions. Surely we want the ever deepening tax bite to spare us room for volunteer giving.

Some argue that since the flat rate is based on the federal tax which does allow deductions; and since the flat rate tax would reflect such results, then the state need not allow the deductions. To that let us reply, it isn't enough for Kentucky's tax plan simply to ride "piggy-back" on whatever prevailing federal plan. Kentucky should continue to give its own acknowledgment of enduring values that make for a worthy society.

I don't believe Governor Brown and our political leaders want to discourage the present level of private section giving. I fear such might be the result.

## International Series TEACHING ABOUT COMPASSION

**Luke 10:25-29** A certain man versed in the law of Moses presumed to test and ensnare Christ with a catch question. His query, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life"?, was an admission he did not possess eternal life. Their discussion of the law revealed to the man he could not get eternal life by works. Attempting to justify himself, the man

asked Christ, "Who is my neighbor?" Instead of answering his question, Christ told him a beautiful and immortal story.

**Luke 10:30-35** Christ told about a man who was going along a dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho. Robbers sprang out from behind the rocks and seized the man, beat him until he was almost dead, stripped the clothes from his body, robbed him and left him wounded and suffering.

A priest approached the wounded man and, with an attitude of indifference toward the unfortunate and helpless, "passed by on the other side" of the road. A Levite, with an attitude of sheer curiosity, gazed at the wounded man and passed down the road without rendering any assistance. Then a Samaritan approached the man, "had compassion on him," promptly alighted from his beast, treated the man's wounds by "pouring in oil and wine," lifted him into his saddle and walked until they reached an inn. After caring for the patient as long as he was needed, the Samaritan made provision for his future care and promised the innkeeper to pay for that.

**Luke 10:36-37** Christ asked the lawyer which one acted like a neighbor to the wounded man—the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan? He answered correctly by saying, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then Christ said, "Go and do

thou likewise." Thus he taught that the cultivation of this neighborly spirit is the duty of all through all seasons of the year.

## Life and Work Series MINISTRY OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

**Matthew 9:2-7** Four men lovingly and tenderly carried on a pallet a friend who was afflicted with palsy to a house in Capernaum in which Christ was preaching and performing works of power, believing that Christ was able and willing to heal their friend. Those men manifested their inventive, energetic and conquering faith by their works.

In answer to the unspoken protest in the hearts of critics who said within themselves, "this man blasphemeth," Christ said: "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?" Turning to the paralytic Christ said: "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." Thus he demanded three naturally impossible actions, each of which would give evidence of restored strength. Having experienced a double cure—spiritual and physical, he went into his house "glorifying God."

**Matthew 9:10-13** When Christ saved Matthew and called him into his service, the publican gave a feast in honor of the savior to which he invited other tax collectors and sinners whom he

wanted to introduce to his Lord. Matthew sincerely hoped they too would put their trust in him, be saved by him and live for him.

**Matthew 9:36-38** As Christ toured Galilee, observing the condition of the masses, his heart was stirred to its very depths by the sight of their needs. Being like sheep without a shepherd, these confused multitudes presented such a picture of distress as they wandered here and their in their poverty and weakness that the Lord Jesus was "moved with compassion on them." Such compassion, or going out of the inmost soul in tender love and earnest longing and suffering with those in need, is one of the great needs in the lives of Christians today.

Listeners and loiterers are still numerous, but laborers are far too few. Many whose names are on church rolls are not working for the Lord, because they have permitted things that matter least to crowd out of their lives the things that matter most.

Christ gave a very definite command as to how to obtain a supply of laborers, namely, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." He has a right to send whom he pleases, for it is his harvest. As we pray earnestly for laborers to be sent forth, let us be willing to be among those who are sent, if the Lord wills that we shall go.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Jan. 9, 1983



H. C. Chiles

**A NEW YEAR/  
A NEW LIFE/  
A NEW OPPORTUNITY**

The New Year was approaching. Many unfinished tasks from the old year lay on my desk as I read his letter.

"When I went to Campbellsville College . . . I wasn't a child of God. (A student) witnessed to me . . . I got under great conviction . . . One night some friends (and I) . . . heard someone crying on the Chapel steps. It was that (student) praying for my soul. I can't tell you how much it affected my life to hear (him) praying for me that night. I walked 17 miles on the Hodgenville Road, and alone, poured out my heart

# CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE TODAY

*W. R. Davenport, President  
Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, KY 42718*

to God and received Christ Jesus as my Savior. I wish I could . . . encourage all the young people who are part of the family of God . . . I'm one converted sinner who is very, very thankful . . ."

While our basic mission at the Christian college is to develop the Christian

student for life and service, we also have a deep commitment to reach every student who does not yet know Christ personally. Even on the Christian campus there are such students.

As we begin the New Year, many have yielded to him, although there are



some yet to be reached with his newness. Consider with me the part that prayers and financial support from friends of Christian education like you played in reaching this former student who wrote that letter. Consider your part in the life of Campbellsville College now.

I pray that we may be God's instruments for teaching, developing and reaching other lives for his glory. Will you join me in this prayer? Thanks so much for your prayers and your support throughout 1982! I always appreciate hearing from you.

I trust God has blessed you in a special way during this Christmas season—and will give you a good New Year.

## HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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### LOOK WHAT GOD CAN DO!

For several months the city of Louisville has been involved in a vigorous promotion of the city. The purpose is to make citizens proud of their community and promote togetherness in efforts for progress.

Part of the promotion has been a song that goes like this:

Sun comin' up,  
Gonna be a bright new day.  
Come along with me,  
Together we're on our way.  
Heading for a future,  
Even better than our past.  
Gonna make it happen,  
Gonna make it last.  
Look what we can do, Louisville.

As we close 1982 and move into 1983, I have been thinking about the way Kentucky Baptists are supporting our ministry to children. I have also been evaluating the attitude of our staff and our programs for children who are in our care. All of this is so very positive I started to say, "Baptists, look what we can do!" But on second thought I changed it to say, "Baptists, look what

God can do!"

We really can't do what is needed in the lives of hurting young people without God. Even with all of our gifts and all of our great spirit of cooperation we fall short without God. But Baptists, look what God can do through us when we yield ourselves to him.

This brief column does not allow me to share with you individual accounts of the very positive things happening in the lives of young people in our care. But I am monitoring our work closely and I assure you that young lives are being changed in a significant way. God is doing it through dedicated workers, through your faithful gifts and in response to your earnest prayers.

Just as our new emblem signifies, "Sun is comin' up, gonna be a bright new day" of hope for young people who come along with us for awhile. "Together we're on our way, heading for a future better than our past. Gonna make it happen (because of Baptists and God), gonna make it last." Look what we can do, Baptists, with God's help, through your prayers and your gifts.

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

*Leon Simpson, President  
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### LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

The Lord stated in Rev. 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new." This verse reminds us God wants to revive and renew his people.

Louisa Fletcher expressed the longing of the human heart like this:

I wish that there were some wonderful places called the land of beginning again, where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all of our poor, selfish grief could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, and never put on again.

Just as our body longs for rest at times, so our spirit longs for that new beginning which our Lord so graciously provides. Each new year gives us a new chance, a blank page, a fresh start in life. The truth is our Lord does invite us to the 'Land of Beginning Again' in 1983. Our blessed Lord offers each of his children a new opportunity to live, to love, to rejoice and to serve him.

Since God is giving me this new op-

portunity to serve him in 1983 I have made some resolutions. In 1983:

- I resolve to be vitally involved in the Lord's work. He created us to serve him and I want to do that in every way I can.

- I resolve to support my local church with my time, talents and tithe. As imperfect as they are, God still works through groups of believers gathered together to worship and serve him.

- I resolve to support Clear Creek Baptist School because it is a vital agency of Kentucky Baptists training ministers for service in Baptist churches.

- I resolve to remember Clear Creek in my will. January is Make Your Will month. God's money needlessly goes to the government or to places you would not choose when you do not have a will. Everyone should resolve to plan where his estate should go and how it should be divided upon his death. Remember great Christian ministries in your will. Remember the ministry of Clear Creek Baptist School when you prepare your will in 1983.

### 'NINE PATCH' AND 'DUTCH BOY'

Needle, thread, scissors, polyester, cotton, bedding and matting were the essentials and "Nine Patch," "Dutch Boy" and "Block" were the patterns used in an extraordinary project undertaken by the Woman's Missionary Union of Frenchburg Baptist Church.

At their church's homecoming this year a guest, Mrs. I. Houston Lanier (wife of the former mountain missions director, KBC) suggested the WMU make quilts for some students of Oneida. Several Frenchburg ladies had recently visited Oneida and they received the quilt-making idea with enthusiasm.

A goal of 25 quilts was set. A challenge indeed. Quilt-making is time consuming and tedious work. But quilting is a mountain tradition and the Frenchburg Church has some experienced quilt-makers. Also, the church had some young girls who had never quilted but were willing to learn. They joined in the fellowship, some learning, all working. The group met daily at the church.

The local newspaper printed a story about the project and the venture quickly gained communitywide support. Offering services were people who do not attend Frenchburg Baptist Church. For example, one of the quilts was made by a Presbyterian lady.

All the time this project was going

forward we knew nothing about it here at Oneida until pastor Monty Carney called one day and told us he and a number of his people were coming to visit and give us some quilts.

Mission accomplished, they arrived on our campus Dec. 11 with not 25 but 40 very beautiful quilts!

These are being given to students who have a need for bed covering. We frequently have students arrive with, basically, the clothes on their back. We take them in and have to outfit them completely.

I never think of quilts without thinking of Mrs. Tobey Perkins of Burnside. Mrs. Perkins is nearing 98 years of age but she sends us quilts every year, and did so just a month ago. A lifelong supporter of Oneida, and a retired school teacher, she is a remarkable Christian lady. Like the Frenchburg ladies, her is a labor of love involving many hours of work.

On the same day the Frenchburg group came to present their quilts, four men from Tennessee had arrived in the wee hours of the morning. They had come to work a day as volunteers cutting Oneida trees to make fenceposts for our farm. They were joined by four Oneida schoolboys and our farm manager. It was a miserable day, weather-wise, drizzling rain off and on which turned to our first winter snow that

night. But the group cut enough trees to make 300 fence posts. Theirs, too, was a labor of love.

Also, on that same weekend Hiram Campbell was hard at work for us. He had risen at 2 a.m. on Thursday at his home in Hamilton, Oh., and driven to Oneida and immediately set to work. He stopped work after midnight, having been "on the go" more than 22 hours, was back up early Friday and worked into the night, and again on Saturday. Hiram is an electrician by trade and every minute of his time was donated.

The following week Bill Cole of Ballardsville Baptist Church was back to work for a week as a volunteer, doing carpentry and plumbing work. Retired, Mr. Cole spends untold hours in connection with his duties on the LaGrange city council. Hardly a month goes by that he is not here for at least a week or more working from daylight to dark and often into the night. He is a strong man with a big smile and a big heart.

Our students are amazed many times as they work alongside men like Mr. Campbell or Mr. Cole. They see how hard they work and often ask "How much is Mr. Moore paying you?" They are incredulous to hear "Nothing."

In a money-mad world where so many wish to be paid almost for breathing, it inspires us and strengthens our faith to know there are still people like

this, and they are our friends.

I think also of Dot Bentley, degreed and certified high school librarian, widow of a North Carolina high school principal, who has served the past two years as our head librarian without a penny of salary; or retired life long school teacher Elizabeth Martin, now of Georgetown, who has also taught here without salary. And so many more!

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## Author of resolution on SB 103 apologizes for mistakes but reasserts objections

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When I presented the resolution on Senate Bill 103 from the floor of the recent Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting, I did so out of a genuine concern over the negative and long-lasting effects of this law during these uncertain economic times. As a strong proponent of religious liberty and the separation of church and state, I had no intention of "playing politics" with this issue. Though the General Assembly's passage of this bill (and their override of the governor's veto of it) was clearly a political act, I believed that the ramifications of it were both immoral and serious in nature. So I gathered data, talked with legislators and other citizens, and concluded that our state convention should have an opportunity to address this issue.

On the basis of subsequent research, I am anxious to make some necessary corrections and clarifications in the resolution as presented and passed.

I am also anxious to disclaim any malice toward members of the General Assembly. I know some of these men and women personally, and I believe them to be persons of integrity and good will.

However, I remain convinced that the passage of Senate Bill 103 was an act (based either on bad judgment or on avarice) which will have destructive and inequitable results. Unfortunately this was not the first time (nor will it be the last) when the action of decent people culminated in damaging effects.

Now, as to the content of the resolution itself . . . The "greed bill" nickname grew out of citizen outrage to the passage of Senate Bill 103. Interestingly enough, voices within the General Assembly used similar terminology. The Senate Majority leader called the bill's benefits "excessive," and a Danville legislator (commenting on the vote to override the governor's veto) was quoted as saying, "A vote to uphold Senate Bill 103 is just basically expressing our own greed." I agree. Increasing legislative pensions by 112 percent seems untimely, unethical and unthinkable in the light of economic hardships currently being endured by many of our legislators' constituents throughout the state.

I stated that "this law drastically increases the salaries and expense accounts of our legislators." This is incorrect. Senate Bill 103 dealt with pension and retirement benefits. Senate Bill 102, passed in 1980, did sharply increase our lawmakers' salaries and expense accounts. The 1982 General Assembly followed suit by

voting themselves salaries and expense accounts which, according to Associated Press calculations, will pay an "average legislator" as much as \$45,650 for the 1984-85 biennium (that comes to \$22,825 per year). This total includes an immediate 1982 raise from \$750 to \$950 for monthly expenses when the legislature is not in session. All together, I'd call this a substantial "second income" for officials representing a citizenry where, statewide, the average pay in 1981 was \$14,588.

My resolution also said that SB 103 requires payment of hospital and medical insurance for legislators and their families. A closer reading of the bill reveals that the legislator alone is allowed coverage, as are all state employees. However, I do interpret the bill as authorizing the state to pay an increasing percentage of medical plan premiums (based on years of service) for spouses and dependents when the legislator reaches age 65. I don't know if this differs from other state employees or not, but I question the necessity of hospital insurance for legislators who likely have adequate coverage at the time of their election.

SB 103 does indeed "pay extravagant new pension benefits for retiring legislators." The lawmakers "assumed" a base salary of \$27,500 in computing retirement benefits (in fact, average pay is about \$20,000). They raised the multiplier from 3.5 to 5 percent of salary for all those elected prior to July 1, 1978, and cut back the multiplier to 2.75 for those elected after July 1, 1982. This means that 90 of the 138 General Assembly will be eligible for the larger benefits by serving five more years; providing an annual retirement pension of \$13,750 for 10 years service and one of \$27,500 for 20 years service.

The pension multiplier for full time state employees stands at 1.6 percent, less than half of what the current legislators voted for themselves. It is difficult for me to look at this arbitrary procedure and not conclude that a measure of greed was operative here.

The money for increased pensions for firefighters and policemen was not voted. Cut-backs and shrinking revenues were adversely affected education, job training, and a host of human services . . . yet SB 103 passed with plenty of votes to spare. I stand by my statement; such a pension bonanza is extravagant for part time (though hard working) elected officials.

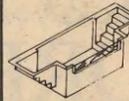
The figure of nine million dollars contained in the resolution is more comprehensive than SB 103 alone. It is my

understanding that the total for pensions, salaries and other legislators' benefits sanctioned for 1980-84 does come to more than nine million dollars. How much of that total is carryover from previous years, I don't know, but reliable estimates are that SB 103 itself will cost between 1.7 and 2.1 million dollars in new money.

I sincerely regret my errors in interpretation and computation in this matter, and I apologize to our legislators for whatever unfair reaction they may have received as a result of this resolution. My regrets also to my fellow Kentucky Baptists for not doing additional research in the preparation of the resolution.

However, I stand by the statement that SB 103 was passed "at a time of decreasing state revenues, high unemployment and economic hardship" and when programs affecting the poor, the elderly and others living on fixed incomes are being seriously crippled by budget cuts and shrinking resources. Thus, I object to the passage of SB 103 as an immoral and ill-timed law. It ought to be reconsidered.

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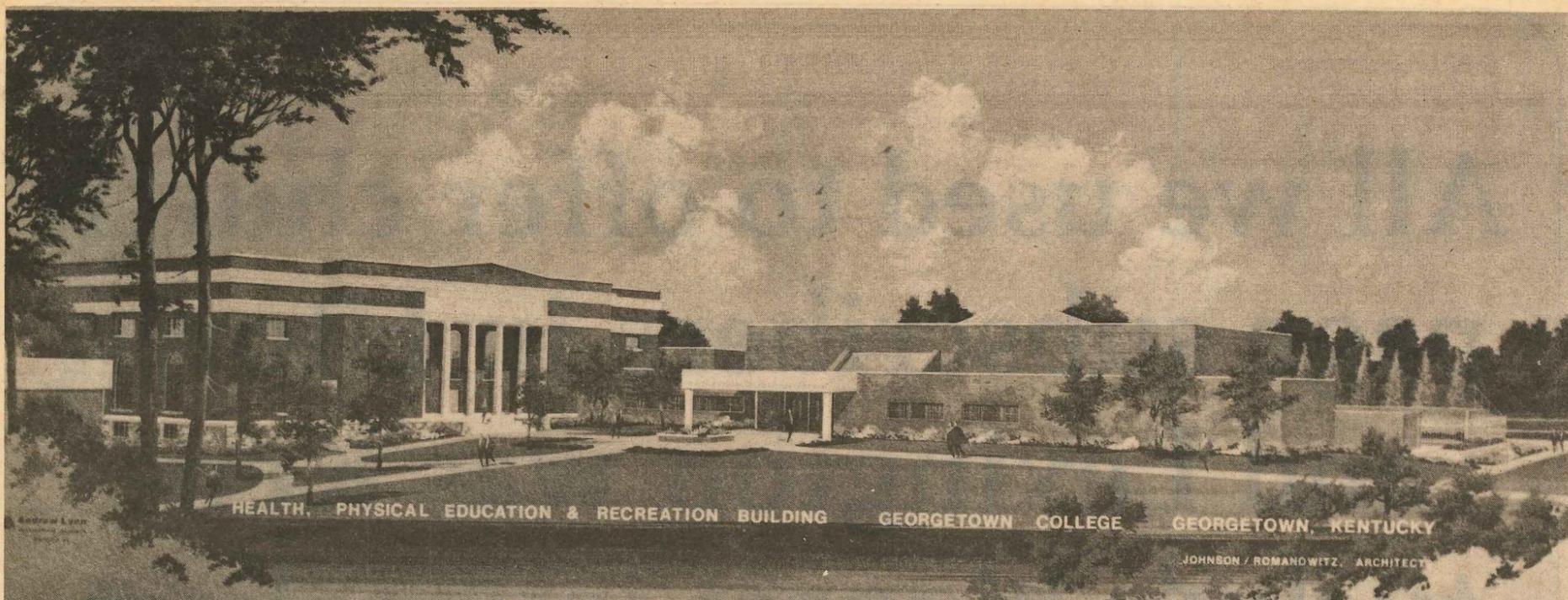
## Cut Back or Increase Our Missionaries

When some other denominations are cutting back their missionary force, why are Southern Baptists seeking to double their overseas missionary number?

According to Winston Crawley of the Foreign Mission Board, the world needs more and not fewer sharers of the gospel.

He says that the United States has more than half of the world's ministers serving a population that makes up less than six percent of the world's total population. At the same time, more than half the people of the world have not yet heard the gospel for the first time.

Such an imbalance of the concentration of Christian workers in a needy world points up the imperative of increased numbers going out to share Christ's good news.



# Fiscal/physical assets

## *Georgetown's \$3.5 million health center goal will allow it also to develop the student body*

Two major goals stood at the top of Georgetown College's Decade of Progress Campaign when it opened in 1980 with the significant matching challenge grant of \$1 million from the J. Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville.

The Brown Foundation challenge was met by a whole host of Georgetown supporters a year early satisfying the first of the two major goals—\$2 million for endowment, giving the college a 50 percent growth in resources to enrich the quality of undergraduate educational programs.

The Decade of Progress Campaign now more than a half million dollars ahead of its basic goal of \$4 million is driving toward a second major element in Georgetown College's development, a health, physical education and recreation facility which by best estimates will cost \$3.5 million.

The remaining goal of raising \$2.5 million to build the HPER facility is the big task at hand.

Careful study engaged in by the college before the campaign was launched clearly indicated an urgent need to develop more comprehensive facilities for physical education, health and recreation at the school.

The present Alumni Gymnasium, now almost 60 years old, no longer provides adequate space for the wider range of programs and participation in health and recreation activities by the college community. Alumni Gym at the time of its development served the needs of 400 students and a relatively

small faculty and staff. It has, throughout its service, been shaped and reshaped to meet new and greater demands. These demands outstripped the gym's capacity for adequacy when the enrollment of Georgetown College burgeoned after World War II more than a generation ago.

Georgetown College, strengthened in many ways since 1950, must now, after having studied its role in the total life of the college family, take a bold step to guarantee the best possible means to develop the physical and recreational being for the students' total being. Countless studies support us in our plan to care for the physical person in his pursuit of academic, spiritual and social goals.

A number of concerns prompt Georgetown College to attempt this essential step of developing a more adequate facility.

Eighty percent of Georgetown's undergraduate student body resides in college housing creating additional pressures on the school to develop constructive "release time" activities. On weekends hundreds of undergrads fill their suitcases and head for home because often there is less than enough to do to prompt their remaining on campus. The trips home are costly. Perhaps the greatest loss to students is the time wiped out by travel that could be used in academic, social and recreational development.

Within the decade the U. S. Congress has enacted a law that guarantees equal access to intercollegiate athletics for women as well as men. The law called Title IX has increased demands upon Georgetown's gym facilities. Women's use of the gym has come to Georgetown College with mixed emotion. Clearly on the positive side women athletics bring greater identity to the school as well as new outlets for the pent-up skills and talents of coeds. There are several extraordinary women athletes at Georgetown. But the Title IX program, in and of itself, places enough

pressure on the use of Alumni Gym to invite the early development of additional basketball and volleyball space. It is clear that the need to double gym floor space is essential.

The college's winter intramural contests are played in Alumni Gym. More than a dozen intramural teams are scheduled in hotly contested basketball leagues for men and women. Intramurals are and have been a vital part of the college's spirit and growth of character.

Alumni Gym is the home floor for Georgetown's basketball Tigers and Lady Tigers. More than two dozen home games are scheduled each four month long season. Here is demonstrated some of the college's noisiest support. The Tiger Den has housed many All-Americans and several nationally ranked basketball teams during its long years.

Of no less importance is the use of the building by Georgetown's 91-year-old football program—a program that has produced a long list of outstanding alumni, a number of whom have won national acclaim as coaches, businessmen, educators, industrialists, lawyers, doctors and ministers. But its lustre of earlier years is gone and can no longer give a positive invitation to promising young athletes who want to play college football.

Though not at the summit of the list of concern, the use of Alumni Gym for classroom space is another essential. The gym has served this role from the beginning but the building is hard put to provide an environment for the best instructional benefits.

Many other collateral elements could be paraded before us to demonstrate the critical need for a new health, physical education and recreation center. But rather let us look at what a \$3.5 million investment can do to help Georgetown College's young people in

their important educational pursuits.

What are some of the new benefits this significant investment will bring the college?

- Alumni Gym, still physically strong, will be refurbished. The basketball floor will be changed from a north/south to an east/west axis. The adjustment will provide space enough for a full basketball court.

- Located just east of the Tiger Den, (Gymnasium A) will be the new Gymnasium B, with a full collegiate floor.

- On the east side of the HPER Center, just south of Gymnasium B, will be an olympic swimming facility with a sun deck attached.

- Bordering the swimming pool and looking westward toward the central mall will be several classrooms, a large lecture hall and a seminar room.

- There will be offices for faculty, coaches and administrative officers of the department.

- At the ground level, under Gymnasium A, handball courts, a training room, equipment storage and maintenance, along with dressing and shower rooms, will be developed.

- The plans are being designed to provide optimum opportunity for exercise, energy-outlet, competition and social enrichment.

The HPER Center will be versatile enough to give year-long benefit to a busy college family. It will provide Georgetown College a setting for expressing its spirit for the Tigers as well as addressing the problem of ministering to the physical health and well being of all.

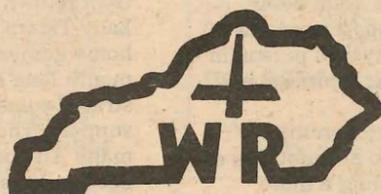
This \$3.5 million project gains support from the stated purpose of the school. The sides of the rectangle embracing Georgetown's logo indicate the potential for student maturity: intellectually, spiritually, socially and physically. We are determined to meet the challenge of addressing all of this potential.

Georgetown College is committed to strengthening the total man and the HPER Center, carefully planned, meets that commitment.

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