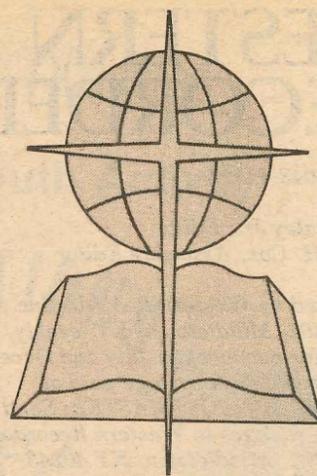


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Ministers 'twice blessed' won't be for long: IRS

Ministers buying their own houses will no longer be permitted the double benefit of a tax exempt housing allowance plus tax deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes under a new Internal Revenue Service ruling.

The new ruling, set to take effect no later than June 30, 1983, disallows ministers a federal income tax deduction for any portion of mortgage interest and real estate taxes for which they have received a tax exempt housing allowance. In cases where the housing expenses are greater than the housing allowance involved, a portion of the interest and taxes will remain deductible.

The IRS action revokes a 1962 revenue ruling which specifically permitted such deductions even though the law also entitled ministers to a housing allowance exclusion.

Revenue rulings are issued by IRS to provide administrative solutions to problems encountered in interpreting and applying tax laws consistently in individual cases. Such rulings may be overruled by Congress or by future administrative review and revision.

Based on a section of the IRS code designed to prohibit double tax benefits, the new ruling also bars veterans and other students from deducting education expenses when they have received tax exempt veterans benefits or scholarships to pay those education costs.

For ministers, the new ruling will take effect at the end of their current contract year, or by June 30, whichever comes first.

Annie tops \$20 million but falls short of her goal

For the first time, Southern Baptists in 1982 gave more than \$20 million

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through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions, even though contributions were about \$1.25 million short of the goal, HMB directors were told.

"We're extremely grateful that in a year of economic recession, Southern Baptists have given sacrificially because they care so deeply about winning America to Christ," said HMB president William G. Tanner.

Final unofficial tally of the gifts indicated \$20,709,206 was given in 1982, Tanner said. The total is 94 percent of the \$22 million goal, and an increase of 11.7 percent over the \$18.5 million given in 1981.

'SBC Today' to be name of Walker Knight's paper

"SBC Today" has been selected as the name for a new national publication dealing with issues facing the Southern Baptist Convention, editor Walker L. Knight said.

Knight, director of the editorial department for the SBC Home Mission Board for 23 years, recently requested early retirement to start the new independent publication. Although general plans for the publication were announced then, a name had not been selected.

"SBC Today" was picked from a list of more than 50 possible names, said Knight, because "it best describes what the publication is."

"It conveys the feeling that this is news for the SBC, and that it deals with what is happening in the SBC right now," Knight said.

The name is also "in vogue" currently, said the editor, who cited as examples, "USA Today," a new national newspaper published by the Gannett newspaper chain; "Christianity Today," a long time nondenominational magazine; and the NBC-TV "Today" show.

Knight said an attorney is now drafting articles of incorporation under Georgia law and he hopes a board of directors for the publication can be enlisted and announced within the next two months.

First issue of the 24-page monthly tabloid is planned in April. Knight, 58, will retire from the Home Mission Board Mar. 1.

The publication will be financed, Knight said, with contributions from individuals, churches and from subscriptions and advertising. Annual subscription rate for "SBC Today" will be \$15 a year, with a prepublication offer of \$25 for two years. Ads will cost \$650 a page.

Art objects become a smash in Robison's hands

Southern Baptist evangelist James Robison and Ft. Worth millionaire industrialist Cullen Davis smashed more than \$1 million worth of jade, ivory and gold art objects in October because, they said, the objects represented false gods.

Davis had donated the rare pieces to Robison's ministry based in Euless, Tex., the evangelist said, and they had been taken to Dallas to be sold at an auction. The proceeds from the sale were to pay bills for Robison's ministry, he said.

But while reading the Bible as an aide was driving him to see the pieces, Robison said, his eyes focused on Deut. 7:25 which says: "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire. Thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God."

"It was so clear to me that the Lord didn't want me to receive them (the art objects)," said Robison, who described the articles as relating to Eastern religions. He said one jade pagoda carving, more than four feet tall, was valued at more than \$500,000.

"It was not biblical, and as far as I was concerned it represented a false religion," Robison said.

Robison and an aide loaded the objects into a truck and drove to Davis' mansion. Robison said that when he showed Davis the Bible verse and told him he could not receive the collection, Davis replied: "If you can't have it, I can't have it. We're going to destroy them. I don't want to do anything that does not please the Lord."

Davis went into his mansion, Robison recalled, and returned with hammers. The men smashed the collection in Davis' driveway.

Davis was known as a flamboyant, partying millionaire before he met Robison several years ago and had a born-again religious experience. He avoids publicity about the experience and, Robison said, Davis refuses to speak publicly about the smashing of the objects.

Mrs. Lela Hendrix added to CLC staff, Nashville

Lela Hendrix, 42, has been named special project coordinator for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission effective Jan. 1.

Mrs. Hendrix, a freelance writer and adjunct professor in the department of behavioral sciences at Belmont College, Nashville, will correlate Christian social concerns and Christian social ministry projects for the commission and the Home Mission Board.

According to Foy Valentine, CLC executive director, her responsibilities include research, writing and working on such issues as enhancing the status of women in Southern Baptist life and supporting Southern Baptist concerns related to world hunger.

A native of Missouri, Mrs. Hendrix earned her MEd degree from Vanderbilt University and her BS degree in psychology and education at George Peabody College, both in Nashville.

She is married to John Hendrix, program design and planning coordinator in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Hendrixes have two children.

Church bonds now offered by mission board entity

Directors of the HMB Service Corp. have approved documents putting into operation a new church bond program offered by the SBC Home Mission Board's "Broadway Plan."

"As of Jan. 11, the church bond program at the HMB is operational," said Robert H. Kilgore, director of the HMB Church Loans Division and president of the HMB Service Corp., the subsidiary corporation which acts as broker-dealer for the bonds.

Although the first bonds have not yet been issued by a local church through the "Broadway Plan" of HMB Service Corp., Kilgore said there are about 20 churches now in process of applying for bonds.

Kilgore said it has taken much longer to work through all the legal procedures to begin the bond program than he had hoped, primarily because of the "Tax Reform Act of 1982" passed by Congress to go into effect Jan. 1, 1983.

State laws limiting fund raising to be reviewed

The U. S. Supreme Court will decide if states may impose limits on fees charged by professional fund raisers to charitable groups or if the charities may exceed a percentage limitation in their own efforts to raise money from the public.

In an action announced Jan. 10, the high court agreed to accept an appeal by the secretary of the state of Maryland to review a decision by the state's highest court striking down a law limiting such payments and expenditures to 25 percent of the total amount raised.

Laws in at least 21 states are expected to be affected by the high court ruling.

In its brief asking the court to review the case the state of Maryland argued that its interest in the percentage regulation is to protect the contributing public and charitable beneficiaries from fraud and the charities themselves from "the unscrupulous practices of professional fund raisers."

H. I. Hester dies; was SBC educator

H. I. Hester, 87, a pioneer Southern Baptist educator, died in his sleep Jan. 9.

Hester, born Mar. 17, 1895, in Lyons, Ga., was on the staff of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., from 1926 to 1961, as professor, chairman of the Bible Department, vice president and interim president.

Prior to going to William Jewell, Hester was instructor at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., where he had gone following his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with a ThM degree.

His wife of 55 years, Carolyn, died in 1976. He is survived by two nephews and a niece.

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DALEY OBSERVATIONS

A bit of heaven in Jenkins

Jenkins is a picturesque mountain town in far eastern Kentucky only a mile or so from the Virginia state line. It lies along Elkhorn Creek not far from its source. Over the centuries the creek on its way to Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River has cut out a lovely valley and formed the narrow ribbon of level land on which the businesses, churches and most of the residences of Jenkins stand. Modern earth moving equipment has leveled enough land on the steep mountain sides and up the narrow ravines emptying into the valley for the construction of more than a few exceedingly beautiful homes not visible from the highway which runs alongside Elkhorn Creek.

A very few hardy souls chose this rugged, challenging terrain over the rolling and level land in Kentucky when they crossed the mountains about 200 years ago. Unaware of the rich veins of coal beneath the surface, they sold mineral rights for as little as 50 cents or one dollar an acre. The land was sparsely settled until about the turn of the 20th century when the rush was on for the virgin timber and the abundant high quality coal in the bosom of the mountains. There are several large veins of this black gold at different depths beneath the mountains. Elkhorn coal is not only very abundant but also highly desirable. Steel companies have bought most of it up because of its desirability in making steel.

For many years one coal company was owner of everything in Jenkins. Not only the mines but everything else in Jenkins was built and controlled by the company. The company constructed and owned every house in town, the school, the hospital, every store, the water, sewer and electric systems and even issued its own money. Such a captive town sounds horrible but old timers say the company in many ways was fair and even generous.

Eventually hard times came and the mines changed hands. Company property and services were sold or turned over to people in the community leaving few signs of the old system.

Religion apparently did not figure prominently in Jenkins or in other mining camps. Mining companies which provided for almost every need of the miners and their families left religion and the building of churches to the people which is the way it should have been.

Jenkins and other mining towns provided a challenge to Baptists in other parts of the state. As early as 1915 the WMU of Kentucky was asked by Kentucky Baptist executive secretary W. D. Powell for a \$1000 appropriation for a Baptist church building in Jenkins. Many church sites and buildings in eastern Kentucky became realities with financial help from other areas of the state. Devout men and women in these mountain communities responded to such encouragement and built strong churches with outreach into the remote areas around them and also through the Cooperative Program to the ends of the earth.

The occasion of this brief reflection upon Kentucky Baptists in Appalachia was a January Bible study last week with Baptists in Jenkins. The church is thriving under the pastoral leadership of Tony Carson and not only is sponsoring a mission in nearby Dorton and has purchased a \$35,000 site for a church building at Dorton sometime in the future but also has increased its mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The Jenkins congregation has come a long way since it needed outside help to have a building. Now their already fine facilities are being remodeled and its Sunday morning worship service is televised. In fact, all sessions of the Bible study were televised.

My hosts for the four day stay were Ted and Hattie Bumgardner. They live a mile or so from downtown Jenkins on the side of a beautiful mountain overlooking Elkhorn Creek, Highway 23 and the railroad which day after day moves tons and tons of black gold to faraway places.

To study the word of God with Jenkins Baptists while living with Ted and Hattie was a foretaste of heaven.

Ministers choosing not to be ordained should receive extra consideration

The policy of Internal Revenue Service related to tax exempt housing allowances for ministers favors some Baptist ministers while discriminating against others. The fault, however, does not lie with IRS but with inconsistent ordination policies of Baptists.

In order to qualify for a tax exempt housing allowance a Baptist

minister must be licensed or ordained. This poses no problem for Baptist pastors who traditionally have been ordained. It does pose problems for some other Baptist church staff members who are full time ministers but who are not ordained.

Unlike most other denominations in which ordination is performed by the denomination, Baptists have always left ordination to local churches. Furthermore, each church is completely autonomous and therefore is free to adopt its own ordination policies. This means ordination policies differ from church to church.

Some Baptist churches will ordain only ministers who plan to preach and to be pastors. Others will ordain most anyone who says he or she feels a call to any kind of ministry.

Until relatively recently Baptist ministers of education, music, youth, recreation, etc. were generally not ordained. The practice of ordaining these ministers is growing, however, as they are being recognized as ministers of the gospel in their chosen fields. This seems

GUEST EDITORIAL

Accessibility is important

by Richard T. McCartney, Editor
Oklahoma Baptist Messenger

Have you ever walked around your church buildings with a handicapped person in mind? If you were in a wheelchair, could you get to your Sunday school classroom? Could you get into the choir loft? Could you use a restroom in your church? Could you be comfortable in the church sanctuary?

It is estimated that there are some 35 million people in our nation with some kind of disability. President Reagan said, "The 35 million disabled Americans are our most underutilized national resource." It certainly is true of those with whom our churches are in contact.

I was reminded of the way we have neglected the great potential of handicapped people when I heard Harold Wilke speak recently at the dedication of a new facility for the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children. Wilke is a Congregationalist minister. Born with no arms, Wilke has earned college and seminary degrees, served as pastor of several churches, reared a family of five sons and is now a nationally known spokesman for the handicapped.

Wilke says, "We can no longer do without that 10 percent of our population that are presently excluded from

proper.

It is not proper, however, to ordain religious workers simply to qualify them for tax exempt housing allowances. Whether to ordain or not to ordain should be determined by sincere convictions of the minister and the congregation apart from any policies of Internal Revenue Service.

Some full time Baptist religious workers do not feel they should be ordained because they do not feel they have been called to preach. They are to be commended for their convictions.

Their convictions cost them, however, if they are on the same salary scale as fellow religious workers who are ordained. Their take home pay is less because they do not qualify for a tax exempt housing allowance.

Some of our denominational agencies take this into consideration and provide enough extra salary to unordained ministers to compensate for the lack of a tax exempt housing allowance. Churches with some ordained and some unordained ministers should do likewise.

our churches." I agree. They brought all manner of handicapped people to Jesus and the Bible records that he healed them. Churches today can be healing communities for people with physical and mental disabilities. Of course not in the same way as Jesus, but we can bring healing to their damaged emotions by creating an atmosphere of acceptance and accessibility to our facilities.

I challenge you to take a walk around your church. Make a note of every area a handicapped person might have difficulty reaching. Consider one of the new loop sound systems that combine a low power transmitter and compact receiver to enable a deaf person to hear directly from the sound system without having the distractions of other room noises. Mark and protect several parking spaces near the door for handicapped people. Erect signs where wheelchair ramps, elevators and lifts are located. Study the advisability of taking out a row of pews in the auditorium where wheelchairs can be parked without the occupants feeling overly conspicuous. Consider the need for a van with wheelchair lift to use in bringing homebound handicapped people to church.

If yours is an average community about 10 percent of the people are hindered by some physical or mental handicap. Are you doing all you should to make them feel welcome and needed in your church? Accessibility is the first step in ministering to this large underutilized resource in your community.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

PERSONNEL

North Rolling Fork calls Robinson
North Rolling Fork Baptist Church, South District Association, has called Chuck Robinson as pastor. Robinson, a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School and a native of Harrodsburg, is married to the former Sharon Kay Long. They are parents of two children.

Carlisle accepts Amity call
Steve Carlisle has accepted the position of associate pastor/youth minister at Amity Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky Association. Carlisle began his new ministry Jan. 2, coming from Milford Baptist Church, Milford, Ohio.

Carlisle is a student in Northern Kentucky Association's Boyce Bible School. He and his wife June have two children.

Whitehouse receives ministry diploma
Kenneth R. Whitehouse, pastor of Finley Baptist Church, Henderson, has earned the pastoral ministries diploma from the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute. Whitehouse completed a series of 16 courses to earn the diploma.

The Independent Study Institute is the correspondence arm of the Seminary Extension Department, operated by the six Southern Baptist seminaries through a jointly sponsored Seminary External Education Division.

First Murray honors Moody, Chiles
First Baptist Church, Murray, recently had two special recognitions. Nov. 7 was "Tom and Reita Moody Day." Moody has been minister of education and associate pastor 10 years. The church presented him with gifts and the evening service included testimonials honoring him.

Nov. 14 the church honored pastor emeritus H. C. Chiles, who served the Murray congregation 1948-70. His continued ministry since retirement was noted. A portrait of Chiles was unveiled and will hang in the church vestibule. His daughter, Shirley Joyce Humphreys, and granddaughter, Cheryl, presented special music during the service.

Scholarship fund honors Mrs. Walker
A scholarship fund honoring Lela Walker, dorm director at Campbellsville College 17 years, has been established at the school in Mrs. Walker's name. A recognition service was held Nov. 20.

Prior to becoming dorm director, Mrs. Walker, with her husband, E. A. Walker, served the college four years.

Eason accepts Nolynn pastorate
Ricky L. Eason, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has accepted the pastorate at Nolynn Church, Hodgenville. He and his wife Sherry are natives of Florida. He is a graduate of Mercer University.

Cecil designs FMB volunteer projects
James W. Cecil, a former Valley Station pastor, has been named associate to the director of consultant services at the Foreign Mission Board.

Cecil, former consultant for volunteer services overseas, will continue to direct the board's laymen abroad

program and coordinate general services projects using volunteers, but will also write project design documents for projects using short term volunteers. Before his employment as a Southern Baptist missionary in 1978, he was pastor of Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Valley Station.

Married to the former Katherine Gardner of Penrod, Cecil is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

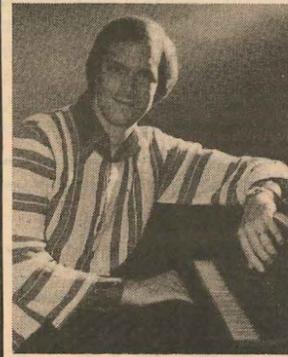
CONGREGATIONS

Williamsburg First enters 100th year
First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, is planning a number of activities in 1983 to mark the church's centennial year.

Among the special observances to come are an organ dedication, a centennial celebration, publication of a church history, a meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society and a visit from Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer William Marshall.

The church has also voted to go "debt free in '83," setting a goal to retire all long term indebtedness during the centennial year.

Harold S. Mauney is pastor of the Williamsburg congregation.



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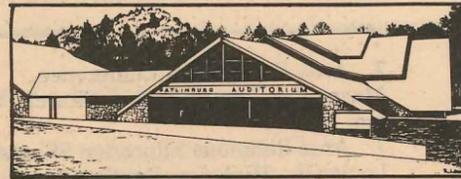
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First female trustee wills \$1 million to seminary

More than \$1 million will be added to the endowment of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as the result of the generosity of Mary Jo Gheens Hill, first woman trustee of the seminary, who died last June in Louisville.

Her legacy for the seminary, which is in addition to more than \$750,000 in gifts made during her lifetime, will support a variety of needs.

At Mrs. Hill's encouragement, the Gheens Foundation, of which she was chairman, has established an endowed

professorship named for her late husband, C. Edwin Gheens, who also had been a long time trustee of the seminary.

The \$500,000 gift will create a distinguished teaching post as part of the seminary's new Center for Christian Family Ministry.

She established a permanent trust of \$250,000 to support the Gheens Lectures, which she and her husband had funded on an annual basis for 25 years.

The estate furnishings, most of them antiques and appraised at more than \$250,000, also were given to the seminary. They will be sold, and the proceeds used to establish the Mary Jo Gheens Hill Endowment Fund.

In addition, Mrs. Hill specified \$25,000 to help endow the operation of Faculty Center, a seminary guest house in which she had special interest.

The gifts generated by her will are in addition to extensive contributions made by Mrs. Hill and the Gheens family during her lifetime and the lives of her husband and father-in-law.

During the seminary's "Resources for Excellence" capital campaign in 1977-80 she committed the family's 32 acre estate, Lincliff, to the ultimate use of the seminary, holding a life interest in the property.

The Lincliff compound, which includes a main residence and five associated staff residences, will be sold and

the proceeds added to the Mary Jo Gheens Hill endowment fund.

Mrs. Hill, who died June 4, served on the seminary board from 1966 to 1979. Her late husband, C. Edwin Gheens, was a trustee from 1922 to 1961, and his father, Charles W. Gheens, served on the board from 1889 to 1921.

Collectively, Mrs. Hill, her husband and her father-in-law were trustees of the seminary from shortly after it was moved to Louisville until shortly before her death.

Following the death of C. Edwin Gheens in 1961, she later married Richard Harrison Hill, whom she also survived.

KBC ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

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.

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.

8 Area Youth SS/CT Leadership Workshops. 7 to 9:15 pm: Elizabethtown, Immanuel Baptist Church; Carrollton (Ky.) Baptist Church; Lexington, Porter Memorial Baptist Church

8 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress meetings. 5 to 8 pm with hot dog supper: Corbin, First Baptist Church and Madisonville, First Baptist Church

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IT SEEMS TO ME

If God is NOT, then we humans seem to have occurred on earth by false design; poorly adapted to the ultimate reality of final death. Somehow we are designed to want life and if life is not the final fact and we occurred here without any creative act of God (if God is not) then we somehow have popped into being on the wrong planet or in the wrong realm or something, for our human appetite does not fit the facts.

Unless man is immortal and created of God this way, then the sheer "happencence" of his occurrence like he is among the facts that prevail (if death is final) makes of him a misfit to his environment.

If God IS, then it is God who has designed us poorly (if death is final) and made us misfits. It is God who has made us capable of longing most for the impossible; namely, life instead of

death (if death is final).

Somehow my mind cannot stand the idea of such gross error either by happenstance or at the creation of God. Other answers fit better than this.

We Christians believe and declare that God IS and "it is He that hath made us" and the appetite He has placed within us is consistent with the ultimate facts. We believe that Jesus is the authority and point of reference for the facts.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." (John 14:1-3 RSV)

Life and Work Series

GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S WILL

Matthew 5:17 Christ declared he had not come to destroy the law and the prophets, or to brush them aside as if they were of little or no significance, but rather to fulfill them. He fulfilled the law completely and perfectly. Christ considered the moral law as perpetually binding on all mankind. To God's chil-

dren the law is still the expression of his will for them. God's law is eternal, never to be abrogated nor set aside.

Matthew 12:1-8 Repeatedly Christ was involved in conflicts with religious leaders who sought to impose numerous restrictions upon him and his followers.

One Sabbath Christ and his disciples were walking through a field of grain. The hungry disciples began to pluck the heads of grain, to separate the kernels from the chaff and to eat the raw kernels, which was a common practice.

Hoping to counteract his influence with the people, the critical Pharisees seized their opportunity to challenge Christ by contending he permitted his disciples to violate the law with reference to the Sabbath.

Christ brushed aside all of their traditions, defended the right of his disciples to do what they did and expressed his approval and support of them.

Matthew 21:28-31 To the fault-finders who had challenged his authority Christ spoke this parable of the two sons.

To the first of these sons the father said: "Son, go work today in my vineyard." Being rebellious in his attitude, the son refused to obey his father. After some reflection, he changed his mind, became truly sorry for what he had said to his father, repented, went into the vineyard and began to do the work

which had been assigned to him.

To the second of his sons the father gave the same command. Without objection or hesitation this son politely and dutifully expressed his intention of obeying promptly. After quickly assuring his father he would go into the vineyard he changed his mind and did not carry out his promise.

Christ asked his challengers which of these two sons did the will of his father. They replied: "The first." Obviously the unbelieving and self-righteous religious leaders were not aware that this parable applied to them.

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Luke 15:11-24 In this parable Christ told about a noble, kind and wise father who was blessed with two sons. The day came when the youngest son thought he knew more than his father and chafed under the restraints of the parental relation. Intoxicated with the lure of sights unseen and of experiences untried, which he believed existed over the hills and far away, he approached his father and requested his share of the estate which he anticipated he would receive eventually.

Reluctantly and against his better judgment the father acceded to the ex-

pressed wish of his son and "divided unto them his living." The elder son received two-thirds and the younger one-third, as specified in Deut. 21:17. With his share of the inheritance in portable form this young man left home as though he never expected to return. In a distant city a band of highlifers and jovial spendthrifts attached themselves to him and together they engaged in sinful living. As a result of their manner of living, the young man's financial resources were exhausted, whereupon his associates promptly deserted him. Without funds and friends he sought a job to earn a living. In desperation he accepted employment as a swineherd, the most obnoxious task at which a Jew could work.

Heartsick, homesick, friendless and penniless, he sat down to think. Ere long he came to his senses, decided to turn from his sinful way of life, return to his home and cast himself on the mercy of his father.

Meanwhile the devoted father was anxiously waiting and watching for the prodigal to return.

From every standpoint the young man received a royal welcome. After his repentance, return, reconciliation, restoration and reinstatement, there was great rejoicing in those who had been concerned and anxious about his welfare.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Jan. 23, 1983



H. C. Chiles

DEAR MOM AND DAD,

As a parent with a child about to enter college, many questions may have entered your mind, questions that may be causing you to feel a lot of tension and anxiety.

How much will it cost to send my child to college? Will I be able to afford it? Must I sell my farm/business to cover the cost? Is there help available?

Good news! — There is help available in the form of financial aid—from the federal and state governments, from colleges, from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, from churches, and from a wide variety of special programs.

Contrary to the much publicized news about cuts in financial aid,

CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE TODAY

W. R. Davenport, President
Campbellville College
Campbellville, KY 42718

there's more than \$16 billion available to help students this year.

This year at Campbellville College 80% of our students receive some form of financial assistance which totals more than \$2 million. The average financial aid package is \$2400. This includes grants, scholarships, loans and student employment. The maximum Pell Grant is \$1800 per year; the maximum state grant is \$1150 per year.

I would like to pass along to you some important tips that can improve your child's chances of getting the financial aid to attend the college of their choice.

- Apply early — The priority deadline at most schools is Mar. 15, 1983. Funds may be available after this date but are limited.

- Complete a KFAF — Students applying for financial assistance in Kentucky must complete the Kentucky Fi-

nancial Aid Form.

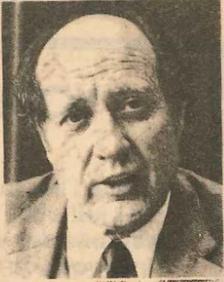
- Don't rule it out — check it out. Some students don't apply for aid because they think they won't qualify. But more than three million students this year are getting some outside help. Don't let an estimate of high expense discourage you. High-cost colleges often have more financial aid available to help students meet expenses.

The most important thing to remember is to seek help! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (502) 465-8158.

Sincerely,
Keith Johnson
Director of
Financial Aid

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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KEEPING THE GOOSE

Aesop gave us many stories. Although they are fables, nevertheless they often contain a kernel of truth which teaches a vital lesson about life. One such fable is about the goose that laid the golden egg. However, the story that began with such delight and promise ended with great disappointment.

The owner of that unusual goose allowed greed and impatience to rule. Thus, unwilling to gather the golden eggs one at a time as they were laid, he wanted to get at once all the gold the goose could give. So he killed the goose, opened it up, but found no gold. With the goose dead, there were no more golden eggs.

Human nature often pushes us to be "penny wise and dollar foolish." We are tempted to meet short-term needs at the expense of long-term values. Such decisions and actions may take care of the present adequately and more easily. However, if such action robs the future, it is short-sighted and unwise.

Your Baptist Homes for Children face

demanding needs every day. The high costs of operation and the expenses of keeping us as we minister to children in need put us under tremendous pressure to find the necessary funds. However, we are committed to never killing the goose that lays golden eggs. Oh, you didn't know we had such a goose! Well, we do, our goose is in the form of trust funds.

Even though our trust funds are rather meager for an agency almost 114 years old, these funds have provided a substantial supplement to the regular gifts received from churches and individuals.

One of our great needs today is to increase our trust funds. By making substantial tax-sheltered gifts, naming us the beneficiary of an insurance policy, or putting us in one's will, one's material things can be put to work for our Lord until he comes again. When such gifts come to us as trust money, it is like the goose that laid the golden egg. You can count on us never to kill that goose. But we surely will use the earnings (golden eggs) to minister to children in Christ's name.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President
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ONLY A LITTLE

Since becoming president of Clear Creek Baptist School, my heart has been touched many times by a letter from one of God's dear saints with an offering for Clear Creek enclosed. Just the other day I received a letter with a crumpled up dollar bill inside. "It's only a little," a widow wrote, "but I pray you can use it for the glory of the Lord."

I am reminded of the truth that God's people often think their efforts are too insignificant to be recognized or to count for the Lord. They have forgotten that in each area of life every little bit helps.

"Little drops of ocean, little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."
Julia Carney

I think also many Christians have forgotten God uses little things in his ser-

vice. He used an obscure 'criminal' named Joseph in a dungeon to save the remnant of Israel from famine. He used one man named Moses from the land of Midian to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. He made a little shepherd named David into the greatest king Israel ever had. He used a little lad with a few loaves and fishes to feed a hungry multitude. And I think it most significant to note that when Christ came to be the savior of the world, he came in the form of a little baby.

Most people also think they have little estates. "A house, a car, some money in the bank and a few possessions is all I have," they would assert. But little parts of an estate sometimes add up to a significant total.

January is make your will month. I hope our columns this month have encouraged you to draw up a current will and to remember our work at Clear Creek in your will. God will use all that you dedicate to him and multiply it 10 times over.

OPEN HOME - OPEN HEARTS

I write this on Jan. 7.

My first thought on waking this morning was "this would have been Brother Sparks' 90th birthday." D. Chester Sparks died five years ago. He was born on Sexton's Creek in 1893 and his father was a deputy sheriff of the county as the Baker-Howard feud reached its peak. His father was killed from an ambush. The children were parceled out and he was taken to the Masonic orphanage at Louisville. At age 16, Oneida took him in. At the age of 30 he was called to preach and 25 years later returned as Oneida's president.

Sparks served longer in that capacity than anyone except our founder, a total of 14 years. He was president through my own schooldays here and I spent many hours with him then and later. As a schoolboy, I often went with him on speaking trips. Sometimes he had me speak. He shared so many things with me, a young teenage boy. Was he consciously preparing me for this work someday? I have wondered. Certainly I feel God was doing so through him.

When I was called back at the age of 30 to be president of Oneida, I brought "Pa" Sparks back to the campus 10 years after his retirement. He lived with us for several years, enjoying look-

ing through the mail, greeting visitors, reading his paper and beloved books, and talking. I sought his advice differing times. On his 80th birthday, we honored him with a dinner attended by hundreds of his friends and family. At the age of 85 he died while visiting with his son in Springfield, Mo. We brought him back to our chapel for a loving farewell.

Daily we are reminded of this good man, this wonderful preacher and pastor. We remember his chuckle as he told his hundreds of stories, his eyes crinkled in the humor of a favored joke. Truly he was "Pa" to a generation of Oneida's boys and girls.

In all the 14 years he and "Mai Mai" Sparks lived in the 14-room Anderson Hall, I do not believe the front door of that house was locked one time. Truly the "latchstring" of their home and of their hearts was always out. The more helpless, the more destitute, all the warmer was their welcome. Many were sheltered under their roof for months, even for years.

So, I am remembering this grand couple this morning, and write this through tear-dimmed eyes. They are tears of joy that God shared them with us for so long and they, in turn, shared with so many. As a teenager and in my university years, in the brashness of

youth, I was often critical of them for "harboring" far too long, I thought, boys and girls who were distinctly unlovely and unloving. Having borne their responsibilities for nearly 11 years myself, I understand many things I did not understand then. Christ died for sinners, and we who proclaim his name have a great, an awesome responsibility to share his love, to be giving and forgiving. Yes, even with the unlovely and the unloving. Every day our Lord gives us another chance to be more like himself.

So this morning I spoke a few moments about Sparks' life and asked principal Oliver Hawkins to lead one of his wonderful prayers. Then George Redding preached another of his great sermons. The topic this morning was "Making Christmas Last." This semester Redding is preaching at three chapel services a week while other guests preach the remaining two. Then we have the benefit of a very fine Bible study each Sunday evening. Many Oneida students are learning to love him as a Bible teacher, just as thousands of other students have in other places the past 50 years. Mrs. Redding is a jewel also and enters into her teaching with such enthusiasm.

We have had over 60 new students arrive this week for the beginning of a

new semester. We had 12 to finish their academic work at Christmas and they will return in May for the graduation ceremonies. Several others were asked or chose not to return after Christmas so we have a net gain of 40 students over December with another 10 expected this week. Many are able to pay. Many are coming without a dime.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



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Invest in the future by giving now and placing your ministry to children in your will. Here are some suggestions as to how you can place this ministry in your will.

1. *A Specific Bequest*—a gift of a certain amount. Example: a \$10,000 bequest, when invested in the Baptist Homes for Children trust fund, will earn between \$700 and \$900 of annual operating income forever.

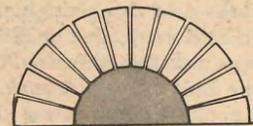
2. *The Residuary Bequest*—the remainder, or percentage of the remainder, of what is left in your estate after you have provided for your family and others.

3. *The Contingent Bequest*—a gift to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children only if your primary beneficiaries do not survive you.

. . . and another thought . . . perhaps you may also wish to consider a *Testamentary Charitable Trust*—a trust made in your will with income for your beneficiaries with the assets designated as an eventual gift to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

People just like you have remembered Jesus' ministry in their will—do it today for His sake!

Send for whatever materials you need to get your will written. The materials listed below are free—without obligation. Send for them today!



IT COSTS A LOT TO LOVE!

Your ministry to children stands at the crossroads of life for those who are dependent and neglected. At the crossroads a child is given alternatives. Here a child is made aware that he is a unique creation of God with a unique personality. It is here that he is given the opportunity to understand the meaning of life. As a child realizes his potential through a right relationship to Christ, he realizes and makes use of resources within. He can begin to move into the future with meaning and purpose.

As one houseparent stated, "Here the cycle of failure is broken." You not only bring meaning into the life of the child you are now ministering to, but to the generations that will follow.

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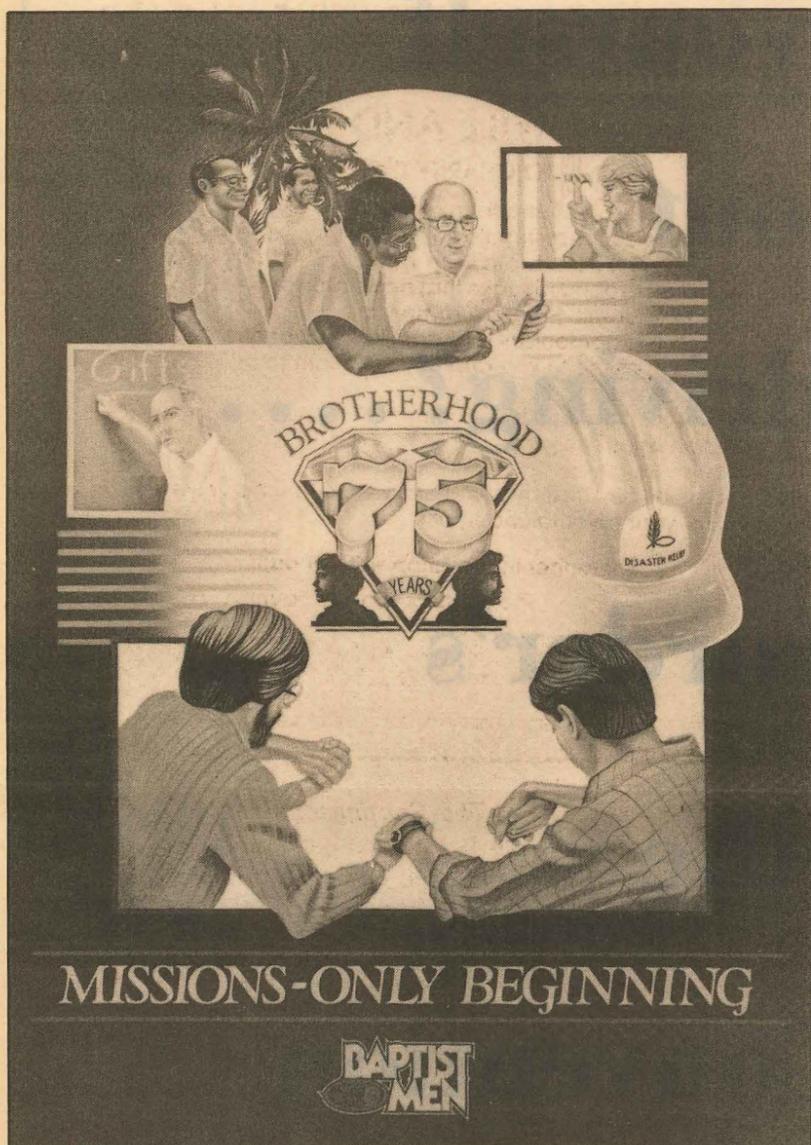
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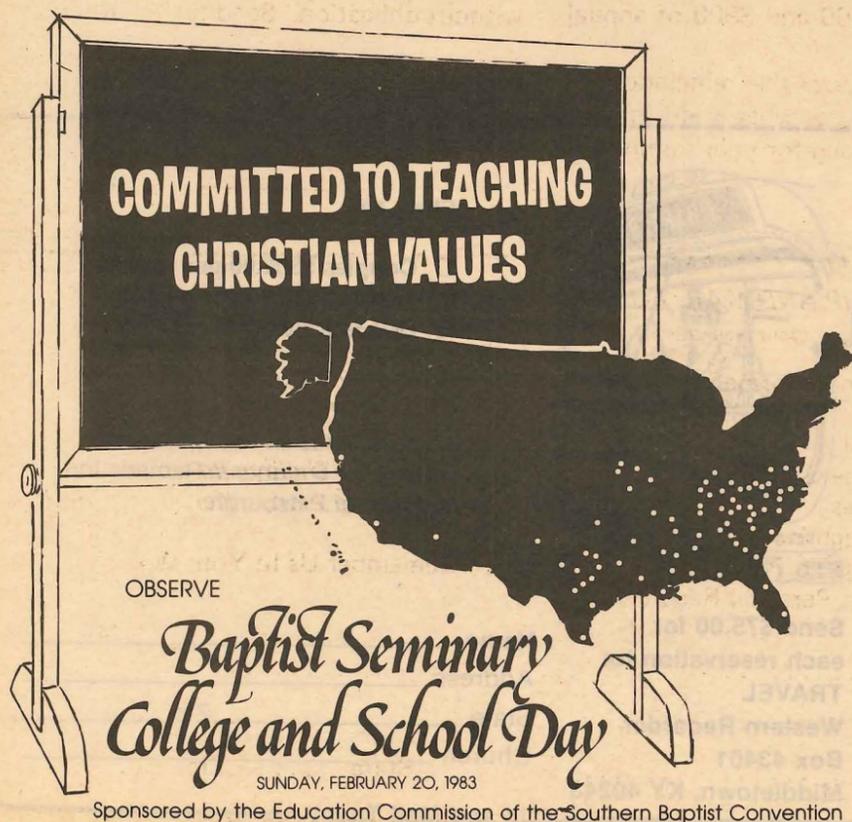
**Baptist World
Alliance Day**
Feb. 6

**Race Relations
Sunday**
Feb. 13

**Baptist Seminary,
College and School Day**
Feb. 20



The motto "One Lord—One Faith—One Baptism" has been the inspiring and guiding rule for Baptists since the formation of the Baptist World Alliance in 1905. Baptist World Alliance Day, Sunday, Feb. 6, lends itself better than any other to experience this oneness. Each year the BWA Washington office receives letters from Africa, South America, Asia, Europe and other parts of the world telling of exciting gatherings of believers on or around BWA Day. Pictured above [left] BWA general secretary Gerhard Claas baptizes a young believer at Moscow Baptist Church. He baptized 17 in the church in 1981. At right Peter Matcek, pastor of First Baptist Church in Prague, explains the significance of the bread and cup at a communion service. "Strengthening family ties" is the theme of the 1983 BWA Day.

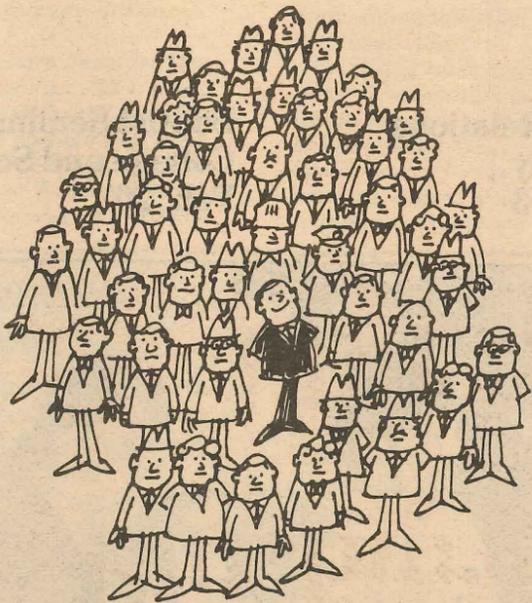


"And I will show you a still more excellent way."

1 Corinthians 12:31b

Observe Race Relations Sunday
February 13, 1983

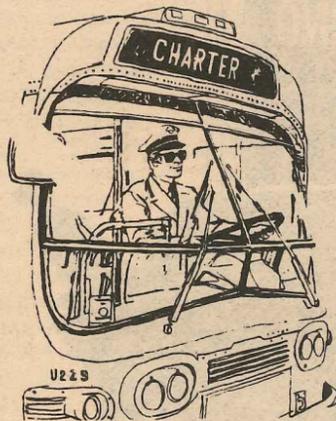
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