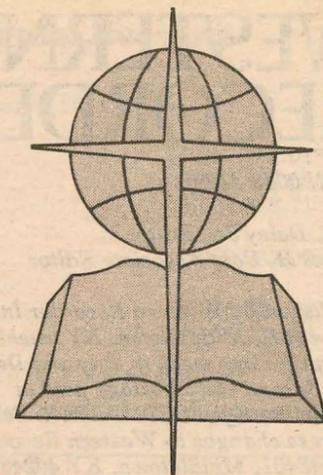


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## 97th Congress: New Right made valiant effort to pass social issues but gained little, perhaps losing its opportunity to reach objectives

by Larry Chesser

Expectations ran high among advocates of controversial causes such as tuition tax credits, public school prayer and abortion restrictions when the 97th Congress began two years ago.

The nix of a new President who promised to push these issues with a Congress expected to be decidedly more conservative seemed to spell the last chance for legislative movement in these areas.

But in the end the causes—all pushed by the New Right—fared no better in the 97th Congress than they did in the previous one. They stirred a lot of fury and debate but brought about no significant change in the law of the land.

Based on early surveys and comments from members of the 98th Congress which convened Jan. 3, the social agenda of the New Right appears to have missed its best chance.

With the 97th Congress concentrating on President Reagan's budget and tax cut from the beginning, controversial social issues were consigned to the back burner. When they finally surfaced late in the second session—mostly in the Republican controlled Senate—they proved so divisive the heated debates they sparked may well have cost them supporters.

Though numerous tuition tax credit proposals were introduced from day one of the 97th Congress, none went anywhere until President Reagan began pushing a White House version late in the second session.

With this administration push, Senate finance committee chairman Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., held together a shaky coalition of tuition tax credit supporters long enough to have a highly-

modified and watered-down version of the Reagan proposal out of committee but it never was considered on the Senate floor.

Opponents of the measure charged tuition tax credits would be a drain on the federal treasury in a time of mounting budget deficits and that they violate the First Amendment's ban on a government establishment of religion. In addition, proponents were divided over how tough to make the bill's antidiscrimination provisions against schools that discriminate on the basis of race.

Proponents of state-sponsored prayer in public schools moved on two fronts during the 97th Congress. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N. C., veteran champion of New Right causes, pushed legislation to strip the Supreme Court and lower federal courts of jurisdiction of school prayer cases.

Although no hearings were held on his court-stripping proposal, Helms offered it as an amendment to a debt ceiling bill last September. But the measure failed after numerous unsuccessful efforts to end a filibuster against it.

Early last summer President Reagan fulfilled a campaign promise by proposing a constitutional amendment on school prayer but it also failed to move.

The Senate judiciary committee held three hearings on the Reagan proposal but with time waning in the session committee chairman Strom Thurmond, R-S. C., told the President he would re-introduce the measure in the 98th Con-

gress, indicating it wouldn't move in the 97th.

Reagan's prayer amendment met with even less success in the House of Representatives where judiciary committee leaders kept it bottled up and an effort to discharge the measure from the committee produced less than 60 of the necessary 218 signatures to bring it to the floor for a vote.

Abortion was a similar story in the 97th Congress with antiabortion forces divided over which legislation to push. Some favored a Helms proposal, a human life bill which would have declared that life begins at conception and barred federal courts and the Supreme Court from striking down antiabortion legislation.

Others supported a constitutional amendment by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, which would have given Congress and the states authority to restrict or ban abortions. Senate judiciary subcommittees cleared both proposals but only the Hatch amendment passed the full judiciary committee. But Hatch withheld it from full Senate consideration in exchange for commitment for early consideration in the next Congress.

Congress cleared one important piece of civil rights legislation which sparked heated debate—a 25-year extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The extension applied to the preclearance section of the act which requires nine states and portions of 13 others to get Justice Department approval before making any voting law or policy

changes. The Senate also modified one of the permanent sections of the act to make proving violations of the act easier in court.

The 97th Congress made several tax law changes affecting churches and charitable religious organizations. The large tax cut passed during the first year of the Reagan administration liberalized both the amount and scope of foreign earned income which Americans abroad—including missionaries—can exclude from U. S. taxes. This change was urged by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board. The new law also permits taxpayers who use the standard deduction in filing income tax returns to deduct charitable contributions.

In the tax hike passed during the second year of the Reagan administration Congress increased the ability of churches and denominations to provide more adequate retirement plans for their ministers and lay employees.

Finally postal rates for nonprofit mailers took a roller coaster ride during the 97th Congress. Late in the first session a shortfall in a postal subsidy appropriation led to a doubling of nonprofit rates in early 1982. But last summer Congress added some additional funding to that subsidy bringing subsidized rates down some but not to the point where they had been. Then in the stopgap funding measure for 1983 Congress provided funds to allow for a normal annual increase in preferred rates.

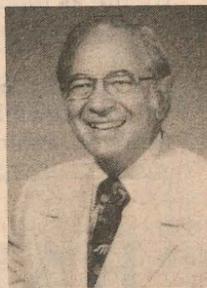
## *Southern Baptist ethicist gives secular readers an optimistic appraisal of '82, citing its virtues*

Although humanity has stumbled along with its foot in a bucket for much of 1982, some good things have happened, Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, wrote in a column in USA Today.

Valentine's column, in the final issue of 1982, noted 10 good things.

"We're alive. And we are not just alive, we are reasonably well, thank you. The good gifts of love, family, work, achievement, mobility and health add up to one great, good gift of life. It beats the alternative," he wrote.

"We're free," he continued. Even though religious liberty and separation of church and state are battered a bit, he said, they are by no means buried. "The winds of freedom that blew in the faces of our forebears



Valentine

have not ceased to blow in our own faces."

"We're at peace," Valentine noted, adding that while it is uneven, shaky and tenuous, it is still peace.

"General war," he wrote, "has been avoided. More importantly, nuclear war, with its prospect of a billion dead human beings, has not been triggered."

Valentine said initiatives for peace with justice have grown and public perception of the importance of stopping the nuclear arms race has increased significantly.

"Our economy has not collapsed," Valentine noted. "Even though the supply-side theoreticians of voodoo economics have bequeathed us the highest unemployment since the Great Depression, the banks aren't closed and the grocery shelves aren't empty."

Extremism has once again been weighed and found wanting, Valentine said, as the New Right in general and the New Religious Right in particular have begun to be reined in. "Even demagogues can read election

results," he wrote.

The Southern Baptist ethicist also told the readers of the 400,000 circulation Gannett publication that an orderly transfer of power occurred in many places such as the leadership changes in Egypt, Spain and even the USSR and that the Third World seems to have steadied a bit.

"Many Third World countries which were teetering on the brink of economic, political and social disaster refused to take the plunge—Kenya, for example," Valentine said.

Moral values are also coming into somewhat clearer focus, he said.

"The commitment to personal integrity and public righteousness, without which no nation can long endure, has been growing, it seems to me," Valentine wrote.

"Faith survives," he concluded. "Lech Walesa is a good example. God has made this a moral universe. He has made humanity in his own image. And he keeps on kindling the fires of faith in all who will hear his song in the air and see his star in the sky."

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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

### Light for walking through darkness

A new year should provide excitement and hope but I am having more difficulty than usual in anticipating a happy year in 1983. Pessimism has no place in believers in Jesus Christ but there is little basis for optimism so far as today's world is concerned.

In our own land 12 million unemployed have little to look forward to in 1983. Some are already homeless and hopeless. The recession has become a depression and recovery appears to be slow in coming.

The outlook for American farmers and for many factory workers is the bleakest in many years, businesses are failing at a record rate and all charitable organizations including churches are beginning to feel the crunch.

This economic depression is worldwide but other problems overshadow the economic ills. The Near East continues to be a powder keg and any hope for lasting peace between Jews and Arabs seems remote.

Russia and the United States vie for influence among all the nations of the world and open conflict over oil resources is always a possibility to say nothing of a nuclear war which seven out of every 10 Americans expect within 10 years.

America and the USSR continue to stockpile weapons of war even though each has already enough to destroy the other several times over. Arms limitation talks produce only rhetoric as the heads of these two nations rattle sabers louder and louder.

American society is becoming increasingly secular and churches are becoming less and less influential in determining the moral attitudes and actions of communities. Most mainline denominations are declining in numbers as well as influence.

We could go on and on describing the dark side of America and the world today but as Christians we see a light that darkness can never put out.

This light is God who is in charge of 1983 and who is moving toward his purpose in this world. The darkness may keep us from understanding all that is happening but one thing we know—God can be trusted.

Virginia Baptist editor Julian Pentecost made this point eloquently in a recent editorial. Take it with you throughout 1983.

"In his book, *The Morning After Death*, L. D. Johnson retells (page 146) a story of James Gordon Gilkey concerning a 19th century Congregational minister of New England by the name of John Todd.

"Orphaned at six years of age, Todd had been reared by an aunt. He became a minister and, while serving a congregation in Massachusetts, received a pitiful note from his now aged aunt. She stated she was in great distress because her doctor had informed her she had an incurable disease and death was imminent. She reached out to him for guidance and comfort.

"John Todd responded promptly: It is now 35 years since I, a little boy of six, was left quite alone in the world. You sent me word you would give me a home and be a kind of mother to me. I have never forgotten the day when I made the long journey of 10 miles from my home in Killingworth to your home in North Killingworth.

"I can still recall my disappointment when I learned that instead of coming for me yourself you had sent your colored man Caesar to fetch me. I can still remember my tears and anxiety as, perched on your horse and clinging tight to Caesar, I started for my new home."

"He then described his anxiety as a child when darkness fell before the journey was complete and how he wondered if his aunt would have gone to bed before he arrived. Shortly thereafter, he wrote, they came to a clear area and he saw a friendly candle in the window and, reassuringly, his aunt was waiting for him at the door. He described her warm arms around him, lifting a tired and bewildered little boy down from the horse.

"He remembered how she had given him supper beside the bright fire and then taken him to his room and sat beside him until he went to sleep.

"You are probably wondering why I am now recalling all these things to your mind," he added. "Some day soon God will send for you, to take you to a new home. Don't fear the summons, the strange journey, the messenger of death. At the end of the road you will find love and a welcome; you will be safe in God's care and keeping. God can be trusted—trusted to be as kind as you were to me so many years ago."

"'God can be trusted' is the word we need to hear and heed in the midst of life and in the presence of death. It is a good word! It doesn't solve all mysteries or

answer all questions but it speaks of him who is Lord of life and death.

"'God can be trusted!'"

"'Lift up your hearts!'"

### Seminary students now receive Western Recorder

We welcome a new group of Western Recorder readers with this issue. All Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students will receive a special edition each week which combines the seminary weekly news publication with Western Recorder. In this convenient package students can be at least somewhat informed on Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist life as well as life at the seminary.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students mean a great deal to Kentucky Baptists. Hundreds of them are pastors of Kentucky Baptist churches and hundreds more are paid or volunteer church staff members. Many others become active and valuable members of churches in the Louisville area.

The remark is made sometimes that seminary students merely use Kentucky churches to gain experience and training only to leave when they graduate and have other opportunities. Many Kentucky Baptist churches do provide seminary students with experience only to see them move on. My observation, however, is that these students contribute as much or more to these churches as they receive from them.

Hopefully Western Recorder will be a worthwhile part of the preparation of seminary students for min-

istry in churches. Spending a few minutes with it each week will provide a wholesome balance to the formal studies of the seminary classroom. We trust this experience with Western Recorder will also encourage seminarians to be strong supporters of the state paper wherever they might serve later.

These new readers are invited to comment on issues treated in the paper and to suggest ways to make Western Recorder more helpful.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

### Aid dismissed pastors

by John E. Roberts, Editor  
The Baptist Courier,  
Greenville, S. C.

Tennessee Baptists are to be commended for taking a first step toward correcting a black mark on the denomination's record. They voted in the recent convention to establish a fund to assist preachers who have been dismissed from their place of service with nowhere to go and no source of support.

It is a modest fund—\$100 a week for a maximum of 13 weeks. It also would pay hospital and retirement programs for the same period.

Many people are experiencing the misery and gloom of being without work in this time of economic uncertainty. Unemployment compensation helps to ease the burden to some extent for a little while.

But the dismissed preacher is not eligible for unemployment compensation. In many instances he also must vacate the parsonage. It can be a time of financial disaster for him and for his family. Fortunately, it happens to only a few, but for those few it is tragic.

The action by Tennessee Baptists was timely and should be followed by others. We would do well to look closely at the problem in South Carolina.

## BAPTIST FORUM

#### Agrees with Vardaman's 'Viewpoint'

I cannot remember many articles which have been written which I agree with including every word. However, Jerry Vardaman's "Viewpoint" in the Western Recorder issue of Dec. 22, 1982 is the exception. Not only do I agree with him concerning the "true elect of God," again and again my heart said, "Amen!" as I read how he feels about Dale Moody. In recent weeks I have

used some of the very same statements.

Thank you for making the space available for Jerry Vardaman to express what many of us believe about Dale Moody. I didn't while in seminary, nor do I now, agree with every word Dale Moody has written or spoken. I believe him to be one of the most vibrant and energetic proclaimers of Christian truth I have ever known, and I consider it a great privilege to be numbered among his friends.

Ira Singleton, Caruthersville, Mo.

# BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bangham takes post at Brotherhood Commission

Bill Bangham, formerly associate editor of World Mission Journal, became associate director of the Brotherhood Commission's Baptist Men's Department Jan. 1, 1983.

He will concentrate on missions curriculum for Baptist Men and will assist in national, regional, state and associational Baptist Men training efforts.

Bangham, a native of Maryland, is author of *Journey into Small Groups* and is a former director of Biological Laboratories at George Washington University, Washington, D. C. He has authored a college textbook on biology and has worked in several printing and environmental businesses.

Bangham is a graduate of Parsons College, Fairfield, Ia., and took post graduate work in human development and interdisciplinary studies at George Washington University and the University of Maryland.

## WMU raises rates for four magazines

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will raise subscription rates for its four quarterly publications beginning with the July-August-September 1983 issue.

The quarterlies and their new yearly rates are Dimension and Aware, \$5; Start, \$6, and Share, \$10.

Although WMU was forced to increase subscription rates for its monthly magazines last year, it has been almost two years since the SBC agency raised prices for quarterlies.

Mary Hines, customer services division director for WMU, SBC, attributed the increase to postage and production costs, which in some cases have almost doubled since subscriptions were raised. Miss Hines also said Start, the quarterly for leaders of Mission Friends, will be expanded by 16 pages beginning with the October-November-December 1983 issue.

Rates for the five monthly magazines WMU publishes will remain the same.

## Indiana conference added to summer schedule

Ridgecrest North, a new summer Sunday school leadership conference at Winona Lake, Ind., will be July 18-22, according to Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Piland said the week has been added to the summer schedule to accommodate persons, primarily in north central states, who have been unable to get reservations at Glorieta (N. M.) or Ridgecrest (N. C.) in recent years.

The conference will include daily sessions for Sunday school general officers

and workers with each age group. Preschoolers, children and youth may attend with their parents.

The conference will be held on the grounds of Winona Lake Bible conference center.

Reservations for Ridgecrest North should be mailed to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770 after Feb. 1. Reservations postmarked before Feb. 1 will not be accepted.

## FMB seeks applications for journeymen by Jan. 15

The application deadline for the 1983-85 term of the Foreign Mission Board's missionary journeyman program is Jan. 15. Applications should be postmarked by that date.

The journeyman program seeks Southern Baptist college graduates age 26 and under who are interested in using their skills on overseas mission fields for two years.

Those interested in applying for service in 1983-85 should contact the Foreign Mission Board immediately. Call Everette Burnette or Judy Brummett, Personnel Selection Department, at (804) 353-0151.

## Newell will establish Southern Seminary trust

Josephine Carson Newell of Greenville, S. C., provided in her will a trust fund to benefit Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which is expected to hold more than \$575,000 when all of the estate is settled.

Seminary trustees have designated the annual income for student aid purposes. Mrs. Newell left the decisions

Kentucky Cooperative Program Receipts	
for month of December, 1982 — \$1,088,836.24	
To date this year .....	\$4,039,001.01*
Operational goal to date this year .....	3,963,666.67
To date this time last year .....	3,601,862.71
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH	
OPERATIONAL GOAL .....	990,917.00
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH FULL	
COPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL .....	1,250,000.00
Over Operational Goal .....	75,334.34
* \$437,138.30, or 12.137% increase compared to this time last year.	
After 4 months (33.3%) of this year, 26.9% of full CP goal received.	

about annual use of the fund to the board but stated her wish it be used for student aid and scholarships.

She was a native of Selma, Ala., and was the widow of S. S. Newell, a Greenville paving contractor. They met while he was doing highway engineering in her home town. Shortly after their marriage the Newells moved to Greenville where they became active members of First Baptist Church in the city where Southern Seminary was founded.

Mrs. Newell's will also provided a similar trust for the benefit of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., in appreciation for Southeastern alumnus Robert Whaley, pastor of Northgate Baptist Church in Greenville where she had been a member for 15 years.

"Mrs. Newell and her husband had been generous contributors to Southern Seminary for decades," noted Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, vice president for development.

"This trust will mean that her annual gifts to student aid will never end but will continue to help Southern Seminary students for all the generations to come," he added.

## A. L. Butler joins faculty of Midwestern Seminary

A. L. "Pete" Butler has been named head of the church music program at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will join the faculty Feb. 1.

Butler, elected as associate professor of church music education, comes to the seminary from First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., where he has served as minister of music the past 23 years.

Butler will spend the spring and summer of 1983 projecting the following academic year. He will conduct workshops in the churches and be active in visiting on college campuses among other responsibilities.

A native of Oklahoma, Butler is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Shawnee, and earned the master of sacred music degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He has composed music for Broadman Press, Fine Arts Music Press and Word Inc. He also has written for Church Musicians.

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3. I don't need a will because the law will distribute my property the way I want them to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Do you practice what you preach?

This letter is not intended to discuss the theological point of contention between Dr. Moody and his critics. However, I do wish to say "Amen" to something Dr. Moody says about the nature of the debate and the use of the Bible.

We Baptists are very critical of other Christian groups which utilize church traditions along with the Bible as a basis for their dogma. Perhaps the only thing that is actually being said is that other groups are more honest than we are with respect to their use of tradition. As evidenced in Dr. Moody's debate with his critics some want to rely upon a religious concept without supporting their view with a scriptural

foundation.

There is a place for constructive debate. I think we owe a word of thanks to Dr. Moody for reminding us that if we disagree, use the Bible to support your view (and may I add use the scriptures in an honest manner with integrity and consistency) and not simply rely on traditions and expressions that have only been around a hundred years or so. If we Baptists are going to claim the Bible as our source of authority then let us do a better job of reading it, interpreting it and putting our knowledge to work.

Terrence L. Freeman, Auburn

Charleston Church on the record  
The Charleston Baptist Church

(Dawson Springs, Ky.) in regular business meeting went on record expressing our belief that Hanson Baptist Church also of Little Bethel Association was unscriptural and contrary to Baptist practice and polity in that the Hanson Baptist Church received into their church membership one of a different faith, without their being scripturally baptized by the authority of a Baptist church. A letter to this effect is being sent to Hanson Baptist Church, also to Little Bethel Association so others may know our belief and practice on this matter is different than that of the Hanson Baptist Church.

Mrs. I. N. Workman, Clerk  
Pete Carlisle, Pastor

# KBC ACTIVITIES

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## JANUARY

- 17 Area Evangelism Conference. Owensboro, Buena Vista Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 18 Area Evangelism Conference. Bowling Green, Living Hope Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 21-22 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreat. Cedarmore. (Filled). Same conference 1/28-29, Cedarmore (Filled) and 1/28-29, Kentucky Dam Village
- 23 Baptist Men's Day
- 24 Area Evangelism Conference. Paducah, Lone Oak Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 25 Area Evangelism Conference. Hopkinsville, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 28-29 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreat. Cedarmore (Filled)
- 28-29 State Deacons-Spouses/Pastors-Wives Retreat. Kentucky Dam Village
- 31 Area Evangelism Conference. Somerset, First Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 31-2/4 Masterlife/Disciple Workshops. Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Area Evangelism Conference. Hazard, First Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 6 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 7 Area Evangelism Conference. Maysville, Central Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 7 Area Religious Education Shoptalk. Louisville, Highview Baptist Church. Continental breakfast 8:30; closes 2:30
- 7 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. 7 to 9:15 pm: Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church; Louisville, Highview Baptist Church; Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
- 7 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress Workshops. 5 to 8 pm with hot dog supper. Prestonsburg, First Baptist Church and Hickory (Ky.) Baptist Church
- 8 Area Evangelism Conference. Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 8 Area Religious Education Shoptalk. Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church. Continental breakfast 8:30; closes 2:30

## SALUTE GRADY NUTT

We joined with thousands of others in mourning the loss of our good friend, Grady Nutt. Not only was his humor refreshing, but he himself was big hearted and a personal delight to all who knew him. May we all join in continuing to pray for the family. We have a chance to give to his memory through a fund being created at Southern Seminary.

Less than a year ago I had a most interesting and humorous experience with Grady. One Saturday night on "Hee Haw" he told a story concerning my pastoral days in which the laugh was on me.

It so happened that I was deplaning at the airport in Kansas City about the time Grady was on the air. I had arranged for a stop-over visit with my Father on route to a meeting in the west. When I arrived at Father's place near Kansas City he was receiving phone calls asking if I were the Minister to whom Grady Nutt had just referred on the air.

I stayed overnight in Kansas City and

slipped in on the back seat for worship Sunday morning at Nall Avenue Baptist Church, where my Nephew Owen Dahlor is Pastor. He recognized me and called on me to lead the closing prayer presenting me as "the Minister who was mentioned on Hee Haw last night." There was a ripple of laughter as people looked around at me.

It was a very peculiar context in which to try to pray in public in a strange place. I did the best I could, but with poor concentration and the congregation probably thinking about Hee Haw. I fancy even The Lord smiled a little.

I wrote Grady about the experience. He phoned me right back and said, "Frank I always get a man's permission before telling a story at his expense, but I felt that you wouldn't mind. I didn't make you mad did I?"

I replied, "heavens no, you made me famous." We enjoyed a good laugh about the atmosphere in which I tried to pray at Nall Avenue. I told him that it probably was the first time Hee Haw had been involved in prayer at a Sunday morning church service.

## Life and Work Series PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

In the closing days of his earthly ministry Christ exposed the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees who preached one thing and practiced another. Christ challenged his listeners to refrain from undermining their preaching by their

practicing and called upon them to exemplify a righteousness which was consistent with the profession of faith in him.

**Matthew 5:20** The scribes and Pharisees had attempted to observe the law, plus all scribal interpretations or the rules and regulations which they had worked out and added thereto. Even though they considered themselves righteous and holy, or at least as good or better than many others whom they knew, Christ demanded his followers to exhibit their love for God in actual righteous living far in excess of that of the scribes and Pharisees.

**Matthew 23:1-7, 11** Christ focused his attention upon and directed his wrath to the scribes and Pharisees. The Pharisees were proud, exclusive, boastful of their good deeds, strict adherents to traditional beliefs, and precise in their worship, but our Lord severely condemned their spiritual blindness and moral stupidity. They claimed the right to sit in Moses' seat but Christ denounced their teachings which contradicted God's Word. Intolerant of their hypocrisy, Christ forbade his listeners to follow their bad example of teaching one thing and practicing another. He also warned them against doing works just to be seen and praised by others.

**Matthew 23:23, 27-28** Christ's most bitter comments were addressed to those whose outward lives and religious professions were respectable. Pharisees were careful to tithe every edible product but they were not so scrupulous about their ethical and moral duties.

On various occasions Christ denounced hypocrisy, or the sin of pretending to be what one is not. Discerning the hardness and the impenitence of the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees, Christ pronounced their condemnation in no uncertain terms, but tempered with a holy and perfect love. He never approved the attempt of anyone to display an appearance of cleanliness on the outside while harboring uncleanness on the inside. Rather, again and again Christ emphasized the importance of practicing what one preaches.

## International Series TEACHING ABOUT PRIORITIES

**Luke 12:13-15** A man who was displeased with the division of his father's estate requested Christ to plead with his brother for a more generous share of the inheritance to be given to him but the Lord refused to be an arbitrator in civil affairs. He warned the man against the sin of covetousness, pointed out to him that life does not consist of the abundance of things possessed.

Christ taught that getting things should not be the goal of any man, for it is 'being' and not 'having' that really counts.

**Luke 12:16-21** Christ then spoke a parable in which he told about one who was engaged in the honorable vocation of farming, who had the commendable trait of working hard at his chosen task. Two things, at least, about this capable, industrious and successful farmer are worthy of our consideration.

1. His fancies. He fancied that life is for accumulation. He fancied he was to keep all of his accumulations. He fancied he would make life a thing of ease. He fancied he had more time than he did. He fancied he was a great success.

2. His follies. He did not put first things first. He left God out of his life. He made the wrong calculation of time. He failed to make any preparation for eternity.

**Luke 12:35-40** The New Testament repeatedly informs us the return of Christ is a certainty, although it does not inform us when he shall appear. It should be prepared for without delay. And then let us, the followers of Christ who are waiting and watching for his return, be faithful in our witnessing for him to those who do not know our Savior and Lord.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Jan. 16, 1983



H. C. Chiles

### God blessing work in Zambia

As you pray and give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions, pray every Christian will accept his responsibility to witness to every person in the world. Pray every missionary, indeed every Christian, will be set on fire by the Holy Spirit with zeal to tell the good news and disciple believers. Lord, help us not to be caught up in concern for material things or pleasures, but to be aware "the field is white unto harvest and the laborers are few."

Our Lord is blessing International Baptist Church with people coming almost every Sunday to confess sins,

rededicate their lives to Jesus or to accept him as savior and Lord. Do pray for this strategic church where Merrill Aldridge is pastor.

We wished for you Nov. 28. We had a beautiful seminary graduation service outdoors with four men and three wives graduating. The sun was hot but a few drops of rain fell and then clouds shielded us from the sun. Pray for our graduates as they seek God's direction for their lives. So many churches have no pastors.

To be "retired" here in Africa is a thrill, after more than 50 years of concern for foreign missions; we want to experience every part of the work here. So we don't miss an opportunity to go

where the action is.

Nov. 27 Merrill Aldridge and Lonnie Turner traveled some 70 miles round trip, taking roofing materials and three seminary students who volunteered to put the roof on a church in the bush. Members dug clay, molded large bricks and erected the one-room building. It is a very poor village and last year there was little maize due to lack of rain. Since the recent rains they are planting as much as they can afford, but stomachs will get mighty empty before the harvest. So with Lonnie and Fran we returned to get the students and distribute mealie (corn) meal that is eaten twice a day when it is available. Each family received a 50 pound bag.

You'll be glad to know that with money given for world hunger relief our SBC Foreign Mission Board has spent \$35,000 for mealie meal this year in Zambia. Why not give up something you enjoy and give the money to feed a starving person? Think what could be done with money we spend on Christmas presents for people who already have more than they need. Do you really care?

God is healing journeyman David Griffin, badly injured Nov. 6 in a car wreck.

Please continue to pray for us as we serve in this part of our needy world.

Merrill and Kay Aldridge  
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## HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director  
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### SEED CORN

Before the days of widespread use of certified hybrid seed corn, many farmers saved seed from their crop. We know today production can be greatly increased by using the right seed. Therefore, seed companies produce certified seed under scientifically controlled conditions and the harvest is more plentiful.

The point is, every farmer knows the importance and value of the seed he plants. I seem to remember some story about a foolish farmer whose corn supply ran extremely low one hard winter. Yielding to the temptation to meet immediate need, he ground his seed corn into meal for cornbread. Then in the spring when other farmers were planting their seed corn, he had none to plant. Such short-sightedness would result in no crop or harvest the next season.

What does seed corn have to do with our business of ministering to children? Well, there is an analogy! Your gifts to support us are like corn to sustain us. Most of it must be used to operate our ongoing program. It provides food,

clothing, housing and around-the-clock care. Because Kentucky Baptists have a true love for this ministry, they continue to support us through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving offering, and with other gifts sent on a regular or irregular basis. This regular ongoing support makes it possible to use almost all the 'corn' sent to us for our operation. However, across the years you have sent us some 'seed corn.' Consequently we have planted rather than eaten the 'seed corn' and each year it provides a harvest that helps pay our operational costs.

The 'seed corn' I refer to is in the form of trust funds or endowments. This money usually comes to us from someone's will or estate leaving us money to use as a trust. Like seed corn, this money cannot be used to pay operation costs.

We truly need more 'seed corn' in the form of trusts. Such funds will go on honoring God and blessing children until the end of time. Pray with us that many people will remember Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in their wills.

### A DIFFERING DRUMMER

Our Oneida staff marches to the beat of a differing drummer. We see challenge and opportunity where many can only see problems and difficulty.

We try at all times to remember the Lord Jesus Christ is the head of our work. We know we can do nothing without his blessing and guidance. When we forget, we fail miserably. When we remember, miracles happen. All things are possible with him. Some months ago we agreed to take a student we were told 43 other schools had turned away. Can you imagine?

The motivation with which one approaches daily tasks makes all the difference in the world. It can be the difference between simple exhaustion or a feeling of exhilaration.

Our Oneida staff family has been led by and of the Lord to come, to serve, to share. All were making thousands of dollars more in salary before coming or could if they left. They are not clock-watchers. There is always more to be done than can possibly be done. Yet these servants of the Lord serve faithfully, efficiently, and most of the time, cheerfully.

By the standards of the world, our lives are being thrown away. But one must lose his life to find real life and for life to have real meaning.

About 20 of our staff stayed on campus and worked through most of the 16-day Christmas "break." We had managed to find a place for everyone of our nearly 500 students. Most, of course, go to their own homes. But many do not have a home except us, and some live too far from home to get there or don't have the money to get there. The three times in a 12-month period when all of our students are away provide opportunity to do things that are difficult or impossible to do when they are here. Most of our staff who stayed did so on their own initiative and without any extra pay. They did so simply because there were things needing done, and it was a good time to do them.

Our faculty returned five days earlier than normal for two days of intensive meetings before the New Year's weekend and the return of our students. On the first day we spent 8½ hours discussing scores of our students, their accomplishments or lack of same, problems and potential. We have such a meeting several times each year and many times they last until the wee hours of the morning. Our people care a lot to be willing to take time out of scheduled vacation time to do this sort of thing, which we think is needed and helpful and is so hard to do when all the students are here. Then we are too

## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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



### LEAVING FOOTPRINTS

Many people feel their lives are counting for nothing. They struggle through life 'one day at a time' without meaning or purpose.

A Christian should never feel that way. Christ came that we might have abundant life (John 10:10). Under the guiding hand of our good shepherd we can influence many lives for God and good and thereby make our mark on history. In "The Psalm of Life" Longfellow expresses this truth for us:

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

This reminds me again January is make your will month. When we depart this 'vale of tears' each of us would like

to leave our 'mark on mankind.' We want our lives' lasting influence to continue beyond the month after we are gone. We should plan wisely so our lives will continue to have a significant effect long after we are gone.

Your will is your last investment in the dreams and aspirations you have had in life. Many people use their wills to show a continuing interest and concern in their children's well-being. Some even use their wills to spite or humiliate relatives or friends.

The wise Christian thinks of the stewardship of his life and possessions when he draws up a will. A Christian wants to leave fond memories for his children, of course. But he also wants to leave 'footprints on the sand of time' . . . and eternity. Remember our ministry at Clear Creek when you make your last investment for Christ.

busy taking care of them to have much time for meetings. I wonder if there is another faculty in all of Kentucky that has such an intensive meeting several times a year. I might add that no one is paid a penny extra for this sort of thing.

On the second day our faculty began a long range curriculum study. I have appointed my assistant, Jo Ann Seymour, to head up this six month self-study. Her doctorate is in this very area and she has much teaching experience at both the high school and college levels and has been involved in similar studies elsewhere. We have a very good program and we are determined to make it better.

Our athletic director and basketball coach, in his 10th year here, spent days of the break on his hands and knees refinishing and painting the gym floor. Our maintenance men stayed very busy working on a large addition to our clinic where we recently got a full time doctor, making improvements on our natural gas lines and campus supply, putting finishing touches on a complete remodeling of our oldest faculty house and a new efficiency apartment we have made out of the old telephone building.

Several of our cooks took advantage of the kids' absence to do some extra cleaning and rearranging of our stock rooms, three walk-in freezers and several walk-in coolers. Our head dean of

boys returned five days early to supervise some work in the boys' dorms. We averaged four people working 12-13 hours daily through most of the holidays in the office taking care of the heaviest volume of mail in our history. It was all done "unto the Lord."

## ONEIDA JOURNAL

Barkley Moore,  
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## WMU executive board suggests amendments

The executive board of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union has made the motion that at its annual meeting in Murray Apr. 21-23 the following amendments be made to the bylaws of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky:

1. That Article VI, page 2, Sections 1 and 2, that "and eight (8) members-at-large" be deleted from sentences 3

and 4 in Section 1, and beginning in sentence 1 on line 1 in Section 2.

2. That the next to last sentence in Article IX, page 4, which reads, "and published in the Western Recorder" be changed to "published in Kentucky Notes before the annual meeting."

## Dallas First Baptist pays \$1 million CP pledge

A dream of pastor W. A. Criswell of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., came true when he presented the balance of the church's \$1 million pledge to the Cooperative Program for 1982.

Criswell gave Texas Baptist executive director James A. Landes the church's check for \$590,000. Previous contributions for the year have totaled \$410,000.

It is believed to be the first time any church has given \$1 million in support of missions through the Cooperative Program in a single year. First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., which has led Cooperative Program giving for the past few years, through Dec. 30 had given more than \$801,736, however, and First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., another perennial leader, had given \$458,465. The Texas Baptist convention's books closed Dec. 31.

In the fall of 1981, Criswell said, after the church's budget of \$6.5 million had already been adopted, he repeatedly had a dream in which the Lord showed him the need of the world to hear the gospel.

"The Lord said to me, 'I'm asking you to give \$1 million to the Cooperative Program,'" Criswell said.

"It dumbfounded me," he said, but "without any conferences with anybody—there was nobody to confer with—I asked the church to add \$1 million to the budget, to oversubscribe it by another \$1 million."

Criswell said the deacons thought it was a fantastic dream to "out of the blue" ask the church to add another \$1 million, but faced with the challenge the church pledged \$7.8 million.

## Pastor's School to be held at Ruschlikon Seminary

The first annual North American Pastor's School will be held this summer at Ruschlikon Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, July 16-30. Likewise, a Women's Mission Conference is scheduled May 9-13.

Similar to programs held in England, the pastor's school will feature study periods, discussion groups and excursions.

The women's mission conference will feature international speakers on missions, devotional study and tours of Baptist historical sites.

For more information contact Kenny Wood, Austin Heights Baptist Church, 4101 Royal Ln., Nacogdoches, TX.

## BAPTIST FORUM

Baptist Hospital care 'overwhelming'

Our loved one, Florence Bostick, just spent 72 days in Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. While she was there she went home to be with the Lord. I have never seen better nursing care given to anyone. The Christian kindness and loving concern shown by everyone was overwhelming to the patient as well as her family.

It really made us feel proud to be able to say we are Kentucky Baptists. We want to thank our convention for owning such a fine institution.

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6. When family and other obligations have been met during life, and you want to include in your will a charitable bequest.

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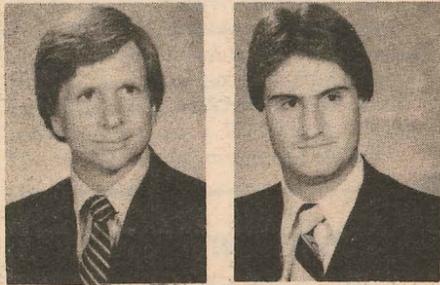
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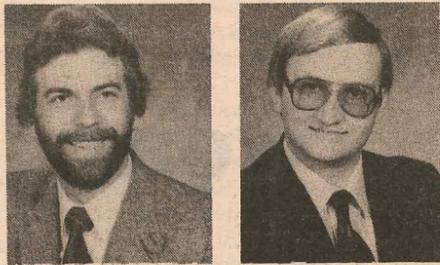
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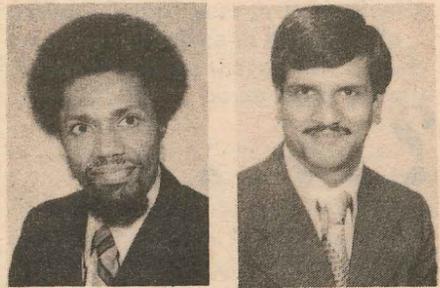
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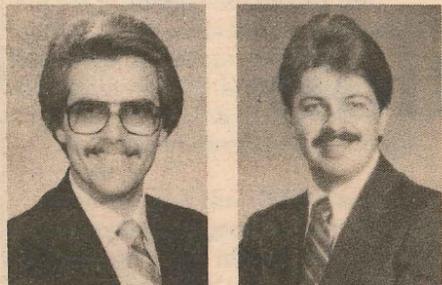
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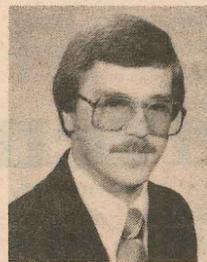
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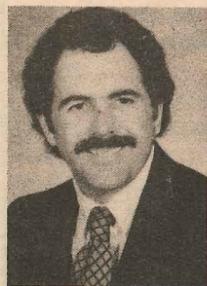
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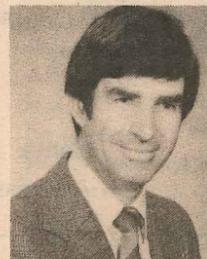
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Thirty-four students from Kentucky were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's 150th commencement Dec. 17 in Louisville. Three other Kentuckians received diplomas from Boyce Bible School.

Kentucky graduates:

Master of Divinity/Religious Education—Franklin T. Lemaster, Louisville; Kenneth Allen Miller, Louisville;

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Doctor of Ministry—Robert F. Browning, Greenville; Linda Gail Frost; Raymond Wayne Jones, Dayton; William A. Kruschwitz; Billy Darrell Marcum; Bruce Steven Marston, Owen County;

Doctor of Philosophy—Harold Ray England, Campbellsville; Eva Rose Gutmann, Louisville; Robert Scott Nash, Frankfort; Thomas Elwood Lamkin, Louisville.

Boyce graduates:

Diploma in Christian Ministry—Robert Wayne Brown, Greenville; Christopher M. Mueller, Graham;

Diploma in Educational Ministry—Gail Puckett Maraman, Louisville.

The seminary also graduated nine international students, many of whom consider Kentucky their "home state":

Master of Religious Education—Benjamin Osareniro Ekhaton, Nigeria; Surendra Kumar Mohanty, India; Ebenezer Carlos dos Santos, Brazil.

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