



Building for the 21st century

Harold C. Bennett, far right, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, indicates where the Executive Committee would be housed in a proposed new SBC Building in Nashville. Other agency heads who would have offices in the structure are [l-r]: A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission; Foy Valentine, executive director-treasurer of the Christian Life Commission; Hollis Johnson, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation; Lynn M. May Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Historical Commission; Raymond M. Rigdon, executive director of the Seminary External Education Division; and Arthur Walker, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission.

Lucky 7

New SBC headquarters proposed in Nashville

A \$7.5 million building to house seven entities of the Southern Baptist Convention was approved by the SBC Executive Committee and a plan to finance it will be recommended to messengers to the 1983 SBC in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The building will house the Executive Committee, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Historical Commission, Stewardship Commission and Seminary External Education Division.

If funded, the building will be constructed at Ninth and Commerce in

downtown Nashville on property valued at \$500,000 given by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The new building would be adjacent to the BSSB main building.

Messengers to the 1983 annual meeting will vote on funds to be provided through the 1984-88 capital needs budget for construction.

The budget for the new building calls for \$6 million for construction; \$300,000 in architectural and engineering fees; \$20,000 for consultant fees; \$15,000 for testing and quality control; \$600,000 for furnishing, equipment and moving; \$382,000 for library and archives equipment; and \$250,000 for a building contingency fund.

If the 1983 SBC approves the proposal, construction is expected to begin in October 1983 and take 15 months for completion. A move-in date of Jan. 1, 1985 is projected.

A study determined present facilities are inadequate in office space, conference rooms, assembly rooms and parking, and remodeling of the present facility would cost almost as much as a new building.

"The proposed new building will provide adequate facilities through the turn of the century for the agencies . . .," the report said.

The seven story facility would provide 170,000 square feet of floor space and an additional 59,000 square feet of parking.

Although the action did not mention the present building at 460 James Robertson Pky., a "Document of Title" specified the facility would be "sold at a price and according to terms determined by the Executive Committee." Value is estimated at between \$1.5 million and \$3 million.

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SBC panel scraps plan to push exclusive giving

by Craig Bird, Feature Editor
Baptist Press

A plan to allow churches to "exclude certain causes" and still have their gifts considered Cooperative Program contributions has been scuttled less than a month after being suggested.

In late January a Cooperative Program study committee issued a lengthy recommendation which included: "That Cooperative Program gifts from churches which by church action elect to exclude certain budgeted causes from their undesignated gifts be considered by the Southern Baptist Convention as Cooperative Program funds . . ."

BUT WHEN THE REPORT was presented to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting last week in Nashville, that paragraph was withdrawn.

The vast majority of the study remained unchanged including a proposal to increase giving to Southern Baptist churches to \$20 billion and the SBC Cooperative Program receipts to \$1.25 billion per year by 2000 AD; seek to allocate 75 percent of the Cooperative Program funds to the Foreign and Home Mission boards; and lead each Southern Baptist, each church and each state convention to increase giving to missions.

Joe Ingram, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and a member of the study group, explained the rationale behind the group's decision to delete. "A part of the plan was to present our findings to the state executive directors for their input," he said.

THAT INPUT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY NEGATIVE.

"State executives who have the responsibility for raising the funds which eventually come to the Southern Baptist Convention did not feel this was in the interest of the unity of the Cooperative Program and that in the long run it would be a destructive force in that designations are already the inherent right of every Baptist congregation," Ingram said.

"The Cooperative Program is a budget," Ingram explained. "Designated gifts are designated. Cooperative Program is Cooperative Program—and never the twain shall meet."

There was no effort by any member of the Executive Committee to restore the paragraph. A vote on the entire report was approved on a standing vote. No one remained seated.

THE SIZE OF THE TASK for increasing giving to support Bold Mission Thrust was underlined by Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He noted that since the creation of the Cooperative Program in 1925—through 1982—the national SBC program to underwrite mission and educational activities has received \$1,046,458,689.

"What we are proposing is that, by the year 2000, the Cooperative Program be receiving more money each year

than it has in the first 57 years," he pointed out.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, stressed that the proposals are intended "to be supportive of everything else we are already doing, to fit into everything else we are doing—to provide the fuel for the vehicle (Bold Mission Thrust) we have already constructed."

An inflation factor of six percent was used in forming the projections.

The study report and recommendations will be presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. next June where it will be voted on by messengers from many of the 36,000 churches in the SBC.

Draper sets changes in 1983 procedure for SBC resolutions

Citing the need to "defuse a volatile situation" and avoid "needless controversy," Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. outlined a new resolutions procedure for the 1983 SBC meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The changes were included in Draper's address to the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee which also included a challenge for Southern Baptists to "agree Jesus is Lord" whatever the theological differences might be.

Draper is asking that resolutions be sent to Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, for use by the 1983 resolutions committee chaired by Tal D. Bonham, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

The Resolutions committee will meet in Nashville May 10-11 and again June 11-12 in Pittsburgh just prior to the SBC meeting to discuss resolutions and make research assignments.

Draper also has asked that each SBC agency or institution head and "other interested individuals in leadership positions in the convention" be allowed to meet with the committee before the convention begins.

At the Pittsburgh Civic Arena messengers formally will present their resolutions to a resolutions desk where they will be assembled for the convention's recording secretary who will make sure they are in proper order. The subject and author of suggested resolutions will be announced by the recording secretary and not read by the author of the resolution as in past SBC meetings.

Draper's closing statements to the Executive Committee were a challenge to Baptists to "never be so busy with our own programs, how ever good they might be, that we don't hear the cry of people in churches like yours and mine who are hurting."

"Whatever your theology might be—whether you and I ever agree on something, it doesn't matter to me—just touch people's lives, care about them and tell them Jesus loves them."

The standing room only crowd of 300 gave Draper a standing ovation.



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C. R. Daley

Should Southern Baptists go to Las Vegas?

No: by C. R. Daley
Editor, Western Recorder

Twenty-five years of observing the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has led me to respect this group and expect from it wise and right decisions. That image, however, was sadly tarnished for me Feb. 22 when 32 Executive Committee members voted to recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention meet in Las Vegas, Nev. in 1989. (See p. 8 this issue.) Twenty Executive Committee members voted against this proposal. Among these 20 were two of the three Executive Committee members from Kentucky. They were John Christian and John McCall both of whom spoke and voted against the Las Vegas proposal.

There are valid reasons for going to Las Vegas in 1989 as John Dunaway points out in the adjoining column but there are more reasons for not going.

Consider the image of Las Vegas. Its chief industry is gambling and other immoral entertainment and practically everything there has been built and is slanted toward attracting people for gambling, drinking and lewd entertainment. Several years ago when inquiry was made to Las Vegas officials as to how Southern Baptists could be invited to the city for a convention, the answer was when at least three casinos invited them. This sounds like at that time only high rollers were considered welcome visitors to Las Vegas.

Consider the millions of dollars which would be spent by Southern Baptists in a Las Vegas convention. Most of these dollars would come from Baptist offering plates. It is doubtful if Baptists in the pews want their church offerings which have been dedicated to God to end up in the coffers of those who make a business of debauchery.

Consider the atmosphere of Las Vegas. Convention messengers would be facing and walking around slot machines everywhere they went from the moment of their arrival until their departure. Think of the teenagers and children who usually accompany parents to conventions. Prostitution is also legal in much of Nevada including probably the area of the headquarters hotel for the convention.

What parents want to expose their children or even themselves to the glamorous gambling, the lewd shows and the legalized prostitution of Las Vegas? There are thousands of Southern Baptist families who would not consider Las Vegas for a family vacation. Should a Southern Baptist Convention be held in a place where many responsible families would not dare go?

Consider the respectability which a Southern Baptist Convention could lend to Las Vegas. Our going to Las Vegas surely would give some strength and encouragement to Southern Baptists in Nevada but the promoters of the chief industries of gambling and other evils in the city would get far more mileage from our visit. There is no way Southern Baptists could go to Las Vegas for a convention without its being interpreted as some kind of endorsement of the city. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce could well use Southern Baptists as exhibit one in appeals to other religious bodies to make Las Vegas a convention center of religious denominations.

An evangelistic campaign for Las Vegas is a good idea. Enlistment of help from the personnel and other resources of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, state conventions and individual churches is inappropriate. But let it be an evangelistic project and not a Southern Baptist Convention business meeting which would expose thousands of Baptists to such an abomination and pour millions of dollars into the Las Vegas economy. The fact is Southern Baptist Convention meetings have not made much evangelistic impact where they have been. An all out effort for an evangelistic blitz in New Orleans in 1982 including Billy Graham was not a flaming success.

Talking a good game is one thing. Playing it is another. Let's face it. Far more messengers in New Orleans in 1982 visited Bourbon Street than witnessed to lost individuals. And the story in Las Vegas would be the same. Messengers would return home to tell of the unbelievable sights of sin they saw instead of the sinners they introduced to Jesus Christ in Las Vegas.

The recommendation of Las Vegas for the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention is very questionable. Messengers to the 1983 convention in Pittsburgh should not automatically endorse it but send it back to the Executive Committee with instructions to present a more acceptable site.

Yes: by John T. Dunaway,
Chairman, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin

Can Las Vegas be justified as the site for the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention? I wrestled with this question as hard as I have ever struggled with any in my life. I sat in the work group and listened to the report on the credentials of Las Vegas as a convention city; the abundance of rooms, free parking, medium priced food, a convention center seating 17,000, and plenty of exhibit space, but if that was the only reason for going, then Las Vegas could not be justified.

However, there was something else that determined for me the justification for requesting the Southern Baptist Convention to go to this western city. Ernest Myers, the Nevada executive secretary, said, "We want you to come because it will help the cause of Christ in Nevada." The question to be faced is "What is the purpose of a convention?" Do we meet to conduct business only or is there more to a convention than business sessions? I believe that we meet to conduct the denomination's business, but if this is all, then we only need a day, or a day and a half at the most.

However, conventions involve more than business. They consist of information of mission reports and challenges, inspirational messages, and on occasion either mission or evangelistic rallies. Who of us does not recall the stirring claims of missions laid on us by Baker James Cauthen in days past? So as I listened to Myers, I felt he had a legitimate request.

Have our efforts in the past helped the area where we have been? In 1981, on the way to Los Angeles, preachers and others were invited to preach in mission points in Nevada. The Sunday before the convention nine missions were established. I believe some real good can be accomplished and the cause of Christ advanced if preparation could be made and revival preaching could be done, both before and after the convention in the state. The spiritual need of Nevada cried out in that the population consists of a million souls. Eighty-five percent of these people are not professing Christians. When Myers told me this, I believe the need of the area justified our going to Las Vegas.

Because of the reputation of Las Vegas, I had many questions, basically related to our own image. Our convention president started me thinking when he said, "We must be willing to risk our reputation in order to win people to Christ." I seem to remember Jesus ate with sinners and witnessed to the immoral woman at the well. He took a risk. Ernest Mosley, the Illinois executive secretary, said, "Let us add bold action to Bold Mission Thrust by taking more than 20,000 Baptists into a pagan city to show that Southern Baptists will not withdraw from any part of the world."

I thought of that 85 percent unchurched when the Nevada executive secretary said to me, "It is my dream if Southern Baptists come to Nevada in June of 1989, that during the time at least 50 new missions or churches could be established."

This was a major reason to go to Las Vegas. When this kind of evangelistic thrust is made before the convention to reach the state, what then can we do during the convention to make an impact on the 600,000 inhabitants of Las Vegas and give support to the then 18,000 Southern Baptists? It was suggested that we could have an evangelistic rally, perhaps in the stadium seating 80,000 to reach the city. I saw the potential and wanted to believe that we were catching a glimpse of God's leadership.

It was also stated that Las Vegas contained one of the finest facilities in the world for television broadcasting. We have adopted Bold Mission Thrust action through 1990. During that convention we will be launching a new thrust of Bold Missions to the end of the century. Because of their facilities, we have the potential to communicate through the Baptist Telnet our action, program and passion for souls throughout this nation.

I am reminded too that this time the Executive Committee is leading and not being led in an evangelistic thrust.

Is Las Vegas justified as a Southern Baptist Convention site? As I struggled with the question, while no Troas vision, I seemed to see a man crying, "Come and help us advance Christ's cause before, during, and after the convention and reach the 850,000 unchurched souls."

It just may be that God is giving us an opportunity to advance his cause in a needy area and through my personal struggle, I concluded Las Vegas is justified and we must go.

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A mountain- top multitude: they filled the hall(s) in E'town

To the strains of 'Victory in Jesus' Kentucky Baptists poured out in record numbers last week for their state evangelism conference. Three-hour sessions of nearly nonstop preaching were common. For the most part, the crowd stayed with it till the end. It was 'the best ever,' some agreed.

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer, and James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Old time evangelistic preaching packed with a bold challenge to carry the gospel to the world pervaded 15 messages to a record crowd at the 1983 KBC state evangelism conference last week at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

Frank Crumpler, director of the Specialized Mission Department, Home Mission Board; H. Ray Wood, evangelist from Birmingham, Ala.; Jack Stanton, director, Institute of Evangelism, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.; Roy Fish, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Fred G. Sampson, black pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., headed the "witness to the world" themed program.

The conference, always popular and growing in attendance each year, this time effectually outgrew the Severns Valley church.

Bill Ray, associate pastor, said capacity in the auditorium with chairs in aisles is 1200. On the first night of the conference (Monday) the crowd spilled out of the sanctuary into rows of folding chairs in two foyers. After the Kentucky Baptist Chorale finished a mini concert and vacated the choir loft, it too nearly filled up with conference goers still without a seat. Ray estimated attendance at that session at 1500. He said it was the largest crowd to pack into Severns Valley, the site of numerous meetings including state convention annual meetings, since a contro-

versial recommendation concerning Georgetown College highlighted a convention business session several years ago.

Jay Brown, director of the Evangelism Department, KBC, estimated the number of persons attending one or more of five sessions at 2000. The evangelism conference majors on "motivation and inspiration," Brown said, while 12 area conferences in January and February focus on methodology and awareness. Some of the area conferences were attended better this year than ever before indicating "a growing interest in evangelism" in Kentucky Baptist churches, he said.

Brown characterized the state meeting, his seventh as evangelism director, as a "mountaintop experience."

"All the speakers we had came through and did an excellent job," he opined. Many, he said, told him this was the best conference ever. "I've had folks say that every year, but I think more folks said it this year than ever before."

Crumpler, a North Carolina native with the Home Mission Board since 1973, kicked off the conference by focusing on finding Christ, the "greatest experience."

"We have more than a historical Jesus," Crumpler maintained. "We have an eternal Jesus. We have a Jesus of experience and the greatest thing that could ever happen to a person is to meet him."

Crumpler spoke later in the conference on "enemies of evangelism." He indicted Christians for depending on "human power" rather than "divine power" in evangelism. "You cannot fight today's giants in yesterday's strength," he charged. "You cannot go out in the devotional life you had yesterday."

"Revival is going to begin when we return to the piety and holiness of the Word of God. We're not going to have a revival as Southern Baptists until we get right with God."

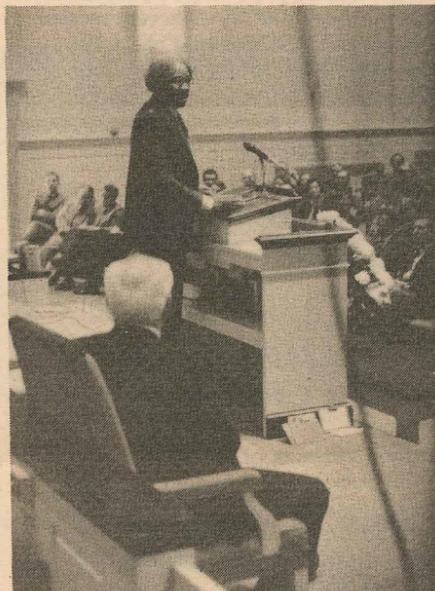
Wood, an Alabamian graduated from Southern Seminary and a former pastor in Campbellsville, identified "the grace of God" as "the only way to get into right standing" with the Deity. He defined grace as "the love of God in action" to seek, save and sustain the lost. He spurned legalism. "The law can no more make you holy than a 10-foot pole can make you 10-foot tall." "You know who measures 10 commandments tall?" he asked. "Jesus."

Later Wood warned the congregation not to "lose Jesus" by failing to "put Jesus first and serve out of the overflow." "If you've lost Jesus, I can tell you who did the leaving. You'll find him if you'll go right back to the point where you lost him."

Stanton, former Home Mission Board staffer who laid most of the groundwork for the lay evangelism schools in 1978, the biggest year ever for baptisms in Southern Baptist churches, said "the call to conversion is the call to bear a witness to the saving grace of Jesus."

"We are to go into the world," Stanton continued, "the academic world, the business world, the scientific world, with all of the Word all of the time." "If people are not being won to Christ, the church is out of business."

Stanton said if the world is to be reached for Christ, lay people must be utilized. "The laity can win a lot more than we can," he told the group of primarily pastors, by their sheer numbers and daily contact with the unsaved. "The layman can speak the language of the lost person."



Fred Sampson [l] speaks to visitors to the 1983 state evangelism conference at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. Near capacity crowds [above] prevailed until the end of the meeting. [Top] Renee Black, member of Severns Valley's instrumental ensemble, helps provide music.

He said most pastors underestimate their church members, but emphasized a need for training. "I'll tell you how to get your people growing spiritually," Stanton exhorted. "Get them out there knocking on doors telling people about Jesus."

Fish, who was a speaker at last year's evangelism conference but was unable to finish due to a sudden illness, charged that many church members and even pastors could be "embarrassed" by two questions: "When was the last time you won someone to Jesus?" and "When was the last time you tried?"

Fish said most Southern Baptists are maintaining "a building-centered evangelism."

"That reflects a terrible theological inadequacy concerning our theology of man," Fish continued. "For us to expect large numbers of lost people to come to our buildings is inexcusable theological naivety. How can we expect lost people to come to our buildings when 50 percent of our church members don't come?"

Fish said, "We do not realize just how lost is the crowd around us. The most pernicious, devastating heresy abroad today is the heresy of universalism. I have trouble with how we can talk about the destiny of the lost and never use the word 'hell.' It ought to put a tear in your eye to talk about hell. It's the most heartbreaking fact of the universe. But it's real."

In another message, Fish asked if God many times sees the church as "bones without breath." "How much death does God see in organized religion today?" he questioned. "We have

activity but not spirituality. It is possible for us to be a community of organized corpses."

Sampson, a popular college lecturer with degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary, Howard University and Columbia, was far and above the most flamboyant speaker. His fervent manner brought repeated cries of "Amen," "that's right, Fred," and "yes sir" from the congregation.

"You didn't just invite me because you thought I was such a great preacher," Sampson kidded with the predominantly white congregation, "but because you wanted to add some color to the program."

Sampson said God calls individuals of different kinds. "He takes that grain and that grain and that grain and that grain and pretty soon God's got a box of salt."

"Anything you do in the house is chores," Sampson proclaimed. "The work is in the field." He beseeched God to "take us out of our pretty buildings, out of our pretty suits, take us off the shelf, turn us upside down and shake us."

"Is the influence of your Christianity going as far as the shadow of your steeple?" he asked.

Russell Newport, a layman from Springfield, Mo., led music for the conference. Glenda Crumpler, Dana Gisler, Ron and Sherri Goodwin, Sandi Anders, the Kentucky Baptist Chorale and the Severns Valley Baptist Church instrumental ensemble provided special music.

The 1984 evangelism conference is scheduled Feb. 27-28, 1984 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

christian education



Guy Futral [l], pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, meets with Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Futral, president of the Kentucky alumni association of the seminary, was one of 22 state representatives attending the annual alumni officers' workshop in New Orleans, Feb. 8-10. The workshop provides an opportunity for alumni officers to meet with seminary administrators and faculty members, observe the progress of New Orleans Seminary and make suggestions concerning future goals of the school.

Hughes joins faculty of Southern Seminary

Robert Hughes, a former Southern Baptist pastor and foreign missionary, has been named assistant professor of mass media at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Ventura, Cal., Hughes is a graduate of California Baptist College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He received the PhD degree from Southern Seminary in 1980.

Hughes, 33, was a mass media consultant in Nigeria while on assignment with the Foreign Mission Board. He also was professor of communications and world religions at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Kentucky and California.

Hughes has written several plays and two novels. He is married to the former Teresia Gail Wallace. They have one daughter, Bronwyn Gabrielle, age 2.

Professional degrees increase at SBTS

Enrolment in professional degree programs at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is up by almost 100 students compared to the same time last year, announced Harold S. Songer, president for academic services.

The total climbed from 1303 in the spring of 1982 to 1398 this year, for a 7.29 percent increase, Songer reported.

Total enrolment in seminary programs is 1909, he said. That figure will continue to increase throughout the spring as students enrol in special courses which will be offered.

The professional programs which received the growth are comprised of masters' level degrees in theology, religious education and church music, with seven academic majors divided among them.

The two biggest increases in the majors were received by the master of divinity/religious education program, which grew 20.49 percent; and the master of religious education degree with specialty in church religious education, which grew 12.20 percent.

Growth in the programs was fueled by increases in entering students,

Songer noted. New students in these programs grew from 91 last year to 145 this year, for an increase of 59.34 percent.

Marilyn Huffman added to Clear Creek faculty

Marilyn Huffman of Florence has assumed duties on the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. Miss Huffman has been named director of student activities and professor of religious education.

A graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., she has been actively involved in denominational work for several years. Under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board she was a missionary journeyman to Kitakyushu, Japan two years. Another two years were spent in the Mission Service Corps of the Home Mission Board as volunteer Baptist Student Union director at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Miss Huffman went to Clear Creek from Kento-Boo Baptist Church, Florence, where she was Christian education director and of which her father, Ralph Huffman, is pastor.

Two at Campbellville to join singing tour

Two Campbellville College students are among a select group of 75 students from across the country who will be touring Europe this summer as the Baptist Festival Singers.

Gerald Chafin of Inez, Ky. and Steve Miley of Englewood, Oh., have been selected. Another Campbellville College student in 1981, Julie Winn of Campbellville, was a previous member.

The singers will be traveling and performing in France, England, Switzerland and Germany. They will present a variety of choral literature from music history. Their first stop will be in Virginia from June 20-25 where they will learn their music.

They go to Germany then and will travel throughout Europe until July 13. They will sing at least once a day every

day of the trip.

The Baptist Festival Singers are under the direction of Bob Burroughs.

Four Kentuckians win Southern Seminary award

Gerald Chafin of Inez, Claude Robert Harrison Jr. of Cadiz, Jacqueline Moore of Mentor and Richard Tabb of Drakesboro have been named winners of the Rice-Judson Scholar Award by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The four Kentuckians are among 21 persons from 10 states to receive the \$500 award. Rice-Judson awards are presented annually to incoming students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, scholarship and commitment to ministry.

Chafin, who will graduate from Campbellville College in May, is the son of Orin and Wanda Chafin of Inez.



Harrison



Miss Moore

Harrison, who will graduate from Western Kentucky University in May, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrison of Cadiz. Miss Moore, who will graduate from Northern Kentucky University in May, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Moore of Mentor. Tabb, a 1982 graduate of Western Kentucky University, is the son of C. W. and Edith Tabb of Drakesboro. All four students plan to enter Southern Seminary this fall.



EBREA [Easter Baptist Religious Education Association] officers met recently in Atlanta to plan the annual meeting of the organization for 1983 to be held at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Officers are [l-r]: Jerry Chiles, president-elect; Mike Harton, president, assistant professor of educational administration, Southern Seminary; Ken Meyers, recording secretary; Bill Simmons, registration secretary/treasurer, minister of education, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington; and seated is Gertrude Tharpe, vice president.

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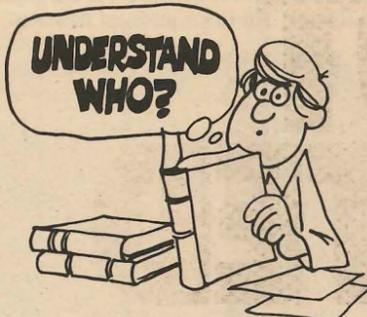
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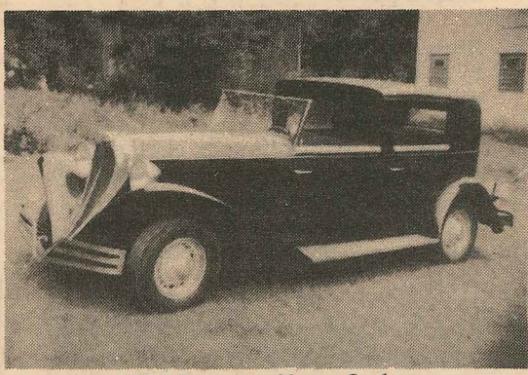
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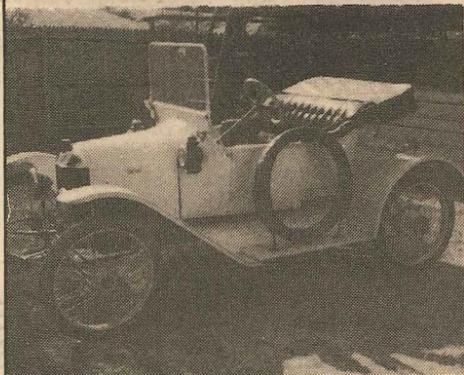
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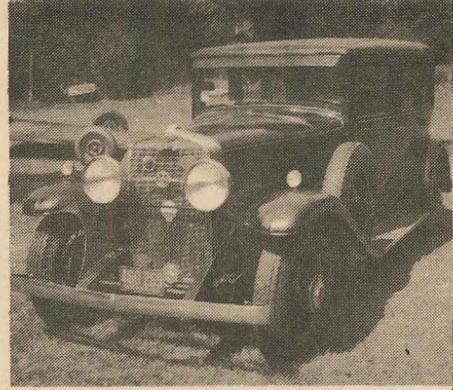
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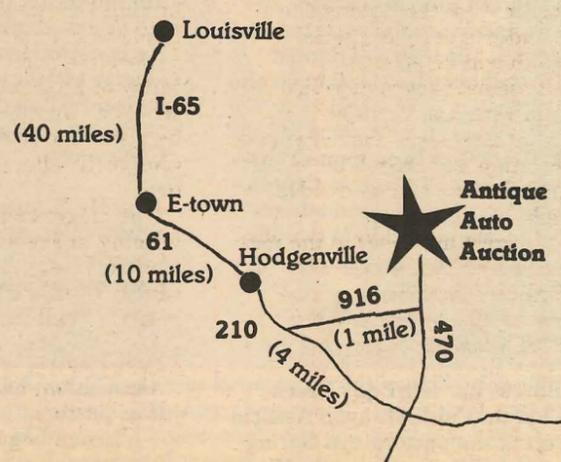
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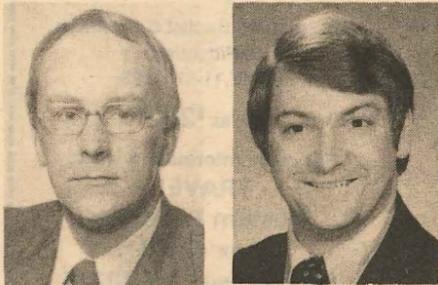
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PERSONNEL



Meadows

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John Meadows is new pastor at Bardwell Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association. He comes to the position from a pastorate in Carlisle, Penn.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Meadows has earned three degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the last the PhD.

In the ministry 29 years, Meadows, 45, has pastored churches in Kentucky, Massachusetts, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

Meadows and his wife Nancy have three children.

George Naylor began Jan. 9 as pastor of Falmouth Baptist Church, Union Association.

Naylor is a native of Oak Ridge, Tenn. and a graduate of Cumberland College and received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1981. He has held pastorates in LaFollette, Tenn. and at Union Baptist Church, Defoe, (Ky.) and was minister of outreach, Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, two years.

His wife is an elementary school teacher in LaGrange. A native of Winchester, she is a graduate of Cumberland College with a master of education from University of Louisville. She taught at Gethsemane Christian School, Louisville, and has been at LaGrange Elementary School, Oldham County, four years.

Bill Messer accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Ashland. He preached his first sermon Jan. 16.

Messer, a native of Barbourville, is a graduate of Cumberland College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was ordained in 1967 by Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg. He has pastored First Baptist Church, Loyall, and Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. He has been chairman of the mission committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has been on the executive board and administrative committee of the state convention.

He is married to the former Sharon Kilgore. They have three children.

Cave Springs Baptist Church, Albany, has called **Jerel Coffey** as pastor.

Coffey, a native of Liberty, is a third year student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He and his wife Carol have one child.

M. Keith Tingle has been named pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and held the pastorate of Dry Run Baptist Church, Georgetown, three years.

His wife Kathy is a student at Georgetown College.

Gary Childress has left Eddy Creek Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, to accept the pastorate at Spring Bayou Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association. Childress was at

Eddy Creek five years. He and his wife Patsy have five children.

Ronnie Sivells is interim pastor at Eddy Creek. He is a full time evangelist, a former pastor of East Cadiz Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Ronald D. Miller is mission pastor at Big Clifty Baptist Mission. The mission was begun Jan. 2 as a new work sponsored by Clarkson Baptist Church, Grayson Association.

Miller is from Mammoth Cave. He is employed by General Electric, Louisville, and is a part time student at Boyce Bible School.

Larry Noe, who has been interim pastor at Harrods Fork Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, began in January as pastor of Grace Union Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Providence Baptist Church, Simpson Association, has called **Steve Curtis** as interim pastor.

Bruce Brown has been called as pastor by Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Simpson Association.

Greenview Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called **Greg Long** as minister of music. A native of Clinton, Miss., Long is a student at Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

Alan Todd recently became part time director of student work at Madisonville Community College. The Madisonville Baptist Student Union is planning a number of activities this semester.

Todd is a graduate of Campbellsville College and is pastor of Slaughters Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Sandra Charles is new secretary at Pike Association of Southern Baptists. She and her husband, William 'Ricky' Charles, are members of Meta Baptist Church and have two children.

Charles Davis has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Grayson. He leaves Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, to accept the call.

Davis and his wife Linda have three daughters, Krista, Vangy and Aimee.

Truce Treon and **Bobby Bailey**, both members of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, recently surrendered to preach. Treon is a junior at Cumberland College. Bailey is a senior at Rockcastle County High School. A third member of the church preparing for the ministry, **Larry Harmon**, attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Robert H. Long has accepted a call as pastor at First Baptist Church, Clinton, West Kentucky Association. He will begin the pastorate Mar. 6.

Long is a native of Graves County. He is a graduate of Murray State University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He leaves a pastorate at Bogue Chitto, Miss. to accept the Clinton call.

John H. Weaver began duties Jan. 24 as associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Morehead. A student at Morehead State University, Weaver is married to Donna Diane Weaver.

First Baptist Church, Augusta, Bracken Association, has called **Roy W. Machen II** as pastor.

Machen began pastoral duties Jan. 31. A resident of Augusta, Machen is principal of Augusta Independent

Schools.

Machen holds the ThB and ThM from Clarksville (Tenn.) School of Theology, the BS from Morehead State University, the MEd from Xavier University and Rank I in administration from Morehead State. He has held previous pastorate in Ohio and eastern Kentucky.

CONGREGATIONS

Friendship Baptist Church, Irvine, Boone's Creek Association, observed "pastor appreciation week" Jan. 23-30. The congregation honored pastor **James F. Smith** with cards, letters and gifts including dinner and a \$100 gift certificate. Smith is in his seventh year at Friendship.

Hurstbourne Baptist Church, 8800 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, will dedicate a 1220-seat sanctuary Mar. 6-9. Construction began last June.

The formal dedication and open house will be Sunday, Mar. 6 at 3 p.m. The following days will include services led by **Jimmy Allen**, president of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission; **Wayne Dehoney**, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; **Carolyn Weatherford**, director, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; and **William Tanner**, president, Home Mission Board.

According to pastor **T. L. McSwain** Allen will speak Sunday afternoon, Dehoney Monday, Miss Weatherford Tuesday and Tanner Wednesday.

Hurstbourne began in 1966 as a mission of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The youth group of **Union [Ky.] Baptist Church** recently read 16 books of the Bible in an all night Bible read-a-thon. The group plans to read the entire Bible in subsequent read-a-thons this year.

Tapes of the read-a-thons are being made to use in shut-in ministries.

Youth leaders are **Roy F. Widener** and **Wanda Widener**. **David S. Carter** is pastor.

Central Baptist Church, Ashland, celebrated its 50th anniversary Jan. 30. The church was organized Jan. 30, 1933 by the late **V. B. Castleberry**.

An educational annex was built in 1963 and has been remodeled and im-

proved.

The service included a note burning. In the last five months Central has more than doubled its Cooperative Program giving. **John P. Weaver** is pastor.

Green Baptist Church, Florence, celebrated its 20th anniversary Jan. 9. Former pastor **William Hodge** preached.

Ira McMillen Jr. is current pastor at Greenview. The church is in Northern Kentucky Association.

ORDINATIONS

First Baptist Church, Morehead, recently ordained four deacons. They are **Dan Lindsey, Tim Back, Bob Hayes** and **James Martin**.

Steven M. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spencer, Hawesville, was ordained to the ministry Jan. 30 by Hawesville Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

Spencer, a Southern Seminary student scheduled to graduate in May, is married to **Rita Mayle Spencer**.

Spottsville Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, ordained **Donald A. Kloke** and **Thomas K. Septer** as deacons Jan. 30.

R. G. Shelton, executive director, Green Valley Association, pastor **John Gilbert** and Spottsville deacons participated.

Tim Turnham was ordained to the ministry Feb. 13 at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.

MISSIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cobb, missionaries to Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 6, Chantaburi, Thailand 22000). He is a native of South Carolina. The former **Fannie Morris**, she grew up in Kentucky in Versailles and Sadieville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. McElrath, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Jl. Jamuju 17, Bandung, Indonesia). He is a native of Murray.



The church choir of First Baptist Church, Stanford, rejoices as **Betsy Smith** [l. at pulpit], music director of the church, receives recognition for the accomplishment of the merit award and the advanced award for helping the church to attain the music ministry standard. With her at the pulpit is chairman of deacons **Harold Upton**. This is the first church in Kentucky to receive this recognition from the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The couple was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

The youth and handbell choirs of Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, are making plans to participate in the Kentucky-Ohio Baptist partnership by aiding in a crusade sponsored by Eastland Baptist Church, Bryan, Oh., July 18-24.

The Kentucky group, about 50 strong, will provide the core for the crusade choir, will give presentations alone and will aid in surveying and leading Bible studies.

Jack Smith, a former Kentuckian now pastor at Eastland Baptist, is organizing the community crusade in the Bryan High School football stadium.

Last summer Second Baptist youth took a mission trip to Knoxville where they sang, rang handbells and led backyard Bible clubs for World's Fair visitors.

Hopkinsville Second has a resident membership of 1600. John R. Christian is pastor, Bob Lawrence is minister of education and Jack Gordon is minister of music.

DEATHS

Roy E. Boatwright of Louisville, retired director of the state Sunday School Department, reports the deaths of a

brother-in-law and a brother.

The brother-in-law, Jim Schaffer, 57, died Feb. 4 in Manhattan, Ks., and was buried Feb. 7.

The brother, Gerald Edward Boatwright, 68, died Feb. 5 in Kansas City. He was buried in Kansas City Feb. 8.

R. M. "Andy" Address, 71, died Jan. 31 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Address was well known to Kentucky Baptists in the 1940s and 50s when he lived in Covington and worked with Royal Ambassador programs.

He was founder and director of the Gospel Team, a group of teenage boys which produced at least two Kentucky pastors, the late Bob Brown, Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, and Morton Oliver, Silver Grove Baptist Church.

Address was a native of Pennsylvania, retiring in 1976 to Lexington. He is survived by his mother and two brothers in Pennsylvania.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the memorial fund of Trinity Baptist Church, 1675 Strader Dr., Lexington, KY 40505.

Samuel L. Branham, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 5.

The son of a Baptist minister, Branham pastored churches in Kentucky and West Virginia 50 years, the last a five-year pastorate at Amity Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Associa-

tion, from which he retired in 1975.

A native of Shelbyville, Branham was associational missionary in Henry County from 1949-53. He is survived by his wife, Betty, two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Donald L. Williams, 49, a member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty 22 years, died Feb. 21 in Louisville following a three-year bout with cancer.

Funeral services were held Feb. 24 at Alumni Chapel on the Southern Seminary campus. Burial was at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville.

Williams was a native of Ft. Smith, Ark. He was a graduate of Baylor and Southern Methodist universities. He received the BD from Southern Seminary in 1958 and the PhD from Duke University in 1961. He was associate professor of Old Testament interpretation at the seminary until this semester.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williams, Ft. Smith, Ark. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to J. Graham Brown Regional Cancer Center or to charity.



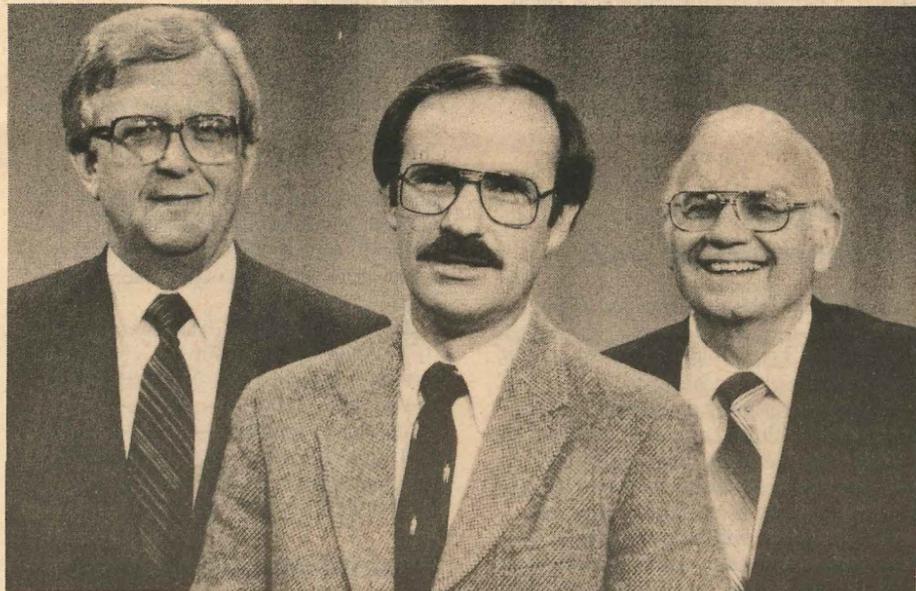
Evelyn Dyke Barr, 66, died Feb. 3 in Laurel, Md. after a long illness. A registered nurse, Mrs. Barr was the wife of Winn T. Barr, pastor nine years of Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church and before that First Baptist Church, London; First Baptist Church, Hazard; First Baptist Church, Inez; and First Baptist Church, Allen. He survives and is currently pastor at Long Green Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Also surviving are three daughters, Laura Yoder of Memphis, Tenn., Lois Henderson of Laurel, Md. and Martha Rowland of Randallstown, Md., and one son, Charles Barr, Monrovia, Cal.

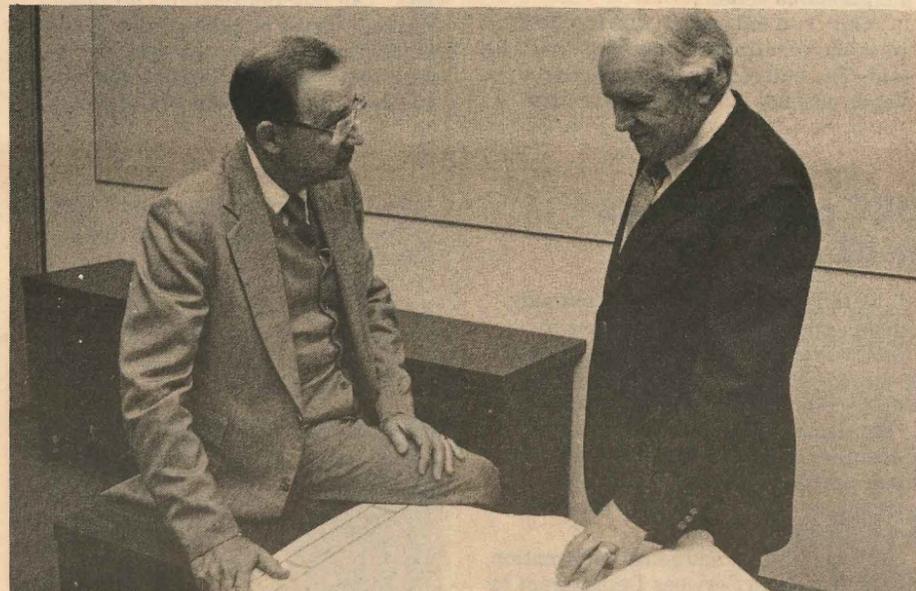
Funeral services were held Feb. 5 in Towson, Md. with burial in Clarksboro, N. J.

In honor of Mrs. Barr's deep interest in missions, the Cynthiana church collected a freewill offering designated for medical mission use by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

**Home Missions
Week of Prayer
March 6-13, 1983**



Gerard Howell [c], pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro, met recently with the national alumni advisory council of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. As Kentucky's representative, he met with seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt and national alumni president James C. Cammack, pastor of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C.



Rowland Crowder [l], retiring secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Architecture Department, goes over local church building plans with Fred Halbrooks, state church building consultant for Kentucky. Crowder retired Feb. 28, after more than 30 years of service with the board.



Baptist Sunday School Board trustee Bill R. Tichenor [r], pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, visited briefly with Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elder at a reception following Elder's election as the seventh president of the board. Tichenor's term of service as a trustee ends this year.



Grand Ole Opry comedian Jerry Clower was honored for his contributions to the Radio and Television Commission's "Country Crossroads" radio show and named the agency's ambassador at large at a luncheon during the trustees' January meeting in Ft. Worth. With Clower are Jimmy R. Allen [l], RTVC president, and LaVerne Butler, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

baptist news in brief

Las Vegas touted as 1989 SBC meeting site

by Dan Martin, News Editor
Baptist Press

In a divided action, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has voted to recommend Las Vegas as the site for the 1989 annual meeting.

The committee, in a 32-20 vote, will recommend to the 1983 SBC in Pittsburgh that the convention go to Las Vegas for the 1989 annual meeting. The decision came after 45 minutes of discussion which featured the pleas of four state convention executive secretaries that the convention go to the Nevada city.

The discussion also centered on the function and purpose of the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant denomination and ended in a request that the convention arrangements workgroup study site guidelines, including considering whether the convention's main purpose is business or Christian witness.

W. LeRay Fowler, of Houston, chairman of the convention arrangements workgroup, presented the proposal that the convention meet in Las Vegas, noting the decision to recommend the site to the Executive Committee came only after a long discussion and was not a unanimous action.

"Only two cities available for 1989 meet the criteria for a meeting site," he said. The cities, he added, are Las Vegas and Los Angeles. Convention

adopted guidelines specify that a convention center have space to seat at least 16,000 persons, adequate exhibit space and 6500 hotel rooms within walking distance of the meeting hall.

Fowler commented the recommendation was presented in the context of Bold Mission Thrust (the denomination's plan to evangelize every person in the world by 2000 A.D.) and "for the reason that we could go out there (Las Vegas) to advance the cause of Christ."

Ernest B. Myers, executive secretary of the Nevada Baptist Convention, told committee members he "would like to have the convention in Las Vegas because we believe the SBC can help the cause of Christ in Nevada."

Myers admitted "there is gaming in Las Vegas and we don't like that. Yet there is a need to witness the love of Jesus Christ in Las Vegas. We hope you will decide to bring the convention to Las Vegas and not be ashamed to do it."

In addition to Myers, executive secretaries Ernest Moseley of Illinois, Jack Johnson of Arizona and Dan Stringer of Florida all urged the selection of Las Vegas.

Moseley said perhaps Southern Baptists "can add Bold Action" to Bold Mission Thrust by taking more than 20,000 Baptists "into a pagan city to show that Southern Baptists will not withdraw from any part of the world."

Johnson, who noted Baptists saw "sin" in New Orleans, where the 1982 annual meeting was held, said "Las Vegas is not really as bad, to me, as New Orleans. Do not turn your back on Las Vegas because you think it has a wicked, sinister atmosphere."

Stringer, who worked on the staff of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention when Las Vegas was part of the ASBC, told committee members he believes having the SBC meet in the city "would be a good witness in a place of shattering need."

John McCall, from Louisville, raised the issue of whether the purpose of the convention is business or witness. "I believe witness is incidental, although a very important incidental. We have the convention to conduct the business of the convention," he said.

"I have a very serious problem of going to Las Vegas. We ought to have a Southern Baptist witness in Las Vegas but we should find some other way to do it. I do not think it appropriate for the convention to meet there," he said.

Rodney Landes, from El Dorado, Ark., said he opposes the action as "a father and a Christian. I have chosen not to go to Las Vegas (on many occasions). I cannot compromise that decision. I feel this is a grave mistake. Our leaders are getting too far ahead of the flock. Perhaps if the convention meets there it will all be chiefs and no

Indians."

John Sullivan, of Shreveport, La., and first vice president of the SBC, commented that "surely the SBC can stand the test of going to Las Vegas" and not be contaminated by it.

John Christian, of Hopkinsville, Ky., urged "keeping the primary purpose" of the convention in mind, and commented that as far as having a witnessing impact "we didn't have the greatest effect on New Orleans."

Doug Watterson of Shelby, N. C., made reference to a scriptural promise that the "gates of Hell will not prevail against Christians," and said from a "military viewpoint, the best troops are put where the fires are the hottest. If the approbation of 'Sin City' is appropriate for Las Vegas, then that is the place for us to go.

"I favor going because it is the worst place we could go," he said.

After the debate, Executive Committee chairman John Dunaway of Corbin, Ky., took a standing vote and announced the recommendation of Las Vegas carried 32-20.

Moments later committee members voted without dissenting vote to recommend that the 1990 convention site be New Orleans.

The 1983 convention will be in Pittsburgh. Other sites are Kansas City, Mo., 1984; Dallas, 1985; Atlanta, 1986; St. Louis, 1987; and San Antonio, 1988.

SBC programs gain in all areas in 1982

An all time high enrolment for Sunday school and a 7.5 percent increase in Church Training enrolment led the way in across-the-board gains in Southern Baptist Convention programs for 1982.

Baptisms, which were projected in December to be just under the 400,000 mark, instead recorded a gain of 1.5 percent, or 5946 to 411,554. The 1981 baptisms totaled 405,608.

Release of final statistical information by the Research Services Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board shows gains for all 10 of the reporting areas traditionally checked to gauge ministry efforts of the denomination.

This year's final total for Sunday school enrolment in Southern Baptist churches, 7,678,604, is the highest in history for the Bible study program, topping the previous high of 7,671,165 recorded in 1964. The Church Training gain represents an increase of more than 135,000, bringing the total to 1,949,348.

The number of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention went up 0.6 percent to a new total of 36,301, a gain of 223 over 1981.

Membership in the denomination increased during 1982 by 1.5 percent, or 208,672, which pushed the total to 13,998,252. Southern Baptists, the largest Protestant denomination in the U. S., likely will surpass the 14 million mark during 1983.

Total receipts for the convention were more than \$3 billion for the first time, reaching \$3.1 billion, which is a 12 percent, or \$334.8 million, increase over 1981. Mission expenditures increased by more than 10 percent to almost \$500 million.

Woman's Missionary Union enrolment showed a gain of 3.1 percent, or 34,805, to almost 1.15 million.

Enrolment for Brotherhood increased by 3.3 percent, or 16,742, to reach 529,642.

Church music enrolment increased by 2.8 percent, or 43,782, in 1982 to reach a new high of 1.63 million. Church music has not had a decline in enrolment since 1965.



His pay is people

Missionary surgeon John Tarpley traded prestige and big money in the United States for water shortages and exhausting patient loads in Nigeria, but he has no complaints. "I get paid in different currency," he claims—healed patients, grateful parents of recovered children, the fulfillment of training young Nigerian doctors.

BSSB goes to bat for those out of work

A short term jobs program has been announced under the sponsorship of the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide aid for unemployed persons.

Grady C. Cothen, president, said the program was initiated out of concern for people with families faced by bleak prospects for sufficient food and shelter because of long term unemployment.

The program will be available to unemployed persons in the Nashville area and in cities where the board's 65 book stores and two conference centers are located.

All persons are being hired for a maximum of four weeks at a salary slightly above the minimum wage. Cothen said he expects approximately 150 persons to be hired into the jobs program, with the cost of the program not to exceed \$100,000.

Tennessee Baptists file suit against IRS

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes and the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention have filed suit in federal court contesting penalties levied by Internal Revenue Service against TBCH for its refusal to file Information Form 990.

The suit which was filed Feb. 16 in United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, Cookeville Division, will seek to recover \$17,675.12 paid by Children's Homes in penalties and interest in what was termed "unlawful assessments."

The TBCH and the TBC executive board contend the Children's Homes are not required under Internal Revenue Act of 1976 to file Information Form 990 and to file such forms would "result in an excessive entanglement of

government in the function of the church which is violative of the U. S. Constitution, including the establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment."

The IRS Act of 1976 was interpreted by IRS regulations to mean certain religious organizations, such as Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, were not "integrated auxiliaries" of churches and conventions of churches and therefore are subject to government inquiries and possible taxation.

\$5 million suit brought by mission volunteer

A \$5 million damage suit has been filed against the Southern Baptist Convention by an Austin, Tex. man who claims he was beaten by Turkish immigrants in Augsburg, West German while serving with the Foreign Mission Board.

Nassar Lotfi, identified by the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram as a former colonel in the Iranian Air Force and a naturalized U. S. citizen, filed his suit in the U. S. District Court in Ft. Worth.

Lotfi, and his wife, Marion, went to West Germany in January 1982 for a two-year volunteer term, according to the FMB. Their assignment was to minister to Turkish immigrants in the Augsburg area, working alongside Southern Baptist career missionaries and in cooperation with the German Baptist Union.

The suits says on Mar. 27, 1982 he was "set upon" by a group of men and "beaten into unconsciousness." The beating, it says, resulted in injuries to his back and spine as well as a "traumatic neurosis . . ."

The lawsuit claims the defendant (the SBC) "did not disclose" the work could be "hazardous to the plaintiff's personal safety."

"We (the SBC) will make an appropriate legal response."



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LESSONS FOR MAR. 6, 1983

International Series
AN EXPECTANT POWER

Acts 1:4-5 Christ commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and await the arrival of the Holy Spirit whom God the Father had promised. Christ was unwilling for them to undertake the task of worldwide evangelization until they were endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:6-8 Christ told the disciples that knowing the times or the seasons was not the consideration of present or paramount importance, since those matters were entirely with God, but that they were to be faithful witnesses for him.

Christ said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." A witness is one who has seen, heard, experienced, or known something, and who is willing to tell what he knows. A witness for Christ is one who tells another what he knows about the Savior with a view to winning him to a saving knowledge of Christ and to influencing him to conform to the will of the Lord. Christian witnessing is of two kinds—that of the lips and that of the life. The life speaks even when the lips are silent.

Acts 1:9 It was a thrilling and awe-inspiring sight for the disciples to behold their Lord gradually ascending against the law of gravity until he was enveloped in a cloud and disappeared from their sight. What took place after Christ disappeared from human vision it did not please God to reveal.

Acts 1:10-11 As the disciples gazed intently into heaven, God graciously sent two messengers to stand by them and to inform them Christ would return in the same personal, visible, and glorious manner in which he took his departure from them. They were com-

forted with the assurance Christ would come back as literally as he had taken his departure to go into heaven.
Acts 1:12-14 Eleven apostles, certain women—including the mother of Jesus, our Lord's half-brothers and enough others to total 120—met in the upper room in Jerusalem and gave themselves with the same mind or spirit to prayer and supplication, presumably praying for their personal safety and future usefulness in the service of their Lord whom they loved devotedly.

The tendency of the carnal nature is always to give another as good as he sends. However, by God's grace and with his love in their hearts, Christians can and will love their enemies. While the natural and easy thing for us to do is to love those who love us and to dislike those who do not care for us, such conduct does not surpass the standards which the publicans maintained. Loving only those who love us is doing nothing more than any unsaved person would do.

Our Lord wants us to love our enemies in such a way that even the most casual observers will recognize we are the children of God. Love for enemies is one of the evidences that a person is a child of God. Furthermore, such love will bring a reward to all of those who exercise it.

Life and Work Series
RELATING TO OTHERS

Matthew 5:21-22 After a passing reference to the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," Christ traced the sin of murder to its root. He made the person who thinks murderous thoughts or possesses murderous wrath as guilty as the

one who commits a murderous deed. He taught that an angry hatred in the heart is the root of all murder. Anger not only causes one to harm others, but it also has a very injurious effect upon one's own life.

Being angry means having a desire to do another a personal injury. Calling another "Raca," which is an expression of contempt, implying he has a mental deficiency, indicates a desire to injure his reputation. To say to another, "Thou fool," which is an expression of condemnation implying he has a moral deficiency, indicates a desire to injure his character.

Matthew 5:27-29 Adultery, which denotes an illicit sexual relation involving one married person and another who is not his spouse, is a sin against God, a sin against another, a sin against the family and a sin against

self. Christ pointed out that the lustful look and desire constitute the sin of adultery as certainly as does the overt act. He dealt with the inward attitude which results in the sinful action. He taught that one can overcome temptation and live the victorious life by the proper control of the mind and the will.
Matthew 5:38-44 In ancient times revenge was practiced and considered to be right. To refuse to take vengeance upon one's enemies was regarded not only as cowardly but also as a moral weakness. Whereas the Mosaic Law sanctioned "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," Christ taught the rightfulness and necessity of forgiveness. He taught his followers to love their enemies. While in excruciating pain on the cross, Christ prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."



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RUNNING WITHOUT TIDINGS

My son and I trained a homing pigeon to carry a message from his school room to his home in a carrier capsule. The project demanded that he write the note at school, release it with the homing pigeon, and bring the same note back to school the next morning.

We had the trained homing pigeon, but he had never been taught to wear the harness necessary for the carrier capsule. Before risking the project, we flew the bird short hops in the newly purchased harness, bearing the empty capsule. Thus, the homing pigeon flew with the message container but without any message.

There is an Old Testament example of this in the person of a man named Ahimaaz, a message bearer, according to the custom of keeping kings and warfare leaders in touch with each other during battles. Without going into the lengthy ins and outs of the story, which

you may read in 2 Samuel, let it suffice to observe that Ahimaaz ran, ran rapidly, and was the first to arrive into the presence of the King but he had no tidings to bear.

There are many modern examples of this. And sometimes I wonder whether or not I am a good example, or, I should say, bad example. It is such a busy world. We run from place to place in the madness of this day's traffic and activities. How purposefully do we run and fly? Do our lives bear a worthy message in their running?

Jesus gave the Great Commission: "Go . . . make disciples . . . teach them to observe . . ." Actually, the word go appears in participial form, which rather assumes that we will be going, and admonishes us as we go to bear the message of the Gospel, and make disciples. Let us not run without tidings or fly without a message. Our friends behold our running. Do they get the message, or is it the capsule empty?

Meet Cumberland College Student



Scarlet Webb

When you first see petite Cumberland College student Scarlet Dawn Webb, you have the impression that this angelic-looking young lady is not old enough to be a college sophomore.

However, even a brief conversation reveals a driving force, determination, and strength of character that is rare in one so young. Overlying this inner strength is a vivacious, bubbling personality that aids her in dealing with the struggles of student life.

Scarlet is talented, being a member of the internationally known Cumberland College Chorale and Chamber Choir. Appropriately, she is majoring in music (voice).

Scarlet says, "I first chose Cumberland College because it was close to home. I'm a Christian and I feel comfortable in the personal, Christian atmosphere at Cumberland College. If I were at a larger, impersonal school where the people weren't friendly like here at Cumberland, I wouldn't be comfortable."

"When you walk across campus, it's nice to recognize the people you see instead of just seeing faces in a crowd."

Scarlet shares her talents and love with young children. She belongs to a small Baptist church in her hometown of Jellico, TN where she works with the children's choir and is a Sunday School teacher for grades 3 and 4.

Scarlet's Christian commitment has been strengthened at Cumberland College. "Before I came to Cumberland College I had a Christian commitment, but I was not as aware of it as I am now. I now realize that it's an everyday Christianity and that when I wake up, God and Jesus are with me. I am drawn closer to the Lord because of that."

We are proud of Scarlet and our many other students like her. We feel she exemplifies the type of true Christian education that we offer to all who come to us.

Dr. Taylor

Please send me more information about how I can help a deserving student like Scarlet.

Name _____

Address _____

[Clip and mail to Dr. Jim Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky. 40769.]



oneida journal

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HELL-FER-SARTIN

The story of Oneida Baptist Institute is a continuing story. Each day is a page of the story, each year a chapter.

Before the end of this calendar year, we plan to publish a book by Darrell C. Richardson titled *Mountain Rising*. It will be a hardbound volume published by our own Oneida Mountaineer Press. This book is the first biography ever written about Oneida's founder, James Anderson Burns.

A pictorial history of Oneida's early years, published little more than a year ago, titled *Dawn Comes To The Mountains*, has already sold nearly 3000 copies. We hope to have a second edition printed in the coming year.

As I wrote in the preface of this already published book: "This is the story of our ancestors. They passed this way before us. They saw the dawn come to these mountains of the Cum-

berlands. They, too, watched the mists rise from the waters of Red Bird, Goose Creek, Little and Big Bullskin Creeks, all mingling to make the South Fork of the Kentucky River. They made the way for us. The mud ruts in the valleys and up the hollows were the foundation for our blacktopped roads. Many of the houses they built still stand, the logs of rough-sawed boards covered with weatherboarding or aluminum siding.

"But human nature remains the same. In the houses today, as in yesterday, there is joy and laughter, sorrow and tears, love and hate. The seasons come and go, morning and night, the sun and the moon, birth and school and marriage and death (Looking at their pictures) one is attracted by their eyes. The lines of their faces bespeak work and sorrow; their eyes and bashful smiles mirror tragedy and triumph.

"Part of the tragedy, part of the triumph was James Anderson Burns. He

was nearly 35 when he laid the cornerstone of his school, our school, in 1899. He actively advanced his life's passion, the Christian training of boys and girls, for 35 more years until October 1934 when he resigned as president. He lived in Anderson Hall, which still stands today, for 11 more years, an invalid who watched from his window the boys and girls about their work and play and study. There he died on Sept. 12, 1945, and he is buried with more than 300 other former Oneida staff, trustees, students and benefactors overlooking the campus."

Nearly 50 years have gone by since Burns gave active direction to the school. Taking up the work, "others have lived and loved and labored till their tasks were done." A remarkably dedicated staff carries the work forward today. In the early decades of the school, Oneida served the children who lived within a day's journey by horse or muleback or by wagon from Manchester, Booneville, Hyden, Buckhorn or Burning Springs and places in between. Boys and girls yearning for a wider world found it at Oneida. Homegoings found them eagerly going from our dorms to see "Maw" and "Paw" on Rocky Branch, Wildcat, Chicken Branch, Hoot Owl Hollow, in the Flatwoods, on Crane Creek, the Potter Branch, Bear Creek, Whoopflarea, Pole

Cat Hollow, the Rattlesnake Branch, Hell-fer-Sartin and scores of other places dear because they were 'home.'

"Roads have vastly improved and yesteryear's daylong journey, made with difficulty, now takes 25 minutes in a comfortable car. Transportation has advanced from the mule to the jet airplane. Oneida is still serving children a day's journey from Guatemala and Ethiopia, Israel and Japan, Germany and England as well as the nearby creeks and hollows.

But to continue with a summation of Oneida's history, when Mr. Burns was no longer able to carry on, Charles Goins (uncle of Bert Combs, Governor 1959-63), a teacher and worker in the school since 1915, became president and carried on in the throes of the Great Depression. In 1936, on the opening of school, Goins wrote: "The past summer has brought to us the greatest clamor for places in school of any year since the Depression began. What a responsibility! We are made to fear and tremble, to hope and pray. Our imagination of Peter's feeling as he walked upon the water often comes to us. Shall we be able to do it, or shall we sink? The Lord told Peter to talk. If that command is behind us, we shall survive."

And survive we did. Next week I will continue "The Oneida Story" during the critical years of World War 2.

CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE TODAY

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ACCREDITATION, BAPTIST COLLEGES, AND CRITICISM

Occasionally some Christian schools or colleges decline to be accredited by the recognized bodies such as The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which is our regional accreditation agency. This is not an arm of govern-

ment but is a body of other colleges assisting a sister institution in maintaining a total institutional program that will stand complete scrutiny among its peers. We welcome this kind of evaluation and peer review.

The first step in such evaluation is re-examination of the college statement of purpose. Following that, estimates are

made of how well the college achieves what it says it plans to do. This is as it should be. We are free to state our purposes without interference from anyone. We are then evaluated on how well we achieve these stated purposes.

At Campbellville our purposes are summarized in the Bylaws of the trustees as follows:

" . . . Campbellville College shall be an institution of Christian higher education committed to optimum integration of faith, learning, and living. The College shall be affiliated with, operate under the auspices of, and be consistent with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The college programs shall be based upon the liberal arts, but shall

not be limited thereto. The college shall seek to be: Christ-Centered in its purposes, Church-Connected in its relationships, Community-Connected in its emphasis, with Coordinated Curricula in its educational program."

In this day when many are faulting our Baptist colleges it would be in order for every Kentucky Baptist to examine personally where all of our Kentucky Baptist colleges stand in terms of the tenets of our biblical faith, our relations to the churches and the KBC, and the quality of our educational programing.

I think that you will be pleased with what you find. Please continue to pray for us as we serve God, our churches, and our young people.



clear creek comments

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BURDEN-LIFTERS

When I think of Taylor D. Hooker, I think of Aaron and Hur. They were the valiant men who stood by Moses' side during a terrible battle with the Amalekites (Ex. 17). You may remember that when Moses held up his hands Israel prevailed in the battle. However, when Moses' hands were lowered, Amalek began to win. Aaron and Hur stepped in, one on each side of Moses, and held up his hands, thus assuring victory.

Throughout my life I have encountered many people like Aaron and Hur who I designate as "burden-lifters." One such person is T. D. Hooker. Since July 1982 he has served as assistant to the president for public relations.

He is a native of Chatsworth, Ga., and a 1967 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School. He has also received his

BA from Cumberland College and his MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Patricia, and he have three daughters, Jeanine and Diane, married and living in Lake City, Tenn., and Carol, who attends Belmont College.

He has pastored in Georgia, Tennessee and Texas for more than 20 years. His ministry has also included hospital chaplaincy and counseling. He is a gifted administrator and a 'people-centered' person.

His ministry at Clear Creek has already, in this short space of time, proven to be a benefit and a blessing to all of us. He assists in alumni affairs, news articles and publicity, the radio and printing ministry and many other areas relating to the various groups and constituencies which support our ministry here.

His is a helping ministry at Clear Creek. His heart of compassion and genuine concern for God's men who prepare for God's work here make him loved and respected by all who know him. May the Lord make you a lifter of burdens for many years to come, our beloved brother and helper in the Lord!

homes for children

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A STITCH IN TIME

"A stitch in time saves nine" is an old proverb which presents a timeless truth. It is a terse way of reminding us that procrastination is costly and that a little repair done early will save having to do a major repair job later.

More than 100 years ago a group of women whose hearts were full of love for children skillfully and artfully made "stitches in time." Because of the great need for money to operate the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home, only about 10 years old, these caring women sponsored a patchwork quilt, representing the entire General Association of Baptists (the Kentucky Baptist Convention of that day). Associations, churches, Sunday school classes and individuals made the 81 one-foot square pieces, costing a minimum of \$18 each. Then in 1882, the colorful squares were sent to Louisville and put together in a beautiful and significant quilt. It took not one but thousand of stitches to make the dream of a few women become a reality. The effort raised \$5000 for the Baptist Orphans Home, now Spring Meadows Children's Home, an astronomical figure for that day.

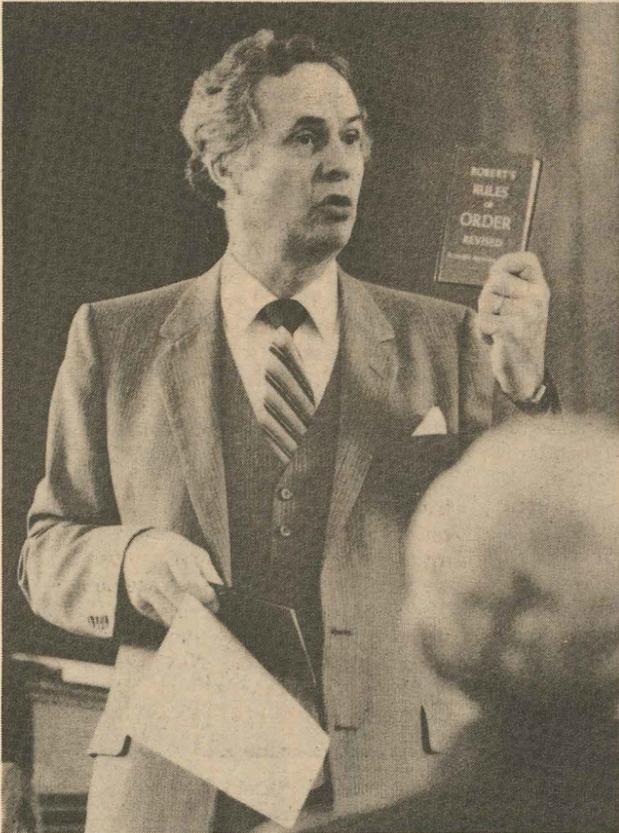
Those stitches in time (100 years ago) helped save a children's home that is still ministering to children and is the oldest, continuously operated children's home in the Southern Baptist Convention. The beautiful quilt still gives inspiration and challenge to Baptists to rise to the occasion in our day and keep on making stitches that will save the day and life for children.

Our lovely friendship quilt is presently on display (until Mar. 31) at the Museum of History and Science, Louisville. The display is in cooperation with the Kentucky Quilt Project 1800-1900, Inc. The quilt is one of 44 such quilts in the exhibit, all made before 1900 A.D.

In 1976 our Women's Advisory Board sponsored a second quilt, known as the Centennial Quilt. It, too, is made of 81 squares provided by associations and churches. Each group provided \$500 for a square to be placed in this quilt. So nearly 100 years later these stitches provided \$40,500 placed in a scholarship fund.

Remember, our main business is to provide a "stitch in time" in the lives of youth, saving the necessity of many other stitches later.





ORDERLY DISCUSSION—Boyce Bible School director David Q. Byrd teaches students such practical things as how to moderate a church business meeting.



VERSATILE GROUP—Many Boyce Bible School students will minister by themselves in small churches so they learn to do something of everything. That includes developing skills in directing congregational music.

Boyce's dream lives on

by Marv Knox

Back in 1856, Baptist leader James P. Boyce shared his dream of a "Baptist theological school . . . offering to every man such opportunities of theological study as he is prepared for and desires."

That dream was partially fulfilled just three years later when Boyce joined three others in founding Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

But a broader aspect of his dream—of a school also offering training for "men with less general education"—was not fulfilled until 1974 when Southern opened Boyce Bible School on the seminary's Louisville campus.

"Boyce Bible School was established for men and women who had not been in positions to gain formal education," says David Q. Byrd, Boyce director.

"There is a tremendous number of electricians, coal miners, farmers, factory workers and others in the Southern Baptist Convention who feel called to minister and who don't see any way to get an education," he adds.

"We provide a general ministerial education with primary emphasis on learning the Bible, which is what they want. Our curriculum couples classroom training with experience in various fields to help our students become well rounded ministers."

If demand is any indicator, the school has been a booming success. Besides the Louisville facility there are 14 other centers and branches.

They are located in Covington-Newport and Ashland, Ky.; Columbus and Cleveland, Oh.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Little Rock, Ark.; Springfield, Carbondale, Granite City and Champaign, Ill.; Newport News and Williamsburg, Va.; Charleston-St. Albans, W. Va.; and Syracuse, N. Y.

Because many Boyce students are middle-aged people with full time jobs and families to support, it is impossible for all of them to move to Louisville, Byrd relates.

But the centers have allowed Boyce to come to them. Last year, 450 students participated in off-campus Boyce programs and most of the facilities

were only in their first terms or not yet open.

The Boyce program has been able to "utilize massive talent" which otherwise would not have been directed toward training ministers, claims Harold Songer, seminary vice president for academic services.

For example, directors of the off-campus branches and centers are experienced ministers, such as directors of missions and state convention staff members. Faculty members in all facilities are retired or practicing ministers with years of practical experience as well as solid training.

Among such teachers is Bill Kaufman, a former pastor and home missionary and the new Brotherhood director for Kentucky Baptists.

His goal has been to provide students with "a practical approach" to ministry

in his pastoral care and counseling classes.

Eugene Enlow, pastor of Louisville's Beechmont Baptist Church, voted to approve the beginning of Boyce while he was a seminary trustee from Oklahoma. Now he teaches Old Testament at the Louisville campus.

His students "come from a secular experience and are very pragmatic." Consequently, he tries to make his lessons "fit for the firing line" so they can be applied to ministry situations.

Verlin C. Kruschwitz, a pastor for 41 years before he became assistant director of Boyce, has enjoyed his service with the school because "it is an opportunity to help shape the ministries of men and women who are anxious to learn and to find out how someone else has actually done ministry."

And students say they appreciate the

opportunity to learn from experienced ministers.

Roy Lillpop sees his professors as "God-given men who really go all out to equip us."

At 43, he's a veteran of the Louisville Fire Department who wants to "teach and preach evangelism and equip lay-people."

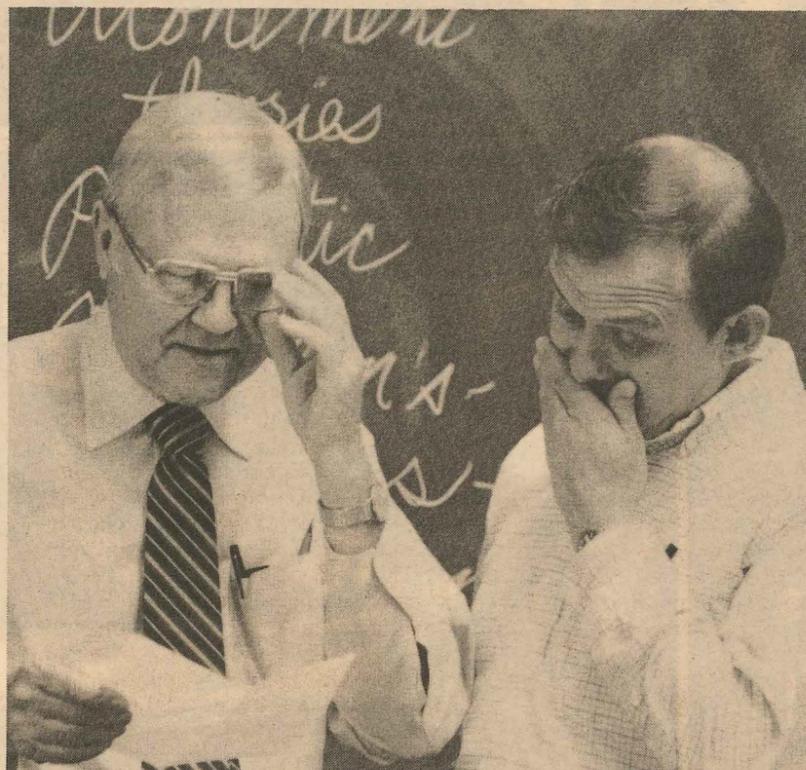
Robert Huff, 57, is a retired Army major and former banker who received a "call to do something for the Lord" two years ago.

With limited church background and Bible knowledge, he "needed a good education in a short period of time." His pastor suggested Boyce and he enrolled in 1981.

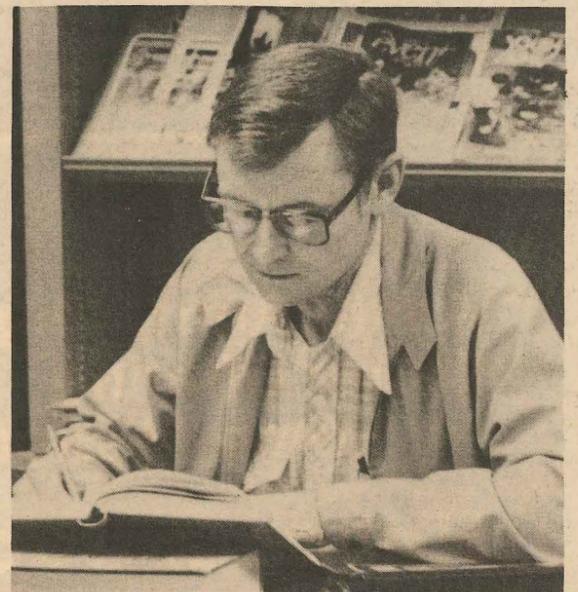
After graduation, he plans to be involved in pastoral ministry in some way, perhaps in a church or through missions.

Right now he's "grateful for the pastoral background of every professor; it's woven into all that they teach."

Adds Lillpop: "My training at Boyce has lived up to everything I expected, and even more."



ONE-ON-ONE—A major component in the educational program of Boyce is close contact between faculty and students. Theology professor Harold Purdy examined a paper with student Stan Logan of Jacksonville, Fla.



RESOURCE TRAINING—Boyce students such as Ronald Paul Smith of Gilman City, Mo. learn an array of skills such as how to find the right training materials to help them minister to people.



God's Challenge for Our Land

**Week of Prayer for Home Missions
March 6-13, 1983**

1. In Chaplaincy Ministries

Maurice Graham, chaplain at St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, visits one of his patients. Graham is one of approximately 2,000 chaplains endorsed by the Home Mission Board. Chaplains minister to people in the military, in hospitals, in institutions, and in industry.
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Chaplaincy Ministries: \$164,000

with cults and witness to people of other religious faiths.
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Interfaith Witness: \$288,000

4. In Christian Social Ministries

Rachel Hernandez, who attends the Baptist Center in El Paso, Texas, is one of thousands whose lives are touched by Christian social ministries.
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Christian Social Ministries: \$2,450,000

2. In Church Extension Ministries

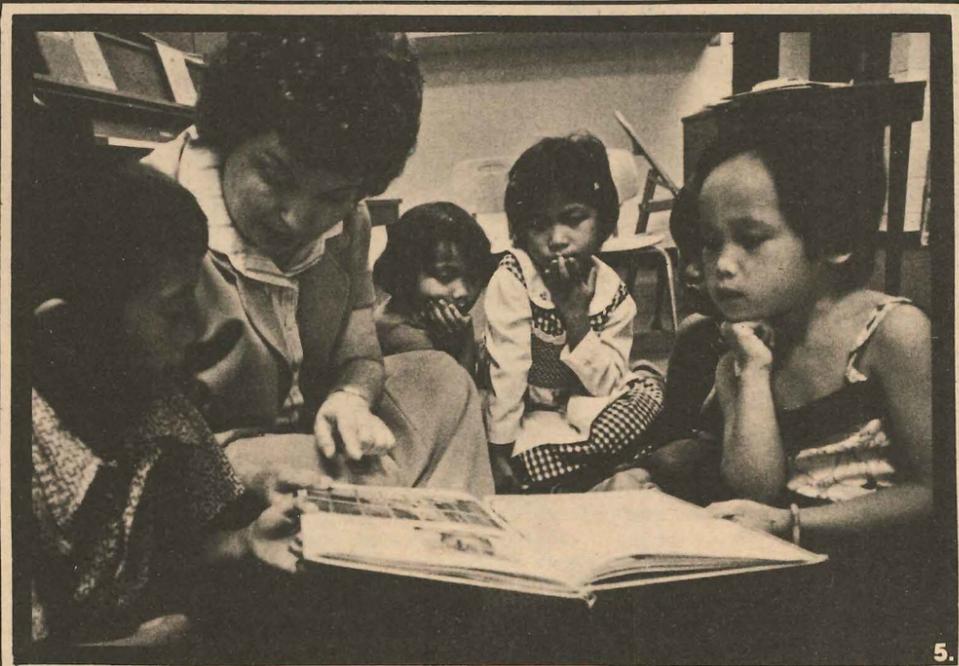
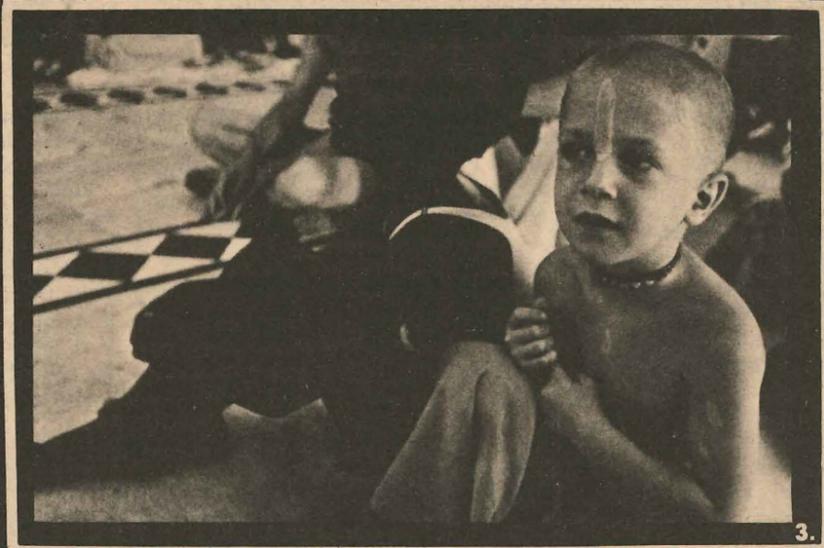
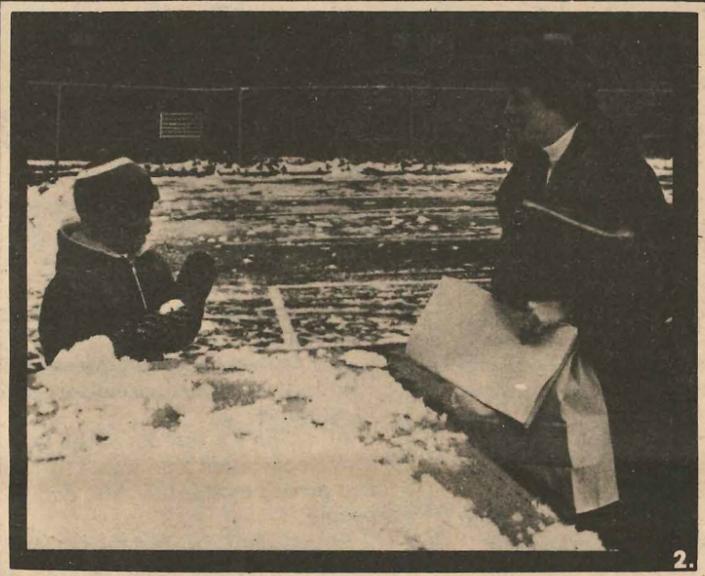
For Bonnie McAllister, church extension missionary in Worcester, Massachusetts, making personal contacts is the heart of her job.
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Church Extension Ministries: \$3,450,000

5. In Language Missions

Jane Poole teaches Laotian children about Jesus at First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. But how to reach all 270 language and ethnic groups who live in the United States with God's love is one of the greatest challenges Southern Baptists face.
Annie Armstrong Offering Allocation for Language Missions: \$5,300,000

3. In Interfaith Witness

How to reach people in growing cults like these Hare Krishnas is a growing concern among Southern Baptists. The Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department helps Southern Baptists know how to deal



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**National Goal:
\$25,000,000**