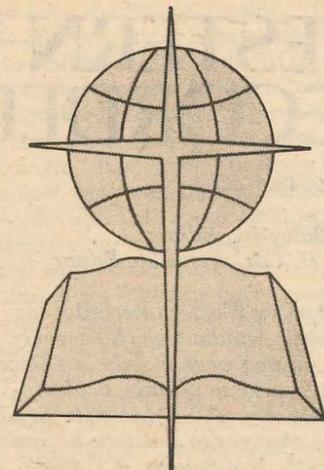


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All in the family

Jonathan Creek signing will make far western assembly a part of KBC

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Ownership of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly by all Kentucky Baptists moved a significant step closer to reality last week. The Jonathan Creek board unanimously accepted a document prepared by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board which will transfer ownership of the 120-acre campus from 11 Baptist associations in far western Kentucky to the KBC Sept. 1, 1983.

The events of last week follow recent action by both the executive boards of Kentucky Baptist Convention and of Jonathan Creek Assembly following extensive discussions throughout 1982.

Western Recorder reported in its Dec. 8, 1982 issue that, subject to approval of the Jonathan Creek board, the KBC executive board had agreed to accept the far western assembly Sept. 1, 1983. The Jonathan Creek board approved the plan in a Jan. 25 meeting.

Agreement stipulation

As a part of its commitment, the executive board of KBC voted to provide funds for a lakeside conference center. Groundbreaking for the construction

would be scheduled on or before Sept. 1, 1983, with the facility estimated to cost at least \$650,000.

The agreement states that the executive board shall move "as resources become available and usage dictates" to provide a complete camp and assembly program at Jonathan Creek. Provision is made for the classification of each Jonathan Creek employe in the salary administration plan of the executive board, with no present employe being compensated less than he is presently being paid.

The statement of agreement also holds that, should the property cease to be used "in the promulgation of the Baptist faith and ministry" the property shall revert to the trustees (of the Jonathan Creek board).

This reversionary clause terminates upon the expenditure by the KBC board of \$1,150,000 for capital improvements within a 10-year period.

Land with a mission

In the Dec. 9, 1976 issue of Western Recorder this reporter called Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in Marshall County "a river where God is."

For two pages, we graphically recounted how a TVA-owned piece of property on picturesque Kentucky Lake was sold to a private citizen who became impressed with "possibilities the site offered for some worthy purpose."

When the opportunity arose, he sold it to West Union Baptist Association, including Baptists in Ballard and Mc-

Cracken counties, in the early 50's. Jonathan Creek was incorporated in 1955 and 10 other western Kentucky Baptist associations became coowners and operators of the fledgling encampment, including:

Blood River, Caldwell-Lyon, Christian County, Fulton, Graves County, Little Bethel, Little River, Ohio River, Ohio Valley and West Kentucky.

Jonathan Creek has been administered by a 44-member board including two elected trustees, moderator and missionary from each of the 11 sponsoring associations. The board has met quarterly.

George Gray, superintendent

George Gray, the camp's resident superintendent, went to the post in 1972, vacating another superintendency in a KBC institution at that time. For two years, 1970-72, he had managed Spring Meadows Baptist Children's Home in Middletown, having been the home's assistant superintendent for five years before that.

A native of Bedford, Va., Gray is a University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate. He held an Indiana pastorate while a seminary student.

He and his wife Estelle have two grown daughters.

Present facilities at Jonathan Creek include a conference center-administration building, 13 cabins for a boys'

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Baptists are divided on school assembly

Baptist reaction is mixed to the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal by the Lubbock (Tex.) Independent School district of an appellate court decision which struck down a policy permitting students to gather for religious purposes before and after school hours.

The federal district court ruled in favor of the policy but the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans reversed the ruling. The school district appealed.

Two Lubbock Baptists—Mrs. Don (Skeet) Workman who with her son and husband participated in the suit, and D. L. Lowry, pastor of First Baptist Church—were disappointed in the high court action.

"We thought they would hear our case," Mrs. Workman said. "Their refusal means we have no voluntary acts before or after school on any school property for anything that pertains to religion. We believe this is a loss of freedom of speech . . . the freedom of assembly. It is much broader than a loss of religious freedom."

Lowry said he believes the Fifth Circuit decision "is too restrictive. I believe it has gone beyond the original ruling of the Supreme Court to prohibit any kind of Christian or religious expression on the school grounds."

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., said the court's action was understandable. Rejection of the case, he said, "is yet another example of the old legal maxim that 'bad cases make bad law'."

Dunn said the Lubbock case was "flawed from the beginning, mainly because of the school board's open defiance over a 17-year period of the court's correct rulings in 1962 and 1963." In those years the high court ruled states and localities may not under the constitution require prayer and Bible reading in public school classrooms.

Dunn also noted the possibility of future litigation over the issue of student access to school facilities for religious gatherings, noting that "simple fairness . . . demands recognition that the court did not affirm the decision of the Court of Appeals" but "simply declined to review that decision, leaving open the possibility that a cleaner case . . . may be reviewed in the future."

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., who was joined by 23 other senators in asking the court to review the lower panel's decision, said he will reintroduce a bill to protect the right of students to exercise freely their religion and at the same time keep schools from unconstitutionally establishing religion. The bill specifies that meetings must be voluntary and must not involve any "activity which is in and of itself unlawful."

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



C. R. Daley

DALEY OBSERVATIONS

Senior adults have fellowship with a capital F

Probably the most overlooked persons in Baptist churches today are older adults. They are more or less taken for granted because they attend without having to be urged, serve to the limit of their ability and strength and often give beyond their means.

Special programs and projects are devised by Baptist churches for children and young people. Needed ministries to singles and single parents have been inaugurated in many churches as this group has become a major segment in modern society. Church staff members with specialized training are employed for youth and single adult ministries.

These are altogether proper but so are special ministries and activities for the growing number of senior adults who have reached retirement age and are living longer and longer. They need to be used and they especially need to be loved.

Fortunately not all congregations are neglecting senior adults. Probably the most outstanding Baptist senior adult program in Kentucky is that of First Baptist Church in Bowling Green which was described in a feature article in this publication several years ago.

It was my privilege to share again in the Senior Adult Fellowship of First Church, Bowling Green last week. About 125 of the more than 230 members were present. The delightful occasion began with a covered dish dinner which would have won a blue ribbon from Duncan Hines, the famous food judge of other years who lived in Bowling Green.

Then there was music by the Joyous Noisemakers and the Old Hymnners and an unforgettable devotional essay by Bill Dick on truth, integrity and freedom. My assignment was to talk about the problems and challenges which confront Southern Baptists today and a more attentive and appreciative audience a speaker never had.

It's truly amazing how many meaningful activities these senior adults are involved in for their own fulfillment and in serving others. They soon will have completed tours of all Baptist institutions in Kentucky. Their ceramics have reached professional standards, they weave and quilt. They have their own physical fitness and rec-

reation program and are about to begin their annual 10 week income tax filing assistance service to persons 60 years of age and older.

But more than any activities which they enjoy is the heavenly fellowship these senior adults experience. They are the embodiment of Peter's counsel to first century believers, "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brethren, love one another deeply, from the heart."

This outstanding senior adult fellowship is characteristic of the life and contributions of this historic congregation. First Church, Bowling Green was constituted in 1818 thus antedating the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Its pastors and lay leaders were influential in shaping the Kentucky and the national Southern Baptist denominational organizations.

The Bowling Green congregation was served in its early years by several of the most outstanding Baptist preachers in Kentucky. Its leadership in the 20th century has been no less outstanding with such pastors as Finley F. Gibson, Jerome O. Williams, R. T. Skinner, Harold Purdy, Franklin Paschall, Joseph R. Estes, Othar Smith, Rollin Burhans and Richard Bridges.

On the return trip from Bowling Green to Louisville I reflected upon this unusual group of God's golden age saints in First Church. One conclusion was that if every Southern Baptist church was blessed by a group so interested in Southern Baptist affairs and so committed to sharing the good news with the world, our Southern Baptist Convention problems would be settled by the time we get together in Pittsburgh in June.

Some thoughts on saintly flying and pulpit jumping

From the Jan. 23, 1983 issue of "Parade," a New York Sunday magazine used in many Sunday issues of newspapers, comes an interesting account of a 17th century Roman Catholic priest named Guiseppi Desa. As a boy Desa had an illness which brought on spells during which his body would become rigid and his mouth would remain slightly open. In spite of this he became a priest and eventually became famous because he could go into a trance, then cry out

and fly into the air.

Many famous people including Pope Urban VIII and the Duke of Brunswick witnessed his flights which covered considerable distances. Desa became so famous for his flights that he was made a saint in 1767, 100 years after his death from a fever.

Shortly before reading this account I had been engaged in research on some of the Southern Seminary greats of other years and I could not but remember one experience from the rich life and ministry of John R. Sampey.

In a session of the Long Run Association (Louisville area) shortly before the turn of this century one of Sampey's colleagues was being criticized harshly and Sampey took the floor amid boos and for more than an hour vigorously defended his friend and colleague.

It must have been some performance because Sampey returned to the meeting the next day to shake hands with the moderator and to ask permission to make a few remarks to the messengers. One of his apologetic statements for his performance the evening before was a promise that never again in the Long Run Association would he "make any such wild gestures and jump over the pulpit as I did yesterday."

Sampey was never a priest nor a saint but he could cry out and "jump over the pulpit." His enthusiasm and vigor in the classroom and the pulpit and his admiration of great military strategists led to the nickname, "Tiglath" for Tiglath-Pileser, the eighth century B. C. Assyrian monarch who was the world power in Isaiah's time. For several years after his retirement Sampey would be brought back to Old Testament classes for his famous lecture on Isaiah's inaugural vision and for treatments of other Old Testament passages. He also returned to chapel at least once a year for his famous lecture on Robert E. Lee whom some thought rivaled Jesus in Sampey's estimation.

Saint Guiseppi and Tiglath were not the first high flyers and pulpit jumpers in the ministry nor the last. Some preachers of this era take off without flying and jump off the deep end without leaping over the pulpit.

Such acrobatics have some claims for New Testament sanction. A preacher should recognize, nurture and use what gifts he has so if flying and jumping pulpits are his endowments, why not try to be the

highest flyer and longest jumper.

The use of at least one gift is necessary lest the preacher be remembered only for his acrobatics. This is, in the words of Peter, "to gird up your minds" and, in the words of Paul, "to study . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

GUEST EDITORIAL

Flying the seminaries

by J. B. Fowler, Editor
Baptist New Mexican

W. A. Criswell has publicly pointed the finger at our Baptist schools. He says they are being taken over by infidels and liberals.

Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, made the comments on the occasion of his 38th anniversary as pastor of the Dallas church.

I don't believe it. Southern Baptists have no colleges or universities—these are owned by state conventions. We have six Baptist seminaries, owned and operated by the SBC. It's up to the various state conventions to keep their schools true to the word of God. And seminary trustees, elected by the SBC, have the responsibility of keeping our seminaries true to the word of God. That's their primary job.

I cannot speak for all the seminaries, but I have had some contact with several of them. As Jimmy Draper, SBC president, told me last week about his seminary exposure, so I can say the same thing about mine: my seminary experience exposed me to no liberals and no liberalism, so far as I know.

I really doubt that things have changed a whole lot since I left the seminary. Some professors, no doubt raise unnecessary questions in students.

We need to remember that our six seminaries employ scores of professors. There are, perhaps, a few professors in our seminaries—very few—who might be classed as "liberals." And they shouldn't continue to teach in them. But if they are there, they are few and far between. And I have never believed they are taking over the seminaries.

But for Criswell to say, as he did in his Dallas sermon, that "the liberals are taking our institutions away one by one," is, I believe, stretching matters considerably.

But flying our seminaries always makes for popular preaching. I remember attending conventions 15 years ago when "grandstanding" preachers put on "the rousements" by whipping the seminaries. That kind of preaching always draws a crowd.

But, as I see it, a lot of irresponsible charges have been made against our seminaries during the last three or four years that haven't been substantiated.

Too many of us have been too guilty too many times in the past of unjustly criticizing our seminaries.

BAPTIST FORUM

In defense of a colleague

One can scarcely disagree with your editorial comment that "all aspects of the Moody controversy are unfortunate" and I appreciate the sensitivity of your comments with reference both to Moody and to the seminary. Although I am not in touch with this matter on a day to day basis, however, I pray that it is not as bleak as your editorial depicts and I do want to come to the defense of my distinguished colleague in a couple of ways.

First, I would point out that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention did not base its charge against Moody on the Abstract of Principles, which professors at Southern Seminary pledge to teach "in accordance with and not contrary to," but on the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963, Article 5. In his book (and in the reply printed in Western Recorder, Dec. 8) Moody has reaffirmed his agreement with that article.

Second, I would note that Moody's disagreements with Article 13 of the Abstract of Principles are not substantive. In every instance where he has suggested revisions he has proposed nothing more than bringing this article into verbal accord with scriptures. Under no circumstances is it possible to deduce from this that he does not believe in the Perseverance of the Saints, the subject of the article. He has stated explicitly in his reply to Arkansas critics (WR, Dec. 8), "Of course, all who persevere to the end will be saved (Mk. 13:13)." He observes further that Article 13 does not speak of those who do not persevere but of those who "may fall, through neglect and temptation, into sin," and who thus may be restored.

Third, I would raise the question: What will we do with the scriptures? Neither the Baptist Faith and Message, Article 5, nor the Abstract of Principles, Article 13, precludes the view which Moody derives from such passage as Heb. 6:4-6, for neither really takes note of them. Can we as Baptists, who have prided ourselves on being a "non-creedal" people for several centuries, not simply admit that the scriptures confront us with a paradox here? From God's side salvation is secure, but from our side, frail and sinful beings that we are, it does not appear so secure. We struggle to remain faithful. As the Apostle puts it in Phil. 2:12-13, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

E. Glenn Hinson
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Help from afar!!

Help came after the big flood of Dec. 3 in southeast Missouri and more exactly in St. Francois Baptist Association.

Fredericktown was flooded along the Saline Creek with many forced from their homes. In Marquand 12 families from senior citizen housing along with many others were evacuated as the Castor River got almost two feet deep in some of the houses. The Castor was three feet over the highway at Marquand.

In Bollinger County, Crooked Creek was 40 inches deep in the Woodland School at Lutesville. Glen Allen had houses washed from their foundations. At Marble Hill, Hawn's IGA Store, owned by Charles Hawn, our past

moderator, had water over two-and-a-half feet deep. Charles Hopkins had the same in his furniture store. This is just a little.

Then came a call from Hickory Baptist Church at Hickory, Ky., to ask if they could help, and they did. All of Graves County Association came through with two big tandem trucks plus a pup tandem trailer. On these trucks was some furniture, food and lots of clothes. They not only came once, but twice. The second time was another big truck plus a van full.

We want to thank all those who have helped in any way to get this food, clothes and furniture to the people.

W. Carl Wright
Director of Missions
St. Francois Baptist Association
Marquand, MO 63655

Missionaries need prayer

I would like to remind readers of Western Recorder how very important their prayers are in producing great spiritual results in our foreign mission efforts. We must pray seriously for many persons to be saved, called to serve and for many new churches to be formed.

Readers who would like to pray earnestly for specific missionary requests are encouraged to write: FMB Prayer Lists, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

A list of specific prayer needs will be sent monthly along with reports on items previously included. God answers prayers!

Catherine B. Walker, Richmond, Va.

Dependent on one another

As true brothers in Christ, we must start sharing ideas and ideals, and demonstrate by our actions as well as words that we are dependent on one another in the Lord. As we do this, God may use our frail best for a real harvest of souls in our time. As long as a few consider a brother as a foe, we weaken the command of Christ's witness through the denomination just that much.

Our prayer is that harmony will prevail among Southern Baptists and Christians everywhere. The task of outreach and bold thrust needs full support from all. But unless we avail ourselves in love which calls for conciliation and forgiveness on the part of all, how can we expect God to bless our efforts for him?

Valuable time has been wasted because some have been involved in fruitless contention concerning the scriptures. The Bible has been its own defense all these ages and no matter what man tries to do to it or with it the Lord himself will preserve his Word.

We seem to have lost some direction concerning our calling and rightly dividing the Word. We are not taking seriously God's admonitions to avoid contentions and debates. They lead only to strife. Let us get busy and preach the Word in spirit and truth for which we were called and sent to do.

George McCaulley, Cynthiana

'My father was . . .'

Some ministers lately have defended their right to lead by citing their Southern Baptist heritage. "My father was a Southern Baptist preacher" is a typical example. Such comments should cause alarm. It used to be the Catholics who talked of apostolic succession."

When the Jews boasted of their heri-

tage John the Baptist replied, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Lk. 3:8). To those who claimed access to God through lineage Paul declared, "They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (Gal. 3:7). Not those born of the flesh but those born again are children of God. Talk about parentage is inappropriate among Baptists. We all stand equidistant from the cross.

One is not saved by parentage but by personal faith. Even so one is not a Baptist by birth but by conviction. Qualification for leadership is verified by conduct not inheritance. Boasts of ancestry may be evidence of uncertainty, even heresy. Among free people leadership is a matter of worth, not birth. Baptists need leaders who extol grace and freedom; who look toward God's future, not the dead '50s. Talk of heritage may be a little thing but "he that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Lk. 16:10).

Russell Bennett, Louisville

Good news

The best Southern Baptist news I have heard in a long time is the recent announcement by Walker Knight that he is beginning an independent Baptist journal. I understand it will be called "SBC Today." To have an editor of his proven ability and integrity report on significant happenings in our Baptist life and respond editorially when needed can be of the greatest benefit at this time. I hope thousands of Kentucky Baptists will subscribe to this journal as soon as plans for doing so are made known. Informed Baptists make right decisions concerning our life and work. The gospel word still holds today: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

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BAPTIST NEWS IN BRIEF

Sunday school director Harry Piland resigns post

Harry M. Piland, director of Southern Baptists' Sunday school program five years, has resigned effective Feb. 28 to return to First Baptist Church, Houston, as administrative pastor and minister of education.

Before becoming director of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in 1978, Piland, 54, had been minister of education at the Houston church five years.

In his announcement Jan. 24 to the 150 employees of the department Piland said his decision was reached over a period of many months and reflects his love for the local church and his conviction that "God has spoken to me and I must return."

During his tenure Piland saw SBC Sunday school enrolment increase by approximately 200,000 to 7.6 million. He also originated the idea of 8.5 by '85, a goal which includes plans to increase Sunday school enrolment to 8.5 million by Sept. 30, 1985.



Piland



Gray

Elmer Gray to retire as California editor

Elmer L. Gray, editor of the California Southern Baptist since January 1974, has announced his retirement, effective July 31, 1983.

Gray, 64, made the announcement at the closing session of the executive board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California Jan. 25. In a prepared statement, Gray said: "I have

found such a peace of spirit with this decision that I can now serve with excitement and love and do whatever you (the executive board) feel you want me to do for you in the months ahead."

In announcing the decision Gray said he would continue working for the executive board—of which the newsjournal is a part—until a replacement is employed and "until the board operations committee replaces me."

Gray, who will be 65 in March, came to the editorship of the 27,000 circulation newspaper from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Cal., where he had been academic dean.

Mission appointments up 23 percent, HMB reports

The Baptist Home Mission Board noted an increase of 213 percent over the previous high for missions appointments during 1982, boosting the number of home missionaries to 3424, reported Irvin Dawson, director of the HMB's Missionary Personnel Department.

The HMB appointed 693 missions workers in 1982, surpassing the previous record of 563 missions appointments set in 1980. The 1982 total also represented a 38 percent increase over 1981 missions appointments, said Dawson.

During 1982, the board appointed 77 missionaries, 118 missionary associates and 41 US-2 missionaries and approved 385 persons for church pastoral assistance and 72 persons for language pastoral assistance.

Three Kentuckians named missionary associates

Malcolm Mathis and Edward and Elizabeth Richardson, all of Louisville, were among 18 missionary associates approved for assignments by the Home Mission Board executive committee during its January session.

Mathis has been appointed a church planter apprentice in Peggs, Okla. He is a graduate of Mercer University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Richardsons have been appointed to do leadership training in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and Spalding College. Both have been HMB summer missionaries in Puerto Rico.

The HMB's January assignments in 24 states totaled 83 and included 12 missionaries, 18 missionary associates and 53 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

Heart disease, cancer top killers of SBC ministers

Heart disease and cancer were the leading killers in 1982 of Southern Baptist

ministers and denominational personnel, according to statistics released by the SBC Annuity Board.

Of 317 deaths reported to the Annuity Board in 1982, 70 percent were attributed to heart-related illnesses (155) and cancer (68). Both categories reflected one percent increases of 1981 figures.

The totals reflect deaths of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees who participated in Annuity Board retirement program. One hundred and twenty-six died in active service while 191 persons died in retirement.

Accidental death (12), blood clots (9), brain strokes (8) and suicide (6) totals were double 1981 statistics; arteriosclerosis claimed one life, and all tumors (other than brain) took seven lives for the first time since 1980. Respiratory failure deaths decreased by 63 percent claiming 19 people.

Other causes of death included: kidney failure (6), leukemia (3), natural causes (6), brain tumor (3), Parkinson's disease (1), pneumonia (10) and hemorrhaging (3).

Cynthia Clawson concert to honor Grady Nutt

Cynthia Clawson, contemporary gospel singer and composer, will be in concert at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

The concert will be in honor of the late Grady Nutt, well known Christian humorist who was an active member at Crescent Hill until his death in an Alabama plane crash Nov. 23.

A limited number of free tickets will be available to Crescent Hill members, according to Paula S. Roberts, minister of music. Remaining tickets will be sold to the public at \$3 each. For ticket information, Mrs. Roberts said, call her at (502) 896-4425.

Former missionary takes Royal Service editorship

Betty Merrell, a former Southern Bap-

tist missionary, has been named editor of Royal Service magazine by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Royal Service, WMU's monthly magazine for adult women, has 320,000 subscribers—the largest circulation of any mission magazine within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Merrell is a native of Tulsa, Okla. She attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was a missionary to Vietnam 10 years and director of the Vietnam Baptist Publication Department one year.

She has been on church staffs in Maryland, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. She has also been administrative assistant at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Hawaii convention names Kong executive director

Dan H. Kong, 54, vice president-development of Hawaii Baptist Academy, was unanimously elected executive director-treasurer of Hawaii Baptist Convention at a called meeting of the executive board Jan. 22. He will assume his new post Mar. 1.

Kong succeeds Edmund Walker, recently appointed by the Home Mission Board as national consultant for senior adult ministries based in California.

The new executive director is the fourth to head the convention in its 40-year history. The first local denominational leader to hold the post, Kong is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Kong Sr. of Wahiawa, who encouraged and supported early Christian work and also undergirded early Hawaii Baptist beginnings by the Foreign Mission Board in the early 1940s.

Kong, a graduate of Leilehua High School, attended Michigan State University and received his BA from

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Georgetown College in Kentucky. After completing his BD at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he returned to Hawaii in 1954 as the first full time native pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Hawaii.

Houston church sets \$34 million campaign

Houston's Second Baptist Church has announced a \$34 million expansion which will include the largest church sanctuary in Houston and apparently the largest Southern Baptist worship facility in the world.

The church hopes to use a pay-as-it-goes plan, raising the \$34 million during the period of construction, with completion anticipated in 1986. The church currently has only \$1 million marked for the expansion.

Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist, said the church is rapidly running out of space and faces a "stop growing or start building" situation. The church's current sanctuary seats 1350 and is filled to capacity in both Sunday morning worship services.

The new auditorium initially will seat 3600, roughly 1000 more than the city's largest, First Baptist. The building, to be modified colonial style, can be expanded to seat up to 8000 persons.

Lay training center named for Billy Graham

A year-round Christian lay training center to be established near Asheville, N. C., will be named in honor of evangelist Billy Graham.

Robertson McQuilkin, president of The Cove and Columbia Bible College, announced that the name of the Asheville retreat will be The Billy Graham

Lay Center.

In 1981 Graham and his ministry board donated to Columbia Bible College 1450 acres of mountain property located on Interstate Highway 40 at the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway, five miles east of downtown Asheville.

The Cove will have three major ministries: the lay training program, a summer camp for children and the relocation and expansion of Ben Lippen High School, a Christian boarding school.

Directing The Graham Center will be Harry S. Dent, ex-White House special counsel and attorney of Columbia, S. C. Assisting will be Roy King, formerly with Campus Crusade and, most recently, Columbia Bible College.

Work on The Billy Graham Lay Center's physical facilities is expected to begin in late 1983.

Board members name 1984-85 WMU emphasis

Woman's Missionary Union national executive board during its January meeting approved plans for national WMU work for 1984-85, launched a massive prayer network for a 1984 convention and initiated plans for WMU's centennial celebration.

"By Love Compelled" will be the official 1984-85 WMU emphasis. In that period, WMUs will focus on greater personal involvement in missions through mission action.

Plans also call for more in-depth training of WMU Members to equip them for mission action.

The board approved goals for the two national missions offerings. The 1984 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions will amount to \$72 million. The 1985 Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions will be \$32 million.

Woman's Committee offers financial seminar

The Woman's Committee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is completing arrangements to offer a financial planning seminar Apr. 25, 9:30-3 p.m., at Southern Seminary.

Phyllis Knight, executive director of Children's Hospital Foundation, will discuss "The Role of Women in the 80's." Jill Pedley, account executive at Merrill Lynch, will present "Investment Basics." Ann Aaron, Louisville attorney, will present "Estate Planning for Women." Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, executive vice president for development at Southern Seminary, will discuss "The Place of the Seminary in your Financial Planning."

Cost for the all-day seminar is \$10 per person which includes lunch. Since space is limited, a preregistration fee of \$5 is required by Mar. 15 with the remaining \$5 payable on the day of the seminar.

Ethnic heritage is focus of Historical Commission

"Ethnic Southern Baptist Heritage" will be theme of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and Society joint annual meeting Apr. 26-27 in Nashville.

The number of ethnic Southern Baptists has rapidly increased in recent years. Currently, ethnics hold membership in 3600 (approximately 10 percent) of all Southern Baptist Churches.

Program personalities will be: Oscar Romo, director, Language Missions Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Lee H. Allen, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Robert Gardner, Historical Society president and profes-

sor of religion, Shorter College, Rome, Ga.; Russell Begaye, national consultant on American Indian church growth, Language Missions Division, Home Mission Board; Joshua Grijalva, Hispanic and national consultant on ethnic leadership development, Language Missions Division, Home Mission Board; and Peter Kung, national consultant on Chinese language missions, Home Mission Board.

Additional information on the ethnic-themed meeting to be held at the Baptist Sunday School Board can be obtained from the Historical Commission, SBC, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.

Abe Lincoln awards to honor CBS broadcasters

"Captain Kangaroo" and a CBS television executive will be honored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission during its 14th Abe Lincoln Awards for distinguished broadcasters Feb. 17.

Bob Keeshan, creator and host of "Captain Kangaroo," and Gene F. Jankowski, present of the CBS/Broadcast Group, will receive two of the top awards presented by the agency at the annual ceremony.

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Still faithful after all these years

by Debbie Harris Quintin,
State Correspondent

Les Jenkins has read the entire Bible twice in the last two years. He knows the names of all his former Sunday school teachers and pastors. He is well versed in the history and growth of his church.

What's so outstanding about these things? Les Jenkins is 94 years old and has been a member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, for 82 years.

Sunday, Jan. 2 was declared "Les Jenkins Day" at Severns Valley and he was surprised with a plaque and declaration honoring him as the church member with the longest membership. Pastor J. Howard Cobble and Louis Merkley, moderator, made the presentations. Jenkins' grandson, Louis Jenkins, praised his "Pappaw's" devotion to his family and his church.

Les Jenkins was 12 years old when he

joined the church during the "great revival" held the last two weeks of December 1900. He recalls the evangelist "was a traveling preacher from down south named H. C. Compton." More than 90 people made professions of faith during the revival including Jenkins' two sisters, some neighbor children and a girl named Carrie Hagan.

In 1914 Miss Hagan became Mrs. Les Jenkins and they enjoyed 65 years of married life up until her death. Today they have 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Jenkins vividly remembers his baptism, recalling he was "baptized on Sunday in a pool under the floor supporting the pulpit." The church had no changing room for men. Following the service Jenkins put a large overcoat on over his wet clothes and donned overshoes for a chilling wagon-ride back home to the family farm located two miles out in the country.

"The worst problems I have today

are being away from E-town and Severns Valley, but I'm very thankful I have a nice place to live," Jenkins told the congregation. He now resides in a private nursing home near Hodgenville, in LaRue County. "I would prefer to get up at four every morning but the folks where I stay don't like to get up 'til half past six or seven," he said. "I was born poor and I'm still poor but I was always independent and still try to be," Jenkins added.

Pastor Cobble praised Jenkins' devotion to the scriptures, noting Jenkins reads two chapters in both the Old and New Testaments every night. Jenkins blushed as he admitted he had already reached Deuteronomy and John in his 1983 Bible readings.

Ever a quick wit, Jenkins claims he holds some secrets to living a long life: drink a glass of warm water each morning, carry buckeyes in your pocket and always wear suspenders. In a more serious tone Jenkins said he sometimes



Pastor J. Howard Cobble, left, awards plaque to Les Jenkins.

has trouble sleeping at night and lies awake wondering why God has let him live so long. "I wonder if there's something he wants me to do yet," Jenkins said.

When Cobble advised Jenkins his story might appear in the state Baptist paper Jenkins shook his head and said, "Hide it when you get it."

Madisonville First

Personal ministries result in numerical growth for SS department

by Mary Kinney Branson,
State Correspondent

Adult 3B Sunday school department, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, has increased its enrolment 730% in one year. It has grown from a class within a department to a separate department whose size dictates meeting in the church's gymnasium.

Although the department includes only couples, ages 28-31, it averages nearly 10 percent of the church's Sunday school attendance.

Some of the department's members were inactive church members who became excited about Adult 3B and decided to make Sunday school a regular part of their week. Fifteen people have moved their memberships. Six have

joined the church on profession of faith. In fact, a large percentage of the families uniting with First Baptist Church have been previously visited and ministered to by the Adult 3B department.

Personal involvement in ministry has been the key to the phenomenal growth, states Sandy and Ray Tucker, the department's directors.

"We began the class a year ago last October with 10 people," explains Mrs. Tucker. "We now have 73 active members, divided into four classes. Best of all, 53 of our members are serving in department leadership positions, including 19 people in various personal and service ministries. There's a place of service for everyone who wants to serve."

It is obvious at first glance that the

couples in Adult 3B are closeknit and caring. How did the Tuckers go about cultivating this intangible spirit of love and concern?

"What our department has done is really quite simple. Any church, regardless of its size, could do the same," states Mrs. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker elaborate on their department's growth plan:

1. Seek and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "There's no way to stress this enough," says Mrs. Tucker. "Without God's leadership our efforts would have been fruitless. We've put more prayer than physical energy into our department's growth."

"Last summer, 30 of our members signed commitments to pray daily for a minimum of 15 minutes. This was an idea I gleaned from a conference during Sunday school week at Ridgecrest."

"We use prayergrams each Sunday morning. The people list prayer needs on these. Then we spend a few moments sharing answered prayers."

"Ray and I pray each day for a different member of our Sunday school department."

2. Provide sound, innovative teaching. As a former children's worker Mrs. Tucker has utilized group discussions, mock news telecasts and monologs by costumed "Bible people" to enhance the standard adult lectures. Bible study in Adult 3B is enjoyable as well as informative.

3. Establish effective inreach and outreach programs. The Tuckers use a large number of people in various types of ministries. Among the department officers are two to four people in charge of each of the following: member fellowships; correspondence; flowers; benevolence; food for families with sickness; hospitality; and guest greeting.

When emergencies arise members and prospects can expect meals, cards, flowers, phone calls and home visits from the Adult 3B department. The expressions of love have facilitated spiritual and numerical growth.

4. Guide members to become involved in the entire church program. The Tuckers stress Sunday and Wednesday evening church participation. At times their department sits together at the Wednesday night family supper.

Tucker was willing to lower department attendance to benefit the church program. He served on the nominating

committee this year and readily suggested names of men and women in his department to teach in children and youth departments.

5. Encourage members to bring friends, family and colleagues. "Nearly everyone knows someone who needs to be in Sunday school," observes Tucker. "Much of our department's growth has been the result of friends inviting friends."

"One member invited his hunting buddy to our department. Before long, the man's wife had made a profession of faith and the couple had joined the church."

In spite of the success of this casual "y'all come" type outreach, the Tuckers do not leave outreach to chance. There are six elected outreach leaders who also lead the department in systematic visitation.

6. Learn to recognize outreach and ministry opportunities and take advantage of them. Mrs. Tucker relates:

"One prospect was in the hospital and we simply sent a card. When she later visited our department she said our card was the only one she had received."

"When we heard that another prospect's baby was seriously ill, we had special prayer for the family. Then we demonstrated our concern by taking some meals to the family when the baby was released from the hospital. This couple soon joined our department and the church."

A pivotal time in the department's ministry/growth was when a member faced open heart surgery. Adult 3B began a prayer chain for the young mother. Members promised to pray, round the clock, at 15-minute intervals.

The woman came successfully through the surgery. Department members realized the thrill of answered prayer. Many members became more interested in praying and ministering after this event.

7. Make visitors to the department feel welcome.

"You can't just assume that someone will greet visitors," states Mrs. Tucker. "We assign two members to greet guests. Of course, we also encourage every member to speak to visitors and new members."

"Our people make visitors feel truly welcome. I think good first impressions have caused many visitors to eventually join our department."



[Clockwise from top left]: Ray Tucker greets class members. Gail Eveland sends cards to sick and absent members and prospects. C. D. Palmer and Barry Eveland participate in a regular visitation program. Karen Palmer and Cynthia Messick take food to a prospect recently dismissed from the hospital.

How do you spell church growth?



Pastor and Mrs. John W. Wade emphasize ministry of visitation.

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Partners in ministry, pastor John W. Wade and his wife made more than 6000 personal contacts for the 1981-82 year. Their church, Greenland Baptist in Corbin, made a total of over 31,000 contacts in that same time period.

The church, which averages around 200 in Sunday school and 340-400 in morning worship, has baptized 368 people over the 44 months during which the Wades have been at the church and has received 146 by letter. The Wades attribute this largely to the emphasis on "face to face" contact.

The Wades' typical day of visitation begins around 9:30 a.m. They "hit the visitors first" and then go into the homes of church members and make hospital calls. According to Wade, he and his wife visit the average church member's home three to four times

each year."

Wade explained, "I am a pastor above all else. Pastoring the people is our technique. We feel that's what Jesus said. We've done that our 28 years in the ministry. My first place is with my people or a lost man, wherever they are."

Mrs. Wade added, "Our church has said to us to go to the lost men first and then come to them."

When the Wades make a visit, they always make sure of the person's salvation. "I want my people to know they're going to heaven," Wade pointed out. "It doesn't please me to see the auditorium full of people if they don't know where they're going."

The Wades, who have been married 40 years, always work as a team when they visit. Who does the talking depends on to whom the person responds.

"We've visited together so long we

Greenland Church's pastor and wife, who made 6000 contacts in one year, spell it visitation

just know when to come in," Mrs. Wade commented. She added, "I always try to stay in the background because he is the pastor."

"I treat my wife like a partner," Wade continued. "She preaches to me but not to the congregation." Mrs. Wade noted, "A wife can be a helper but not so subdued she has no individuality."

The Wades' relationship to each other has helped change the attitude of the mountain men toward the mountain women.

According to Wade, when they first came to the mountain area, "Women were nothing more than slaves."

In the Wades' first church in the mountains, originally the men and women sat on separate sides of the church. Wade recounted the story of the first time he had the husbands go to their wives and tell them they love them.

"One wife said, 'He hasn't told me that in 45 years.' So I turned to him and said, 'Well, it's about time you did'."

Wade continues this practice in Greenland Church, focusing on the importance of the individual and the family. He added sometimes he has the wife go to the husband or the children to the parents.

He attributed much of the church's ministry of outreach to this concept of unity. His and his wife's ministry of visitation has worked to "bring the people together," he said.

The Wades' attitude toward visitation has overflowed into the congregation. "We had 709 contacts last week," Wade stated. "One time we had 2000 visits in one week in preparation for a revival."

According to Wade, "We're not using a program. We're using Jesus' program—go out two by two and knock

on doors."

The Wades are actively training their church members to do just that. Mrs. Wade teaches a Sunday school class to train new teachers. She has class members mark salvation verses in their Bibles. Then she has Wade come in and together they give them what she called "the worst side of visitation" in a demonstration of a possible encounter. The training, she explained, is "all geared to one objective—witnessing."

Apparently the Wades have discovered an effective means of ministry. Sunday school attendance has tripled since they came to the church in 1979. The church building is now twice the size it was in 1979 and, according to Wade, they need to build again. Tithes and offerings have more than doubled and the church's cooperative giving and missions offerings have tripled.

Wade was quick to note, "Growth is a result of the dedication of the congregation as a whole and of an active deacon ministry, using the deacon family ministry plan."

"My wife and I are here to train people. We want the people to do the work. When we leave we want them to continue to progress without us."

Greenland's services are reflective of the church's evangelistic outlook. The baptismal pool is always filled and Wade baptizes whenever a person makes a profession of faith. He also provides a time within the services for personal testimony.

Greenland's visitation record demonstrates what can happen when a church takes seriously the great commission. The Wades have led the way for the church by their own commitment and by their love for their people.

Wade concluded, "I love people. I love visitation. I think that's the key to church growth."

Pioneer missions involvement opens new frontier for Calvary Church, Danville

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Because Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, believes "the total task of the church is a mission task," the church has been actively involved in missions, especially in the Kentucky-Ohio partnership, according to pastor Ernest L. Martin.

Calvary's involvement in missions began in 1976 with the cosponsorship of Faith Baptist Chapel, Wellston, Oh. The church sent teams of adults and youth there three summers to assist in vacation Bible school, survey work and revival.

The Wellston mission then organized into a church two years ago and is now sponsoring its own mission, which has about as many attending as the mother church, which averages 65-70 now.

Calvary is now beginning to phase out its support of Faith as the church becomes self-supporting.

In 1978 Calvary became cosponsor of Haggerty Road Mission in Garden Grove, Mich. The youth group and associate pastor of Calvary conducted a revival there in 1980 and this work was phased out in 1982.

Martin and a layman assisted Laurel Mountain Bible Church, Johnstown, Penn., in completion of their sanctuary and in a revival in 1979.

First Baptist Church, McDowell, Ky., received assistance from a group who led backyard Bible clubs in 1980-81. Another Kentucky church, Hedgeville Baptist Church, South District Association, was assisted by Calvary. From 1980-82 Calvary sent monthly financial support to Hedgeville.

In 1982 Calvary became involved with Abundant Life Chapel, Chillicothe, Oh. The chapel is located in a city of about 25,000. Baptist work has been in the city for several years but a few years ago the Baptist church moved its facilities outside the city, leaving the downtown area without any Southern Baptist influence.

Around December 1981-January 1982 a group began meeting in a community center building downtown, with about 15-20 attending.

According to Martin, Southern Baptists are not really well known in pioneer areas. "People are not accustomed to an evangelistic approach by the church. It will probably take a number

of years to get Southern Baptist philosophy across to the people."

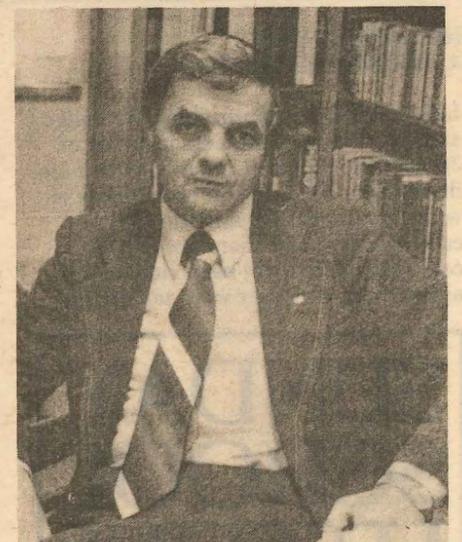
Eight adults and four youth from Calvary assisted Abundant Life pastor David Gibson this summer in conducting backyard Bible clubs and revival services. Calvary continues to support the chapel financially each month, while remaining involved on a personal basis.

Missions activities are directed by a missions committee composed of 10 adults (five couples) and four youth. Each team is assigned a mission and is responsible for setting up opportunities for involvement.

Martin pointed out missions involvement is not a "one way street. We emphasize that they help us as much as we help them."

Martin noted, "Missions work has helped our church in terms of understanding Bold Mission Thrust. It has given the church the opportunity for personal involvement and it has increased interest and support of missions."

Martin's interest in missions began in 1956 when he was pastor of Moreland Baptist Mission. His pioneer mis-



Calvary pastor Ernest Martin believes church should be missions oriented.

sions interest developed when he was a student at Georgetown College. Work in Ohio was new at that time and he then made a commitment to support that work.

Commenting on the work in Ohio, Martin stated, "I'd like to see more of our churches become involved. Every established church could be involved in these areas where the need is so great. This is catching on. We Kentucky Baptists have adopted Ohio Baptists."

PERSONNEL

Ellen Popham gets Valley Creek call Valley Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, has called Ellen Popham as minister of music and youth. A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Miss Popham is a graduate of Cumberland College and the daughter of Harmon Popham, pastor of Tunnel Hill Baptist Church, also in Severns Valley Association.

Prior to coming to Valley Creek, Miss Popham was minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tenn.

Hempridge calls new pastor Hempridge Baptist Church, Shelby

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

County Association, has called Larry Simmons as pastor effective Jan. 2.

A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Simmons is former pastor at New Salem Baptist Church, Mason Hall, Tenn. He and his wife Debbie are parents of three children.

Hatcher resigns Island Creek pastorate Heston Hatcher, a native Laurel County pastoring churches in eastern Kentucky more than 35 years, resigned from a seven-year pastorate at Island Creek Baptist Church, Manchester, Dec. 26. He was a local missionary for

the Kentucky Baptist Convention 12 years.

After Hatcher's final service, Island Creek members held a reception.

The Hatchers now reside near London in Laurel County.

Adams joins Concord staff

Concord Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, named Paul Adams minister of music and youth effective Jan. 2. A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Adams held a similar position at Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, before coming to Concord. He and his wife, the former Patricia Bostick, have one daughter.

Bob Lowery is pastor at Concord.

KBC ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY

- 6 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 7 Area Evangelism Conference. Maysville, Central Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 7 Area Religious Education Shoptalk. Canceled
- 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. Canceled
- 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 Con-

- gress meetings. 5 to 8 pm with hot dog supper: Corbin, First Baptist Church and Madisonville, First Baptist Church
- 10 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress Meetings. Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church; Bowling Green, Calvary Baptist Church
- 11 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress Meetings. Danville, Calvary Baptist Church and Louisville, Highview Baptist Church
- 13 Race Relations Sunday
- 13-20 WMU Focus Week
- 14, 15 Area Evangelism Conferences. 7 p.m. For pastors, church leadership and laymen. 14—Pineville, First Baptist Church; 15—Allen, First Baptist Church
- 14-15 Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Cedarmore
- 20 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day
- 20-23 Home Missions Study Week
- 21-22 State Evangelism Conference. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church
- 25-27 Missions Conference. Louisville, Southern Seminary

NEW CHURCH MINISTERS

The following lines are taken from the August 28, 1960 Bulletin of Lexington's Calvary Church. The then Pastor originally wrote the observations in the weekly Bulletin of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Georgia in the early 1950's. The years continue to confirm the lesson.

This, I have learned. I did not invent it, but, from experience, its truth came to me. I have only sought to give it words in the following statement: You have to love them before you can lead them, and you have to join them before you can change them.

My pastoral ministry has carried me into four states, and my military chaplaincy took me through many more states and six countries. In other words, I have had my share of moving into new places, with new people. And this is my conclusion about leading or changing people: You must love them and you must join them.

You cannot lead them anywhere unless you love them, and they know

whether you love them or not. Nothing in the world comes back more accurately, in the same measure as meted out, than love, except hate. Both of these will come back in the same measure—maybe not the same day—but eventually. ("Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:1-2)

You can't walk in on a bunch of strangers in their own countryside and change them around much. However great their faults may be, and however smart you may be, you can't make any changes in the people until you become one of them.

When you move to a new locality, the church won't be exactly the way it was back home. In many respects, it will have weaknesses in contrast. (It will have some strength, too.) Even if they know you are more informed than they, you still can't change them until you are accepted as one of them. Until your challenge can be spoken in the plural, "let us" do so and so, you had as well keep still.



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International Series ASSERTING KINGSHIP

Luke 19:29-34 Approaching Bethpage and Bethany, two hamlets just east of Jerusalem, Christ dispatched two of his disciples to obtain a colt of a donkey on which he might ride into the city. In case someone saw them untying the colt which had never been ridden and asked them why they were taking the

colt they were instructed to reply, "Because the Lord hath need of him." Luke 19:35-36 The two disciples put their outer garments or cloaks on the colt and assisted Christ in mounting the animal. As the procession advanced, others spread their garments in the pathway. Luke 19:37-38 When the multitude saw the city and the temple their joy and enthusiasm went out of control. They began to rejoice and praise God and proclaimed him king. Christ accepted the title and received their homage, but he was on a different mission than the one which the Jews expected. Luke 19:39-40 Critical Pharisees were enraged by the shouts of praise from the throngs. Christ calmly accepted the popular adoration, so the Pharisees concluded he was claiming to be the messiah, otherwise he would have restrained their praises. They demanded he rebuke his followers for identifying him with the messiah, but he refused. Luke 19:41-44 Seeing the city and knowing its fate, our Lord wept aloud over it. His deep grief was caused by the fact that her citizens had rejected him. In infinite love and compassion he could see the deep distress through which the people would pass when Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans under Titus in 70 A.D. Luke 19:45-46 Christ went to the

temple and immediately set himself to the task of cleansing it of the things which polluted and degraded it.

Luke 19:47-48 Deceitful authorities did their best to carry out their evil purpose to destroy Christ. Escaping their snares, Christ continued to proclaim daily the message which they needed so much. Rejection of Christ brings ruin to individuals, to cities and to nations, and prevents the admission of those individuals who reject him into the family of God and into the heavenly home.

Life and Work Series THE NARROW WAY

Matthew 7:13-14 In these verses Christ was not telling the disciples how to enter the kingdom because they were already in it. He wanted to make it very clear to them it would not be easy for them to enter upon and to travel the road to the fullest and most meaningful life.

On life's highway are two gates. One of these is wide and leads to a broad road along which many are traveling. At first it is attractive and enticing, but it becomes less appealing the longer one travels it. Traveling it does not bring joy, satisfaction or the maximum usefulness in witnessing for Christ.

Our Lord wants us to travel the nar-

row road, but he does not attempt to persuade us it is very easy to live the victorious Christian life. The world continues to persecute and ridicule those who follow Christ closely. If you follow Christ, you will be misunderstood and criticized. It is difficult to travel the narrow road, but it is gloriously rewarding and one rejoices in having done so. Matthew 10:34-39 Christ admonished his followers to recognize there is a real price to pay for devotion to him. Instead of bringing peace, the effect of his coming to the earth frequently was bitterness. Loyalty to Christ frequently separates members of a family from others. But no human tie, regardless of how intimate or precious it may be, is to be permitted to stand between the Christian and his devotion to Christ. Matthew 16:24-27 Christ made it known that discipleship involved three things: 1. Self-denial is a disowning of self and a declaration that self shall not rule. It is the complete setting aside of self-will for full obedience to God's will. 2. Cross-bearing: One cannot be a true disciple and not have a cross any more than he can be a man and not have a shadow. 3. Christ-following: We are to follow him when things go well with us and also when they go ill with us. To follow Christ includes the thinking of his thoughts, the working out of his will and the declaring of his message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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HOPELESS? NO!

"Is my past always going to keep me from having a future?" Although this question sounds as if it might have come from the pen of a wise philosopher, it didn't. Instead it fell from the lips of an anxious, unsure 15-year-old youth.

This struggling youth, unable to cope with family circumstances, began to associate with the wrong crowd and participate in unacceptable activities. The parents have been divorced for several years. The father, an alcoholic, lives with a woman without marriage; the mother lives a promiscuous life; and this youth has spent much of life with a relative.

The surrounding circumstances, so lacking in proper parental control and positive discipline, caused this youth to develop a very low self-image. Having received little parental love and acceptance, negative behavior became a means of receiving attention and/or acceptance. The results were truancy from school, running away, forging checks, experimenting with drugs and sexual involvements.

When Baptist Homes for Children received a request to take this youth into our home, naturally there was a question as to whether or not we could provide the help needed. Knowing we might reject the request, the youth asked one of our workers the probing question, "Is my past always going to keep me from having a future?"

When I learned of this question, I thought about Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the missionary. Think of Saul's past. He hated Christians! Saul's past involved persecuting the church in an effort to stop the spread of Christianity. In Acts, Paul—speaking of his past—said, "I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women." However, because of Christ, Saul's past did not keep him from having a future. In fact, because of Christ, Paul had a great future.

The youth who said, "Is my past always going to keep me from having a future?" is in our care. We are committed to give our best to this youth so there can be a future with hope in Christ.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

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FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT

In Eph. 3:15 Paul mentions "the whole family (of God) in heaven and earth." This is the only place in the New Testament where the church of Jesus Christ is described by the word "family."

I have been thinking about the family in recent days. Families are important. God created the family as the basic unit of society long before our Lord brought his church into being. It is the structure (or institution) upon which the principles of decency, orderliness and character are built.

God intends that the family should be close-knit and God-honoring. Job prayed for his family (1:5). The Philippian jailer believed in the Lord "with all his house" (Acts 16:34). Joshua pledged his family in commitment to the Lord (24:15).

We have many families at Clear Creek. Because we are an adult institution (we do not accept students under 21), most of our students are married and have children. Of necessity, we are deeply involved in ministry to each

member of the family. We have a monthly meeting of our Campus Women's Fellowship which ministers to the wives of our students. We also offer courses for the wives to prepare them for the life of a minister's wife.

Not only our students, but their families, must be dedicated and committed to Christ. They leave beautiful houses, large salaries and an easy life. But at Clear Creek the income is small and our houses and apartments are just adequate. And yet you will find some of the happiest families on the face of the earth here. Recently, I heard that one of our families was down to its last penny. There was literally no food for their next meal. As we surrounded them with our love and took care of their food needs, they were heard to say, "We are all right. The Lord takes care of us." What a beautiful testimony! Please pray for our families at Clear Creek. They are important to God . . . and to us.

TRUSTING, SERVING EVERY DAY

I know I am a sinner.

I know, by faith in Jesus Christ, I will be one day in heaven with Jesus.

The two certainties stated above can be echoed by every born-again Christian.

On two recent chapel mornings (every morning is a chapel morning at Oneida for we worship the Lord daily), George Redding preached. He stirred our hearts and nourished our faith with powerful messages on "Things I Know" and "Life's Certainties."

Not only was there powerful preaching but also powerful singing and praying. Math teacher Barry Wyrick is in his third year of service with us and he has done a splendid job of leading the singing this year. Art teacher Bonnie Turner Hawkins does an excellent job on the piano. This is her eighth year of OBI teaching. Then we are very proud of another fine musician, Jeff Minor, our organist. Jeff was valedictorian of our 1978 class and has returned to teach with a college degree and qualifications in three differing areas.

Four wonderful men of God led us to the Lord in prayer. The prayers of coach Larry Gritton, with us 10 years, often are inspiring sermons themselves. One of our Bible teachers and also work supervisor, Jerry Smith, also led in

prayer. We stood to our feet as he prayed. Mentally we always stand as he leads in prayer for one feels very close to God as he prays. This is his 18th year of faithful service to the Lord at Oneida. We often ask principal Oliver Hawkins, in his eighth year here, to preach. He always has a message to bring. On this morning he prayed. Jim Boswell, my hardworking assistant for nine years who suffered a severe heart attack a year ago, also prayed. His daily life and spirit are prayers of blessing and benediction.

Hymns of praise like "To God Be The Glory" with the sung promise "the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives" and the equally triumphant "Sunshine In My Soul" blessed us with the affirmation: "There is gladness in my soul today, And hope and peace and love For blessings which he gives us now, For joys laid up above."

Then the congregation sang: "Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving, every day; Just one glimpse of him in glory, Will the toils of life repay."

We were able to sing "When We All Get To Heaven" because of a soul-knowledge assurance that "I know my Redeemer liveth, and on the earth again shall stand; I know eternal life he giveth, that grace and power are in his

hand."

How wonderful to go back to the classroom, to the office, to our myriad daily tasks having been refreshed in such a wonderful manner.

Yes, the chapel hour is a part of our daily life. I look forward to it. I think most do. It is seldom that one does not feel a blessing during that time when the Oneida family gathers to hear God's word read and expounded upon, to sing, to pray. The seeds of many a student's salvation has been planted during thousands of such services held since the founding of the school.

After each chapel service, unless there are guests to be shown around, I immediately return to my desk for a visit with many of God's saints who make possible this work. I visit with them in their wonderful letters to us.

A fine Kentucky pastor writes: "Recently several members of our church along with myself visited Oneida for the first time. We certainly came back to our church bearing news of excitement about Oneida. Some of our Sunday school classes mentioned they are sending a gift to you. I pray they did. I know you are busy but I would like for you to come and speak for the 11 a.m. service soon. Last night a lady in our church called saying she had an extra \$500 to give. I asked her to make the check to Oneida. I believe in the work there."

Another dear lady wrote from Richmond, Ky. enclosing \$25: "I was on the bus with the group of adults from First Baptist. It is always a pleasure to tour the grounds and buildings and see all the improvements made since the last visit. You folks give so much of your time, strength and energy. You all have done so much." Thank you dear friend.

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Jonathan Creek signing

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camp and a three-wing single-level dormitory accommodating 125 persons. The conference center building is a dual level glassed-in structure including a 200-seat auditorium and assembly offices on one level, and on another similar space which may readily be partitioned into nine small classrooms. The building is carpeted, heated and air conditioned, making it usable all year long.

One of Jonathan Creek's greatest attractions has traditionally been its popular and picturesque location. Situated astride a finger of water jutting off the west bank of Kentucky Lake's midsection, it commands a breathtaking view in any of the four seasons.

Statistically speaking

During superintendent Gray's 11-year tenure, many changes have taken place in the assembly. He was asked to contrast several areas. Here are some of the statistics:

Known registered decisions since 1972: 617 professions, 1202 rededica-

Criswell predicts SBC to fall out of first place

W. A. Criswell, a Baptist legend who for more than 50 years has preached a literal Bible and an uncompromising 19th century religious fundamentalism, says the Southern Baptist Convention is declining and will be replaced as the major evangelical denomination in the United States.

"I don't think we will ever split. I think we will erode . . . I think we will gradually acquiesce," Criswell said.

"God will raise up somebody else to take our place."

His comments—delivered with dramatic gestures and the deep, sonorous tones familiar to those who have heard him preach—came during a late-night interview at the First Baptist Church of Dallas, which has grown to house the largest Southern Baptist congregation in the world since he became pastor in 1944.

The pastor, who recently preached a sermon saying "infidels" are taking over Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries, sees his church as an exception. But he believes there are irreversible trends indicating that Southern Baptists as a whole are following the path of the United Methodist, Presbyterian and other mainline denominations that have deemphasized soul winning evangelism and have turned inward.

"The death that I see in these old line denominations is coming to our Southern Baptist Convention . . . little by little," he said.

Criswell's views would be disputed by scores of Baptists, who would say any waning of revivalism means Baptists are maturing and now seek a more balanced treatment of winning converts while still nurturing those in their congregations already converted to Christianity. Others would agree with Criswell that straying from evangelism will prove fatal to the SBC.

Criswell hopes Baptists prove him wrong about the slipping evangelical zeal but he is not optimistic. "Sporadic efforts will be made to bring us back to evangelism," he said, adding he believes the current move by inerrantists to dominate the convention is one of those efforts.

Eventually, Baptists will lose out to more evangelical groups," Criswell said. "Give them time . . . give them time."

tions, 60 taking stand against rock music, 81 life commitments to full time ministries

Budget: \$50,565 in 1972; \$146,000 in 1982

Receipts: \$53,280.72 in 1972; \$126,717.45 through third quarter 1982

Retreat fee: \$5 per person in 1972; \$12.50 per person in 1982

Camp fee: \$16 per person in 1972; \$30 per person in 1982

Buildings: Four with four cabins under construction in 1972; in 1982 there were 21, including kitchen-dining hall, dorm, outdoor tabernacle, manager's home (these four there in 1972), plus 13 cabins, maintenance building, conference center, bath house and camp assistant's trailer. In addition, a new swimming pool has been built; painting, repairing and remodeling of practically every building on the grounds has followed and central heat and air is currently being installed in the dormitory

Staff: Manager only full time employe in 1972; in 1982 the staff included a manager, assistant, full time secretary, full time maintenance man, two part time cooks and cleaning personnel, one part time in dining area, and six to eight young people as summer staffers

Gray reported that more than 11,000 persons are presently using the Jonathan Creek facilities in a typical year.

Over the years, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly has projected this motto: "To win the lost, strengthen the faithful and revitalize the unconcerned."

As all Kentucky Baptists assume this operation as their own, the goal established in Jonathan Creek's early heritage may be adopted as their own.

Bob Hastings will lead BSSB writing seminar

The annual Baptist Sunday School Board writers workshop for persons interested in improving writing skills and learning about writing opportunities through board publications will be held July 18-22 in the board's Church Program Training Center, Nashville.

Robert Hastings, editor of Illinois Baptist, will lead sessions on writing clearly, finding and filing resources and getting materials published.

Also, Sunday School Board editors will lead sessions on writing for adults, youth, children and families. Information will be provided on the distinctives of writing devotional materials, articles, curriculum and books.

Requests for additional information or a registration fee of \$50 should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.

Ex-Kentuckian Tom Corts to head Samford, B'ham

Thomas E. Corts, a former Kentuckian, president of Wingate College in North Carolina, has been elected president of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. He will move to Birmingham in mid summer and assume the presidency Sept. 1.

The Samford board of trustees elected Corts Jan. 26 following a search lasting more than a year for a successor to Leslie S. Wright, who will retire at the end of his 25th year as president Aug. 31 to become chancellor.

Corts, 41, has been president of Wingate, a Baptist college in the Charlotte area with an enrolment of 1500 students, since 1974. He engineered Wingate's move from junior college to

senior college status.

Born in Terre Haute, Ind., and reared in Ohio, he is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and holds master's and doctor's degrees from Indiana University.

Corts was director of planning, executive dean and chief operating officer at Georgetown College 1967-73. He was chief executive officer for the Kentucky Higher Education Consortium (a cooperative involving Kentucky's state universities, Kentucky Educational Television and Kentucky Department of Public Instruction) during 1973-74.

Brooks Hays fund honors late Baptist statesman

Accolades for a former Southern Baptist Convention president and member of Congress whose name became a "household word" marked a ceremony at the U. S. Capitol Jan. 26 establishing the Brooks Hays Memorial Fund.

The fund, in memory of the former Arkansas congressman who died in 1981, will benefit five organizations in which Hays took a lively interest: the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the U. S. Capitol Historical Society, Former Members of Congress and Calvary Baptist Church (all of Washington, D. C.) and Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. Hays was a member of both churches.

Hays was defeated for a ninth term in Congress in 1958 after seeking to mediate a dispute between then-governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas and President Dwight D. Eisenhower during the 1957 school desegregation crisis at Little Rock's Central High School.

Reagan 'revolution' not close at hand

by Stan Hastey

At midpoint in his term of office, President Reagan's social revolution is all but dead.

Elected just over two years ago and aided by a new majority in the U. S. Senate and a decidedly more conservative House of Representatives, the president was expected not only to push an economic package through Congress but also to go all out for his social agenda by seeking a ban on abortion, reinstatement of group prayer in public schools and enactment of tuition tax credits.

But while his key economic package of domestic budget cuts accompanied by tax reductions sailed through Congress after intense White House lobbying, the social issues did not move significantly. Congressional insiders consider their chances in the new Congress even worse.

Among the reasons:

—Economic problems have necessarily dominated the president's agenda;

—The strength of the New Right, including the Religious Right, has been vastly overstated;

—Traditionally conservative Republicans, upstaged in Reagan's election by the New Right, are beginning to regain dominance in their party; and

—Politicians of many persuasions are catching on that the people do not want action on any of the "big three" issues of abortion, school prayer and tuition tax credits.

Contrary to the oft-repeated claim of the New Right, Ronald Reagan was elected primarily because he offered a different economic philosophy, not because the American people were ready for a social revolution. Many political observers are convinced Jimmy Carter's campaign was doomed by persistently stubborn economic indicators such as rampant inflation and interest rates, along with the perception the United States had been brought low by

the captivity of the hostages in Iran.

Despite those two overriding reasons for Reagan's election, his most rabid supporters insisted he had been given a mandate to pursue basic social changes.

Knowing of their longstanding devotion and importance to his political career, Reagan repeatedly asked leaders of the New Right such as Richard Viguerie, Paul Weyrich and Howard Phillips to be patient, to give him time to implement his economic revolution before turning to their social issues.

But they are now realizing that just as his predecessor was plagued by intractable economic difficulties, Ronald Reagan too has had to keep fiscal questions front and center, not to mention increasingly urgent foreign policy considerations also long delayed.

Rather than rallying around the man they supported for 20 long years before he captured the presidency, leaders of the movement have turned on him. Indeed a good case can be made that from the very first month of his term, when the carping began, these zealots have been Reagan's worst enemies.

Perkins sponsors proposal to halt food program cuts

A bipartisan group of House members has introduced a resolution opposing budget cuts in federal nutrition programs for fiscal year 1984.

Primary sponsors of the "Preventing Hunger at Home" resolution are Reps. Leon E. Panetta, D-Calif.; Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky.; James M. Jeffords, R-Vt.; George Miller, D-Calif., and Claudine Schneider, R-R.I. It is being pushed by Bread for the World, a non-profit organization that seeks to eliminate hunger.

The resolution expresses the sense of Congress that federal food programs be excluded from budget cuts so that government may respond to citizens suffering from unemployment and high food prices.

There are reports that the president's fiscal year 1984 budget will seek up to \$1.5 billion in child nutrition and food stamp cutbacks on top of the \$12 billion reductions enacted in the 97th Congress, Panetta said at a press conference announcing the introduction of the resolution.

Rogers, Roundtable draw 1500 at anti-porn rally

The Roundtable, a national conservative organization, opened war against pornography on two fronts at a rally in Memphis, Tenn., attracting an overflow crowd of 1500.

The rally was the first of a dozen such meetings planned by the Roundtable to generate letter writing campaigns against pornography at the federal and state levels.

The audience, predominantly lay persons lightly sprinkled with clergy, was encouraged to write President Ronald Reagan urging him to enforce federal obscenity laws and to Tennessee legislators, asking them to enact laws prohibiting pornographic broadcasts on cable television.

The two-hour program opened with Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and banquet chairman, flaying pornography in welcoming remarks and closed with Roundtable leaders asking for almost \$15,000 in a special offering to defray expenses of the rally.

Rogers, who was president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1979-80, focused on what he called the myths of pornography, declaring there is no way anyone with a modicum of sense can say pornography is a victimless crime.

Missionary turned historian

Chester Young finds future in the past in Cumberland College's history department

by Billy Jack Canupp

Hawaiian missionary, historian, teacher, writer and editor, proud Kentuckian, Chester R. Young is indeed a man for all seasons.

A man of slight stature and mild disposition, Young, chairman of Cumberland College's History and Political Science Department, might quietly go about his business if not for two things. First, when he teaches American history, his eyes light and spark with enthusiasm. As the lecture grows so does his excitement until the perceptive student can sense the man truly loves what he is doing.

Secondly, Young's love for history, especially for American and Kentucky history, has combined with his talents for research, writing and editing to bring him several national honors and accolades from his peers in national historical societies. His latest recognition came when he was awarded a certification of commendation for his publication of *Westward Into Kentucky: The Narrative of Daniel Trabue*, published by the University Press of Kentucky.

This award was bestowed by the American Association for State and Local History at its recent meeting in Hartford, Conn. in the nation's most prestigious competition for local history achievement.

Despite such recognition, Young maintains a humble disposition that almost belies his own complexities and accomplishments.

Born and reared in Adair County, Young, the youngest child of Joseph Young, a farmer and livestock dealer, and Gertrude Young, mother and housewife, developed an early love for history.

He explained, "When I was young, two of my sisters and I played school. They gave me assignments in various subjects and I had to complete them, just as if I had been in a real school."

Concerning his vital concern for history, Young explained, "My family moved into the town of Columbia in order for us children to have the opportunity for a better education. It was the deep interest that the people of Columbia had in their own local history and the influence of two high school teachers, Bernice Flowers and Mary L. Lowe, that awakened my interest in history."

Young traveled on to Berea College where he received the BA degree with a history major and English minor. During his undergraduate years, he served a one-year internship as an archivist and civil servant in Washington, D. C.

Then came the event that literally changed his life. He joined the U. S. Army at the height of World War II and was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii as a technician in the Army Signal Corps. He went a soldier but returned a Baptist missionary.

He explains, "While stationed in Hawaii, I felt God's call to the ministry and to missions. I left the army in the fall of 1945 but remained in Hawaii to manage the Baptist Bookstore there

until 1946, when I came back to Kentucky."

After earning a degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chester Young returned to the islands in 1949 to begin a 15-year mission to his beloved Hawaiian islanders.

During his stay in Hawaii, Young was pastor of the Kalihi Baptist Church 14 years, was chairman of the Hawaiian Mission of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board two years, treasurer of the Hawaiian Mission four years, and for three years edited *Hawaii Baptist*, the monthly newspaper of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention.

Young described his love for the Hawaiian people, "The inter-racial character of life in the islands, the love with which the different races work, live and participate in social and church life give them a special feeling. I lived there a total of 18 years and never sensed any underlying racial animosity."

Young returned to the mainland in 1965 and served as research assistant at Vanderbilt University until 1967 when he joined the Cumberland College history department. He earned the PhD from Vanderbilt in 1969 with a major in early American history and a minor in American church history. In 1970 he was promoted to the chairmanship of the History and Political Science Department at Cumberland.

Young's publications, professional memberships and activities at Cumberland College are far too numerous to mention. However, one thing of which he is exceptionally proud is his association with the Cumberland Upsilon-Upsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history. He is the organizer and advisor of this group, which has won the nationwide best chapter award four consecutive years and for five of the last six years.

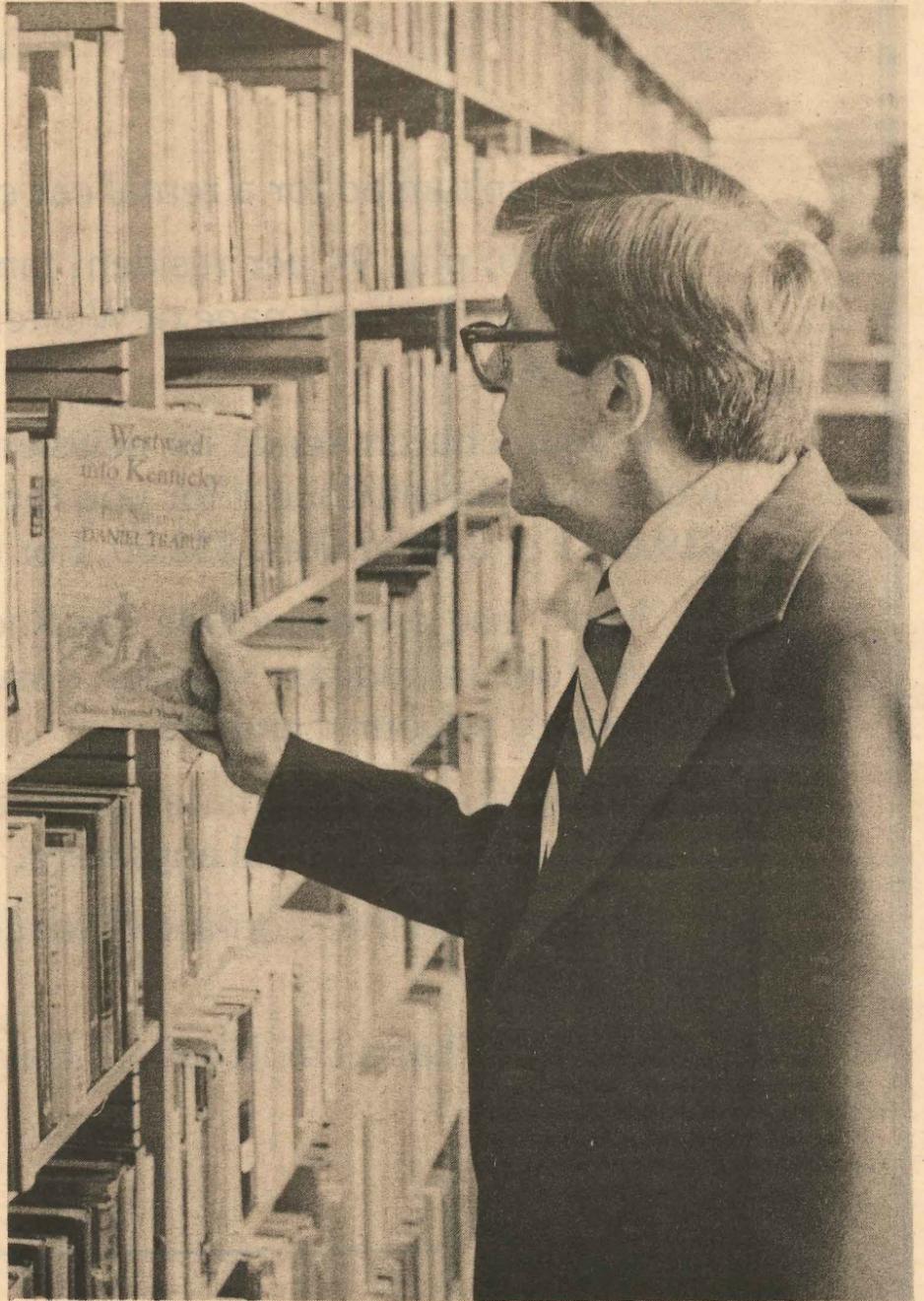
Young's other hobbies and interests include: collecting the imprinted annual minutes of Baptist associations other than those connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, tracing family trees and gathering history about Adair County, including published and manuscript sources.

He was recently commissioned by the Williamsburg First Baptist Church to research and write a history of the church for its 1983 centennial.

He plans to begin a history of Cumberland College in the near future.

Despite his love for the Hawaiian people, Young returned "home" to Kentucky. He describes the distinct and very personal feeling of what it is like to be a Kentuckian, to know what one's history, heritage and culture are, and to feel and live that uniqueness. However, his love for Kentucky and his pride in being a Kentuckian are best illustrated by the following anecdote.

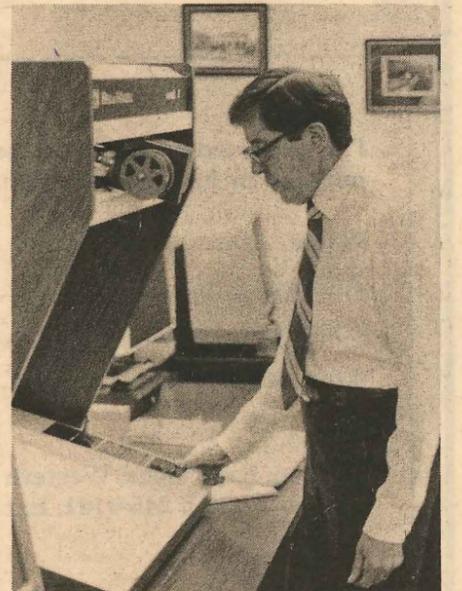
Once, several years ago in an American history class, he became so involved in teaching about the uniqueness of Kentucky and Kentuckians that he ended the lecture by leading the class of 30 or more students in several stanzas of "My Old Kentucky Home."



Chester R. Young, chairman of the History and Political Science Department at Cumberland College, examines [above] a copy of his recently published book, "Westward into Kentucky: The Narrative of Daniel Trabue," in the school library. Young received national honors for the book.

Though not yet the stuff of history books, Young's own pilgrimage is a fascinating story. A native of Kentucky, Young was a 15-year missionary to Hawaii and editor of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention newspaper three years before returning to his home state to join the Cumberland College faculty.

At right, Young studies microfilm. While research takes up much of his time, his first love is revealed in the enthusiasm and the zeal with which he makes Kentucky and American history come alive for his students during classroom lectures.



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