



A pastor's pastor

Green Valley's Shelton retires after dozen years

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Don't tell me goodbye. Just give me an excuse to come back."

R. G. Shelton almost tearfully concluded his response to accolades signifying his retirement as executive director in Green Valley Baptist Association.

The tributes came Mar. 21 during the association's semiannual session, meeting with First Baptist Church, Henderson.

Shelton officially retired Feb. 18 from the position he had held for a dozen years. He has been serving on an interim basis since that time, although he expects to retire in Eddyville as soon as a new missionary is on the field.

His plans to retire at Eddyville prompted several references to the state penitentiary located there.

David Overman, chairman of the association's advisory committee, who presided over that portion of the program honoring Shelton, said: "You need to clarify your going to Eddyville, R. G. He's not going as a guest of the state, but has built his own home down there."

Overman, pastor of Bellfield Baptist Church, said Shelton has been "a pastor to the pastors."

In a later interview, he assured that Shelton was loved by "pastors and laymen alike" in the association's 27 churches.

Moderator Bob C. Hardison, pastor of First Church, Sebree, signified that Shelton has been a support to churches and ministers "in times of celebration and struggle."

"He's the glue that has held our association together," said Hardison. "We have an outstanding fellowship partly attributed to R. G. Shelton's leadership and comradeship. It's warmer here than any place I've been."

J. V. Case, Shelton's neighboring missionary in Daviess-McLean Association, said Shelton "has been a good neighbor and friend and he always carried you (the people of Green Valley) in his heart, and he wouldn't be worth



Warm smile

R. G. Shelton greets well wishers in a reception line following the semiannual meeting of Green Valley Baptist Association last week. Shelton retired as the association's executive director Feb. 28.

two cents if it weren't for his wife!"

Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, brought greetings on behalf of Baptists across the state.

He cited the local association as getting "where it is" in Baptist life, and said he wished to pay tribute to the associational missionary for his part in helping in all Baptist work. Summing up his remarks, he turned to Shelton and declared, "In my opinion you're a pretty good minister of Jesus Christ."

During the ceremonial tributes, Shelton's brother, Hicks, and sister, Reba, and son, Tom, and other family members were recognized.

Helen Shelton, R. G.'s wife, was presented two floral arrangements and a devotional book. Shelton was given a desk set, a book of letters and a check in the amount of \$2440 received from donations in the association's churches and from other individuals.

A reception honoring the Shelton family was held immediately following the associational meeting.

Earlier, D. T. Fulkerson Jr., pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, preached the annual message. His topic was, "Is Christ the Answer?"

Hardison was reelected moderator of the association, to serve through the 1983-84 year.

Shelton is a member of a well known Baptist family in Kentucky. His father was a highly respected pastor in west Kentucky for many years. His brother, T. Hicks, served several Kentucky Baptist congregations as pastor before becoming director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention from which he retired several years ago. A son, Tom, has been pastor of several Kentucky churches but is now following in his father's steps having been recently elected as director of missions for Ohio County Baptist Association.

A choice bill

Long Run ministers influence Senate rider

by Larry Chesser

An amendment giving ministers and churches the option of treating clergy as employes for Social Security purposes has been added to the Senate's version of the \$165.3 billion package to keep the retirement system solvent.

Sponsored by Sen. Walter D. Huddleston, D-Ky., the amendment is identical to a House bill introduced by Rep. Berkley Bedell, D-Iowa, too late to be considered as part of the Social Security reform plan passed earlier by the House. Under the Huddleston amendment both the church and minister would have to elect to treat the minister as an employe for Social Security purposes.

Huddleston, who introduced the rider after a group of ministers from Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, called the issue to his attention, cited

inconsistencies in current laws which require ministers to participate in Social Security as self employed persons while treating them as employes of churches for income tax purposes.

The Kentucky Democrat called his amendment both purposeful and compromising, saying, "it restores a balance to the method by which we tax these respected members of our community, while allowing those churches and clergy members with particular objection to this change to simply opt against implementing it."

Joining as cosponsors of the amendment were Senators John C. Danforth, R-Mo., Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., Wendell H. Ford, D-Ky., and Claiborne Pell, D-R. I.

Currently, ministers and other self employed participants in Social Security pay 75 percent of the combined employer-employee tax rate. Under the Social Security reform package passed by the House as well as the one being considered by the Senate, self employed participants would be required to pay the full employer-employee rate. Both the House and Senate versions would partially offset that 33 percent hike by providing tax credits against Social Security taxes, though the Senate bill would call for larger credits.

In another area affecting ministers the Senate bill also differs from the House-passed package by maintaining the current tax law on employer contributions to certain non-profit pension plans such as those administered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. The House bill would change the law to make employer contributions to these retirement plans subject to Social Security taxes.

Differences between the House and Senate versions of the Social Security rescue plans will be worked out in conference after the Senate completes work on its bill.

Editorial

President Draper continues a healing ministry

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Southern Baptist president Jimmy Draper continued his ministry of healing and harmony among Southern Baptists in a visit to Kentucky last week. Draper was the featured speaker at a one-day evangelism conference sponsored by Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield Mar. 22.

That Draper gave a day out of an extremely busy schedule for this activity is a testimony to his willingness to serve Southern Baptists everywhere possible. That he made such a strong plea for Southern Baptists who disagree at some points to join hands and hearts in their God-given world missions is convincing testimony to the fact that he is wholly dedicated to a healing ministry.

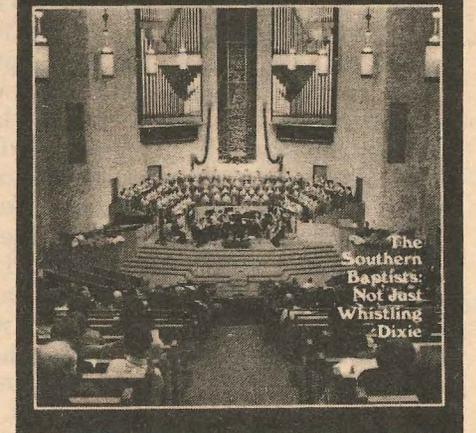
His afternoon message on the revolutionary nature of the movement Jesus started was a masterpiece. His description of how Jesus molded a mighty force out of such a diverse group of disciples gave all his hearers hope for what Christ can do with Southern Baptists today with all their diversity.

As I listened I found myself praying that every messenger to the convention in Pittsburgh in June could feel what my heart was feeling. It was a soul searching experience in which I resolved to try to use my ministry as Western Recorder editor as sincerely as Draper is using his office for healing among all Southern Baptists.

From all appearances Southern Baptists under Draper's leadership have the best opportunity in recent years to recover a feeling of mutual acceptance and a spirit of unity. Let us not lose such an opportunity.

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Founders' Day Address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Part 2 of 3 parts

Kentucky Baptist leadership serves the seminary in adversary role

The leaders of Southern Seminary in its early years in Kentucky were deeply involved with Kentucky Baptist churches. Dr. Broadus was pastor of Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church near Versailles and recommended Dr. John R. Sampey to the congregation when Sampey joined the seminary faculty. Altogether Sampey served Forks of Elkhorn Church three different times as pastor and once was pastor of three Kentucky Baptist congregations at the same time. He preached two Sundays a month at Forks of Elkhorn, two Sundays at Glen's Creek and on two Sunday afternoons a month at Millville near Frankfort.

Sampey was ordained by Forks of Elkhorn with Boyce preaching the ordination sermon. A Kentucky Baptist pastor, W. M. Pratt, questioned young Sampey for more than an hour. When Pratt was chided at lunch time by one of the ladies of the church for being so hard on their young pastor, he replied, "Oh, I wasn't uneasy about the young preacher; I just wanted to get at Boyce, to see what he had been teaching the young fellows."

Though known for his brilliant career as teacher, administrator and writer, Sampey had a great love for the pastorate and a passion for souls. "Fishing for men is the greatest privilege I ever enjoyed," said he. And on another occasion he said, "I am persuaded that my experience as a pastor made my teaching in the seminary more practical and vital."

Another Kentucky Baptist congregation helped prepare E. Y. Mullins for his brilliant seminary career. Mullins served Harrodsburg Baptist Church as pastor on his way to the seminary presidency by way of Lee Street Church in Baltimore, the Foreign Mission Board and First Baptist Church, Newton Centre, Mass.

The same kind of involvement of presidents Sampey and Mullins with Kentucky Baptist churches could be cited for president Ellis Fuller and Campbellsville Baptist Church, president Duke McCall and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville and president Roy Lee Honeycutt and First Baptist Church, Princeton.

Regretably, however, the relationships between the seminary and Kentucky Baptists have not all been ideally warm and cordial. Nor could they have been expected to be so.

With the move of the seminary to Louisville two different strands of Baptist tradition confronted one another. To use the helpful insights of Dr. Walter Shurden, the Baptists who crossed the mountains into Kentucky in the late 1700's were mostly of the Sandy Creek, N. C. tradition. They were warm hearted and zealous with little appreciation for formal training. The extreme Calvinism of some of these made them anti-education and antimissionaries. Formal ministerial education was regarded as interfering with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. There were significant exceptions to this thinking, however, as demonstrated in the early founding of Baptist schools in Kentucky to train pastors.

The Charleston, S. C. tradition represented by

the seminary with its emphasis upon intellectual and theological preparation of preachers was bound to elicit reaction from early grass roots Baptists in Kentucky.

Likewise Landmarkism found some of its strongest expression in Kentucky. Some seminary teachers gave mild lip service to this almost universally held view among Kentucky Baptists but some seminary teachers withstood it throughout their lives.

The result was a sort of adversary role of Kentucky Baptist denominational leadership toward the seminary. This came to its sharpest and saddest expression in the Whitsitt controversy which raged violently for at least three years and climaxed in the resignation of president Whitsitt in 1899.

As a church historian Whitsitt spent three months in 1890 in research study in England. He reached some rather radical conclusions as a result of his study. Among these were the belief that Roger Williams was probably baptized by sprinkling instead of immersion and that immersion among early English Baptists was "invented" in 1641 by Edward Barber. His conclusions were shared with the faculty and students in the opening address of the 1890-91 session. His views were also published anonymously soon after his return in a pedobaptist journal in New York and later in Johnson's Universal Cyclopedia.

Whitsitt's views as they became known disturbed Baptists all over the South and especially in Kentucky where Landmarkism was very strong. T. T. Eaton, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, to which most of the seminary teachers belonged, was also editor of Western Recorder and a trustee of the seminary.

Eaton took Whitsitt on and never let up until Whitsitt resigned. Eaton is generally credited with forcing Whitsitt's resignation but he had a lot of help from inside and outside Kentucky. The second strongest Whitsitt critic was B. H. Carroll, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., also a seminary trustee and later the founder of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. All the state Baptist papers joined Eaton and Western Recorder in denouncing Whitsitt's views and demanding his resignation except the Religious Herald in Virginia and The Baptist Courier in South Carolina and maybe another one or two offering limited support to Whitsitt.

At the height of the controversy as many as 25 district associations in Kentucky passed resolutions opposing Whitsitt and in 1898 the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky resolved "that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary shall not be allowed to make any report nor present any appeals of any sort whatever to this body as long as Dr. Whitsitt shall be in any manner connected with the institution."

From the beginning of the controversy Whitsitt was defended by his colleagues and especially by A. T. Robertson, John R. Sampey and W. O. Carver. At the 1896 meeting of Long Run

Association in Louisville in which Whitsitt was under attack, Dr. Sampey braved the boos of the messengers and spoke for more than an hour in defense of Whitsitt. His defense was so ferocious that he was constrained to come back to the association the next day to shake hands with the moderator and to say four things:

(1) "I do not believe I will ever inflict a speech on Long Run Association as long as the one I dumped on you yesterday."

(2) "I do not believe I will make any such wild gestures and jump over the pulpit as I did yesterday."

(3) "I do not believe I will ever get half as mad as I did yesterday."

(4) "I hope, in the goodness of God, nobody will ever stir me up to get as mad as I was yesterday."

Also in 1896 the full faculty unanimously approved a statement defending president Whitsitt. The seminary trustees followed in 1897 with a resolution pleading for freedom of research and trust in the trustees to handle the situation satisfactorily and president Whitsitt presented a statement to the trustees expressing regret for the articles he had written on baptism but also expressing determination to stick to his positions until they were proven wrong.

When the resolution of the trustees and Whitsitt's statement were presented to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1897 in Wilmington, N. C., Whitsitt received a standing ovation from the messengers. Things were looking up for Whitsitt and Dr. Robertson wrote Dr. Sampey who was in the Holy Land at the time saying, "We have victory and shall have peace by degrees. Eaton is talking much privately and publicly, but we are keeping silent."

But Whitsitt's opponents would have no part in dropping in issue. B. H. Carroll offered a successful resolution in the 1898 Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Norfolk, Va., looking to severance of the seminary from the convention.

This just about finished Whitsitt and his supporters. Dr. Robertson and his other supporters concluded Whitsitt had to go. He resigned July 13, 1898 effective at the end of the academic year. His resignations as president and as teacher of church history were voted on separately. No count was reported on the vote on his resignation as president but the vote on his resignation as professor of church history was 22 for and 20 against accepting the resignation.

It is interesting to speculate on how much T. T. Eaton's personal ambitions had to do with his opposition to Whitsitt. Eaton was a brilliant man and might have had reason to expect to be invited to join the seminary faculty. Dr. Sampey in his memoirs reports an interesting remark by Dr. Broadus while the two were taking a walk one afternoon about a year before Dr. Broadus' death. Dr. Broadus said to Sampey, "My pastor would like to succeed me as president of the seminary, but it would be a mistake." His pastor, of course, was Dr. Eaton.

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Chain link

All things work together

This April three Kentucky pastors will complete another step in a mission adventure that began more than 12 years ago.

In 1971, when the youngest of the three pastors (Bill Clement) was 11 years old and living in Ecuador, an elderly Kentucky lady wrote her will and remembered the missions that had played such an important part in her life.

Mrs. J. T. Gooch, an active Southern Baptist and former WMU director for Little Bethel Baptist Association (1926-27, 1935-37) carefully divided her estate among friends, relatives, mission causes. In addition to providing generously for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Georgetown College, Mrs. Gooch designated a sum to be given to her local church for mission projects.

When Mrs. Gooch died in 1981 at the age of 91 her church decided that a portion of their inheritance should be used for mission projects in the association in which Mrs. Gooch worked so diligently. Mrs. Gooch's estate will be used to finance the mission trip for the three Kentucky pastors.

However, the venture actually began long before Mrs. Gooch wrote her will and before Bill Clements was acquiring a love for missions from his foreign missionary parents.

Mark A. Whicker's first memories of church are centered in the northern Ohio city of Lorain, 40 miles west of Cleveland. During Whicker's preschool years his father helped build and pastor Lorain Baptist Church, one of only four Southern Baptist churches in the town which now numbers over 75,000.

"I still have some memories of the little church," reflects Whicker. "My father did pioneer work with the Home Mission Board. Even after we left Lorain my father and I kept up with their progress. We even visited there about 10 years ago.

"Needless to say, when Hughlan (Hughlan Richey, director of missions for Little Bethel Association) proposed a mission trip to Ohio, I was excited."

Whicker, pastor of Diamond Missionary Baptist Church, Providence, is one of the pastors from Little Bethel who will conduct simultaneous revivals in Ohio, Apr. 4-10. To his surprise, Whicker was assigned revival services in his former church in Lorain.

Lorain Baptist Church now averages 70 in Sunday school, Lorain's bivocational pastor Ervin Jones has informed Whicker.

"It's a strong, active church," states

Whicker. "Brother Jones and I are expecting great things during the coming revival."

Whicker plans to spend the revival week preaching, visiting door-to-door in the church's neighborhood and helping fill any needs he discovers in Lorain. But Whicker anticipates bringing back as much as he takes to Ohio, at least in terms of enrichment.

"I think I can bring back to my church a better understanding of Southern Baptists in pioneer area. We often take the 'church on every street corner' aspect for granted. I want my church family to reach out beyond ourselves."

"Jesus commanded us to do so in Acts 1:8. I've heard it said that we do our chores in our own house but we work in the field. There are needs right now in western Kentucky but the Ohio fields are white unto harvest and there are fewer laborers," observes Whicker.

Clements, pastor of Richland Baptist Church, a rural church west of Madisonville, and Donald Ray Cole, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dixon, are also taking a week from their busy schedules to conduct revivals in Ohio. Clement will work in the Sunshine Baptist Church, Lorain. Cole will serve in Fremont Baptist Church, Fremont. Both cities are in extreme northern Ohio.

"Fremont has a population of about 20,000," says Cole. "Bob Leaser, pastor at Fremont, owns his own business in addition to serving as pastor. The church averages 25-40 in Sunday

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school."

Cole, a Webster County native and graduate of Murray State University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was chief counselor at Kentucky State Penitentiary eight years. Cole feels the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) dictates such trips as the one he plans to Ohio.

With the other men quickly agreeing Clement emphasizes they are not doing anything exceptional or sacrificing to any great degree to make the trip.

"We're simply doing what we feel needs to be done," comments Clement. Clement, a graduate of Indiana State University at Evansville, will be filling the pulpit for Bob Mills, bivocational pastor of Sunshine Baptist Church.

"Sunshine averages 40-50 in Sunday school," explains Clement. "The church meets in a union hall. Like Mark and Don, I'm excited about the opportunities in such large cities with so few Southern Baptists."

It should be a good week for revival in these cities that closely border Lake Erie. Since contacting the Ohio pastors the men have discovered revival week is also spring break for the Ohio public



Preparing for their upcoming mission trip to Ohio are [seated, l-r] Bill Clement, Mark Whicker and Donald Ray Cole, as Hughlan Richey looks on.

schools.

"We should have plenty of opportunities to work with young people while they're out of school," observes Whicker.

The area is experiencing high unemployment. "At least few people will be taking spring vacations," wistfully says one of the men.

The men are excitedly planning their approaching revival trip. The Ohio churches are waiting and praying expectantly. But the three pastors readily acknowledge that their efforts were not the beginning of the mission plans. As Richey tells them about Mrs. Gooch and the concern she demonstrated for missions through her will, the men nod in appreciation.

"I wish more concerned people would realize they can continue their mission influence, even after death," reflects Cole.

In addition to early preparation and concern for missions, tangible plans began in 1981 showed the need for stronger Kentucky churches to link hearts and efforts with smaller Ohio churches. Bob Jones, director of missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was contacted. Work began to make this linkage real and effective.

At their 1981 state convention Kentucky Baptists voted to officially endorse support of Ohio churches. Many pastors and directors of missions left the convention with plans to join in the venture.

Hughlan Richey was one of the directors of missions who returned from the convention with a desire to help Ohio churches. He shared this desire with Carl Boyd, associational missions committee chairman. Boyd's enthusiasm matched that of Richey's.

Boyd wrote to Bob Jones for help. Richey states he and Boyd received immeasurable assistance from Jones. He advises any association or church interested in similar mission projects to work through the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Middletown.

"Bob Jones works directly with the Ohio state director of missions and can put you in contact with areas where there are specific needs," notes Richey.

After consulting with Jones, Richey contacted Bob Hall, director of missions for Northern Ohio and Lakeland associations. Hall suggested sending pastors to Lorain, Sunshine and Fremont to conduct simultaneous revivals.

Richey and Boyd presented the link-up to the pastors of Little Bethel. Four pastors responded. Milt Hill, pastor of

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Madisonville, is a standby in case any of the men cannot fulfill their commitments.

Richey provided Clement, Cole and Whicker with their revival assignments. He advised them to contact the Ohio pastors to finalize plans.

"Hughlan has been extremely supportive," lauds Cole. "He relates the progress of our plans to the association and he gives us prayer and financial support. Carl (Boyd) has been very helpful, too."

The Ohio churches are doing their part to see that the revivals are successful. Although advance commercial publicity is out of the financial range of the Ohio churches, they are promoting the revivals by word of mouth, praying for the services and making plans to house their Kentucky coworkers during the week.

Richland, Diamond and First Baptist, Dixon, are showing their support by providing prayers, words of encouragement and time off for their pastors to make the trip to Ohio. The pastors state that their congregations seem pleased to have a part in the Ohio revivals.

As the three Kentucky pastors conduct this April in Ohio, they will be gratefully aware that their efforts are part of a chain of concern:

—a 91-year-old lady whose love for missions caused her to send others where she could not go.

—parents who gave their children such love for missions that they responded to a mission need as adults.

—a director of missions in a pioneer area who knew he could reach out and stronger brothers in Christ would be there to take his hand.

—an associational director of missions who could not forget the need in Ohio until he shared that need with the pastors with whom he served.

—local churches who reluctantly but lovingly gave up their pastors for a week of mission service.

Surely these pastors are thankful that no one in the chain failed to respond to his or her call for missions.

Nine join KBC campus ministry staff

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The Student Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has announced the appointment of nine persons as campus ministers at colleges across the state. One of these is a full time appointment; the others are serving in part time capacities.

Named to fill a full time vacancy at Murray [Ky.] State University is James L. Simmons.

Simmons, 30, has most recently been pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Hebardsville, in Henderson County. While

there he was interim campus minister at Henderson and Madisonville Community colleges.

A native of Kenilworth, Ill., Simmons is a graduate of Lawrence University and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was associate minister at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church while a seminary student. In this capacity, he was minister with senior adults, directed the bus ministry and was also outreach minister. Simmons is married and the father of a son and daughter.

The part time appointments in the

campus ministry program are in part the result of satisfactory experience with part time personnel at Berea (Ky.) and Somerset (Ky.) Community colleges in the past.

Until now, one full time person residing in Owensboro has served five smaller institutions in western Kentucky—Henderson, Hopkinsville and Madisonville Community and Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan colleges. In the future, one person will serve Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan and three separate individuals will serve the other three schools.

In addition, three more persons will serve on the campuses of Paducah Community, Asbury and Union colleges.

Ralph Hopkins, associate in the KBC Student Department, Middletown, explained that, as a result, "more time can be devoted to each campus."

He said less money will be spent on travel and it will allow for "more local identity" with the ministry as well as "accountability" to the local situation and the state Student Department. He

cited one disadvantage, that of "increased administration and supervision" by the KBC department.

But, he observed, the ministry to students on each of these campuses "can be improved" and making such a move "is worth the increased effort."

Don Blaylock, director of the department, announced the new part time appointments as follows:

- **Asbury College, Wilmore:** Darwin L. Chapman, 35, who is also director of the speech and hearing clinic and assistant professor at Asbury College since 1981.

Earlier, Chapman was on the faculties or staffs of Cleveland (Oh.) Hearing & Speech Center; Pennsylvania State University; University of Hawaii; and Montgomery County (Pa.) Intermediate Unit.

Chapman is a graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College and Case Western Reserve University, holding MA and PhD degrees from the latter institution. He and his wife are members of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore.

- **Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan colleges, Owensboro:** David L. Adkins, 30, who has also pastored Bethabara Baptist Church, Philpot, since 1979.

Adkins was both campus and state-wide BSU president while a student at Morehead (Ky.) State University. He also holds the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Married to the former Jo Ann Jones, Adkins has served on the staffs of Vanceburg (Ky.), Inez (Ky.) and Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist churches.

- **Henderson [Ky.] Community College:** Walter Scott Ford, 28, also pastor of Cash Creek Baptist Church, Henderson, since 1980.

Ford is married to the former Patricia Webb. He is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ford, a former BSU summer missionary to the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, has pastored Old Panther Creek Baptist Church, Whitesville, 1973-76. Additional experience includes serving on the staffs of Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

- **Hopkinsville [Ky.] Community College:** James Edwin Hill, 31, also pastor, Gracey (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native Louisvillian, Hill is married to the former Linda Sue Rodman of Louisville. They have two sons. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also a former summer missionary, Hill was a math and science teacher at Shively Christian School, Louisville, 1976-77. From 1973-77 he was assistant pastor at Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Louisville. He has served the Gracey Church since 1977.

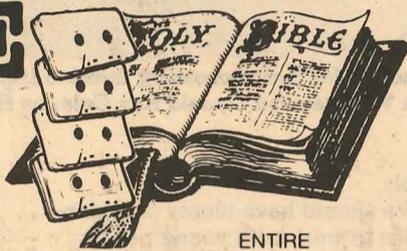
- **Madisonville [Ky.] Community College:** Alan C. Todd, 30, currently pastor of Slaughters (Ky.) Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of ITT Technical Institute and Campbellsville (Ky.) College, and has completed 20 hours at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Todd is married to the former Emma Burton and they have one daughter.

From 1977-82 Todd was pastor of Yuma Baptist Mission, leading that congregation to constitute into a church.

- **Paducah [Ky.] Community College:** Mel Doughty, 41, also minister of

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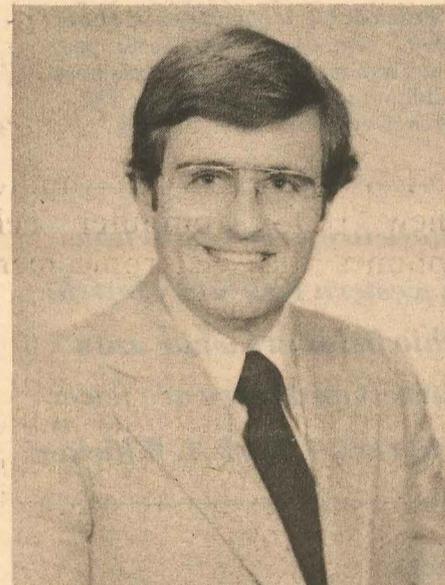
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education and youth at First Baptist Church, Princeton.

He is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University and holds the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on church staffs as follows: Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Louisville; Belmont Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.; First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Owensboro; and part time with First Baptist Church, Mayfield; First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield; and Cadiz (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Doughty is married to the former Patricia Sue Whitthorne of Mayfield, and they have two daughters.

• Somerset [Ky.] Community College: Gary Leonard Kasey, 27, who also pastors Buena Vista Baptist Church, Somerset.

Kasey is a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served on church staffs as follows: Arcade Baptist, Louisville, 1978-79; and High Street Baptist Church,

Somerset, 1979-80. He has served the Buena Vista church since 1981.

Married to the former Vicky Regina Smith of Louisville, Kasey is the father of two daughters.

• Union College, Barbourville: Dennis A. Hammons, 26, who has served the pastorate of Barbourville's

Northside Baptist Church since 1981.

Hammons is married to the former Donna F. Messer and father of one daughter. He attended Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Mich.; Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville; and Union College; as well as the Seminary Extension Department of the

Southern Baptist seminaries.

Hammons' past experience includes serving on the staff of New Bethel Baptist Church, Barbourville, on two occasions; and the pastorates of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Crane Nest, Ky., and Young Grove Baptist Church, Dewitt, Ky.

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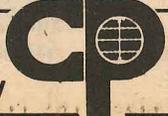
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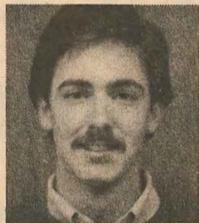
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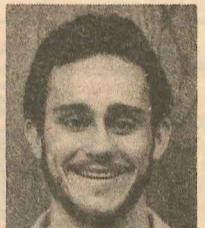
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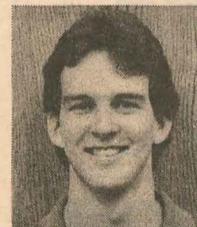
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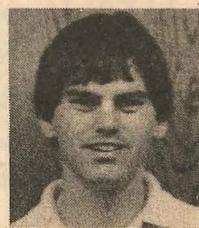
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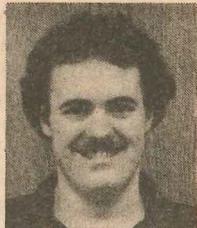
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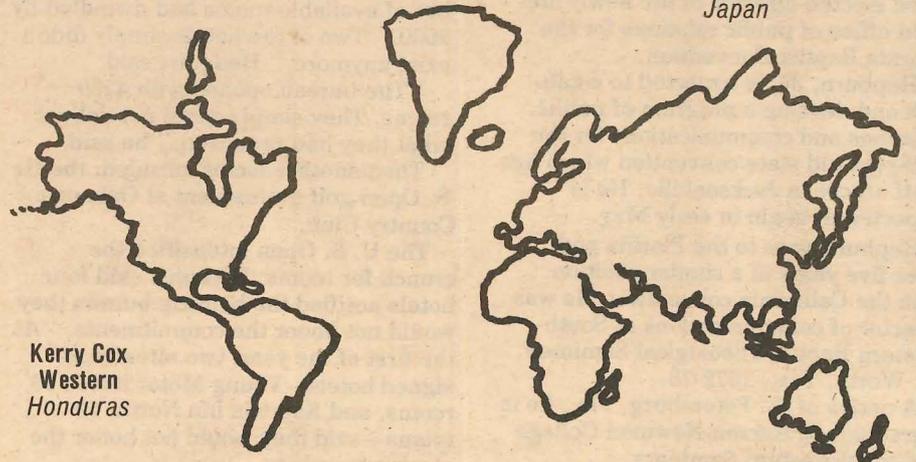
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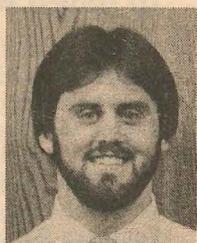


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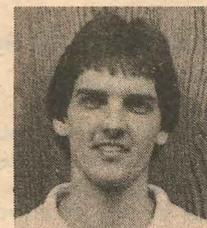
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baptist news in brief

Riggs to direct chaplains for federal prison system

A Southern Baptist minister has been named director of chaplains for the federal prison system for the first time in the department's history.

Charles Riggs, 47, appointed by the Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons, will assume his duties in Washington, D. C., this summer.

In his new post, 69 chaplains working in 43 federal prisons will report to Riggs.

Riggs, a native of Kentucky, said his interest in prison ministry began in 1959 when he was pastor of Faith Baptist Chapel in Louisville. A few years later, Riggs influenced the townspeople in Lewisport, Ky., to replace an old deteriorated, county jail with a modern facility. After five years as pastor of Lewisport Baptist Church, Riggs moved to Georgia where he was pastor 16 years at Confederate Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Retired exec secretary of MBC dies in Jackson

W. Douglas Hudgins, 77, executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, died Mar. 23 in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center of a pulmonary embolism.

Hudgins was named acting executive secretary of the MBC in July 1968, after the executive, Charles Quarles, died in Peru. He became executive secretary in February 1969, and retired in 1973. Prior to assuming the post, he had been pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, where he served 1946-69.

Florida establishes PR office; Hepburn to direct

Donald S. Hepburn, director of communications for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, has been elected director of the newly created office of public relations for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Hepburn, 34, is expected to establish and develop a program of public relations and communications for the 129-year-old state convention which has staff offices in Jacksonville. He is expected to begin in early May.

Hepburn goes to the Florida post after five years in a similar position with the California convention. He was director of communications at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1972-78.

A native of St. Petersburg, Fla., he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary.

Woman's task force to set agenda for Pittsburgh

A diverse group of 34 Southern Baptist women has named a task force to plan a pre-Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Pittsburgh for women involved in ministry roles.

The group, which met in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission annual seminar in Louisville, also enlisted the help of the commission to sponsor and promote the meeting.

According to coordinators of the Louisville meeting, the nine-member all women task force will set an agenda for the pre-convention meeting to provide a forum for discussion which will possibly lead to the formation of a steering committee on women in ministry.

Members of the task force include: Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union; Lela Hendricks, special project coordinator for the Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board; Nancy Hastings Sehested, associate minister of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga.; and Ann Neil, retired missionary and visiting professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

Other members are: Jenny Weisz, an attorney from Chapel Hill, N. C.; Ann Davis, associate professor of social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology at Louisiana College; Evelyn Stagg, freelance writer from Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and Reba Cobb, minister to younger youth at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

Pittsburgh: housing to be 'the pits' for SBC meet?

Housing may be a problem for the 1983 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to convention arrangements officials.

Part of the problem, according to Tim Hedquist, convention arrangements manager for the SBC Executive Committee, is that there simply are not enough hotel rooms to go around.

Bob Imperata, director of convention sales and services for the Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., agreed: "The SBC is bigger than what we are accustomed to; we don't try to deal with conventions of this size on a regular basis."

Hedquist said when the convention arrangements subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee visited Pittsburgh in 1978, the city-operated bureau committed 6129 rooms, "the most ever committed by a bureau to the SBC."

By the time the housing bureau began accepting applications for reservations for the SBC, however, the number of available rooms had dwindled by 2000. "Two of the hotels simply didn't exist anymore," Hedquist said.

"The bureau opened with 4130 rooms. They simply could not deliver what they had promised," he said.

Then another factor intruded: the U. S. Open golf tournament at Oakmont Country Club.

The U. S. Open intensified the crunch for rooms. Hedquist said four hotels notified the housing bureau they would not honor the commitments. "At the first of the year, two already assigned hotels—Viking Motor Hotel, 50 rooms, and Ramada Inn North, 50 rooms—said they would not honor the reservations.

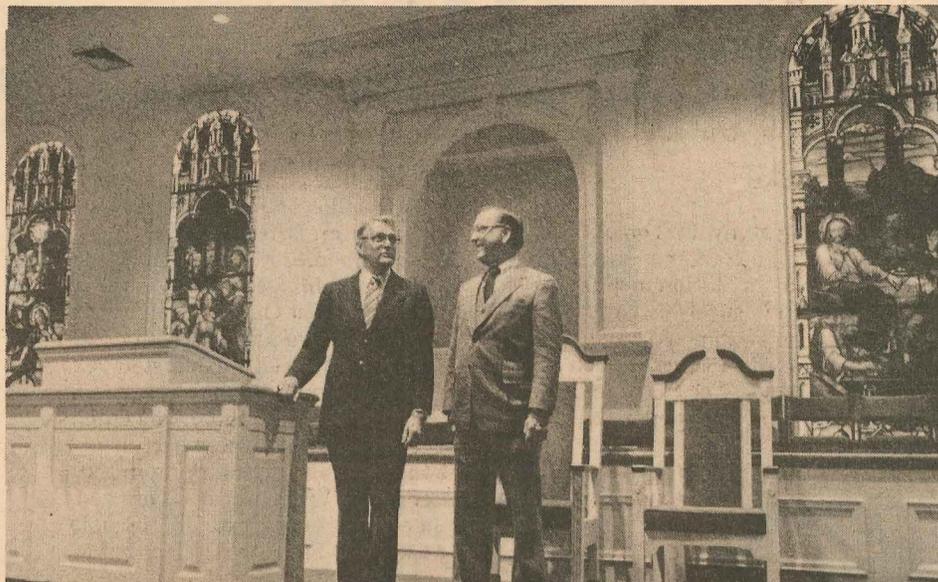
Within the last few weeks, two more hotels—Holiday Inn Parkway and Holiday Inn Monroeville—have made adjustments. Holiday Inn Parkway canceled the reservations while Holiday Inn Monroeville reassigned their 75 rooms to another hotel "40 miles out of town."

According to housing bureau sources, the Parkway hotel gave 100 rooms to an ABC Sports television crew.

Board sets seven goals to be reached by 2000

Updating a document drafted in 1978, directors of the Home Mission Board adopted new objectives and outlined seven strategies for achieving them by the year 2000.

Called "Target A.D. 2000," the 17-



Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, dedicated its new 1220 seat sanctuary in special services Mar. 6-9. A record 717 attended Sunday school. Pictured here are pastor T. L. McSwain and building committee chairman Leroy Highbaugh Jr. Behind them are 150 year old stained glass windows donated to the church by Mrs. McSwain's brother. The windows, made in Vienna, Austria, were in the old Maryhurst school in downtown Louisville for over 100 years.

page document, plus 16 pages of statistical documentation, was developed after a 10-month intensive study by the HMB's planning section and other staff.

Leonard G. Irwin, vice president for planning, said the document was revised in light of data from the 1980 census plus subjective input from HMB staff and mission experts giving "intuitive forecasts" on sociological changes affecting missions work.

The seven strategies include:

1. Appoint, support and equip missions personnel in their vital role to accomplish the purpose of the HMB.
2. Utilize short and long term volunteers and bivocational ministers as important resources.
3. Lead in strengthening the Baptist association.
4. Work in cooperation with Baptist state conventions.
5. Assist churches in the development and promotion of evangelism and missions with special emphasis on the church evangelism committee and church missions committee.
6. Lead in the development of an effective, comprehensive and cohesive approach to the great cities in America.
7. Lead in the enlistment and development of leadership from the people served, recognizing them as full participants.

Public funds 'taint' private schools: Wood

Churches today risk "compromising their religious vision" when they seek public funds for their private schools, James E. Wood Jr. says.

Speaking at a Baylor University conference on "Religion, the State and Education," Wood said the most serious issue facing churches today is not whether church schools should accept public funds, but whether the schools should "claim any religious identity" once they do.

It is foreign to the American experience" to expect public assistance without public controls, he added. It also is "contrary to the guarantees of the First Amendment" for religious schools to expect public subsidy, he said.

Church-related schools have sought public funds for programs which they claim benefit children rather than advance religious goals. These requests have reached "unprecedented propor-

tions" and are not in the best interests of religious education, he warned.

Wood is former director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C. He now directs the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor.

U. of Richmond gets \$2 million donation

The University of Richmond has been given \$2 million by Mr. and Mrs. W. Dorth Oldham.

He is a Nashville business executive who is a trustee and former student of the University. Oldham is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

The gift, the second largest financial commitment from an individual donor in the history of the university, will be used to initiate a new merit scholarship program to the known as the Oldham Scholars Program.

The gift was announced by UR president E. Bruce Heilman, who said the Oldham gift will be used to enhance educational opportunities for exceptionally bright, able students "who possess the clear potential to become effective leaders in the broader society."

McCall urges Baptists to listen to world

A busy year of crisscrossing the globe as president of the Baptist World Alliance has reinforced Duke McCall's conviction that Southern Baptists need to talk less and listen more.

"Of all the Baptist bodies in the world who need to listen for a while, Southern Baptists take first place," he commented. "We have many who talk so loud and so well, but we fail to listen." McCall, chancellor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, points out that beyond Southern Baptist life "a whole world of relationships" exists.

To help foster these relationships, he completed an itinerary last year that included trips to Cuba, Switzerland, Russia, Bulgaria, Italy, eastern Africa and Brazil.

One of his concerns as BWA president has been to bring Third World Baptists "into the mainstream of world Baptist life." The "old-line" distinction between missionary "sending" and "receiving" nations no longer applies, he says.



oneida journal

Barkley Moore, President
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972

NO NIGHT THERE

As I was working at my desk on a recent March evening, our farm manager surprised me with an invitation to dinner. I spent an event of leisurely conversation and Christian fellowship. To be able to sit and relax for a few hours is such a luxury here. With 480 active teenagers to care for, there is little opportunity for such.

Getting back to the campus about midnight, our seniors and accompanying staff were unloading from their 34th annual trip to Washington. This was the fourth year also to visit Colonial Williamsburg. I was pleased to hear of an especially fine trip.

Pastor Rackley was also there to greet them and I learned we were invited by one of our staff, whose husband had helped drive the bus, for a midnight rice dinner. The preacher and I can't turn down rice or much of any-

thing else that is edible—so another meal and fellowship with the Wassons until 1:30 a.m. Driving by Dr. George Redding's home, we noted he was still up and paid him a call! That is the way things happen at Oneida. One never knows what is going to happen next. We never get bored—exhausted yes, but never bored!

Getting back onto the main campus about 2:00 a.m., we were surprised to see three of our men working in the water plant. While our students had been away for spring break, the holding cisterns had been painted and a special load of sand had been brought from Ohio to replace our old sand for better filtering. We process and purify our own water and average usage is 52,000 gallons daily.

Who were these men working so hard through the night?

Joe Scott is one of our most valued employes. He has a wonderful Christian

spirit, and is tremendous with the clarinet. He and Mrs. Scott joined our staff four years ago at my invitation for a combined salary of \$5000 yearly. For two years they were houseparents for our girls. In full time Christian work most of their adult life, their youngest son was a student with us two years before his parents came. Mrs. Scott is now a very hardworking teacher in our special help program.

Neal Pauline has worked on our campus since last June without a penny of salary and his wife also joined us as a volunteer as they had other income. With 13 years of teaching experience in the public schools of West Virginia, she is one of the most dedicated teachers I have known. He is also a college graduate with much experience in computers, mining and electrical work.

Their daughter, Theresa, came to us the year before her parents. With an IQ of nearly 150, she needed more than she was previously receiving. Her parents were so pleased with our program and Theresa's response to it, they wanted to be a full time part of Oneida also. Last summer, at the end of her ninth grade year, Theresa took some special classes at Western Kentucky University and is presently involved in

an interesting research project on our campus.

The third worker was Don Bundy, a mountain boy from Perry County, who graduated from our school, did a tour of duty with the Marines and is now in a second year of volunteer service with us.

That same night J. D. Embry painted until 5 a.m. in our dining room. He and his wife, Martha, came to serve our school as volunteer a year after their youngest son came five years ago. Donnie graduates this year and has been accepted at University of Louisville to major in Music. Embry works on a river barge every other month and donates his "off" month to helping Oneida. Mrs. Embry works in our special help program and is hostess of our guest house. The Embrys were houseparents for two years.

I had not asked nor had known that all of these people were working through the night. They were doing so because they wanted to. There were things to be done. The motivation of one's work makes all the difference in the world.

In speaking of heaven, Rev. 21:25 tells us "there shall be no night there." There very nearly isn't any night at Oneida!

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APRIL

1-2 State Youth Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Highview Baptist Church. 7 p.m. on 1st through 3:30 p.m. on 2nd
3 Easter Sunday
4, 5 Five Area Youth Sunday School/Church Training Leadership Workshops. 7 to 9:15 p.m. 4—London, First Baptist Church and Hazard, First Baptist Church. 5—Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church; Richmond, First Baptist Church and Somerset, First Baptist

Church

7 Regional Adult/Youth Music Festival. Ashland, First Baptist Church. Register with Steve Evans, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Winslow Road, Ashland 41101
8-10 Singles' Retreat. Cedarmore. Register with Cedarmore
8-10 Singles' Retreat. Murray, BSU Building. Register with Family Ministries, KBC
8-10 BSU Training Conference. Frankfort, Crestwood Baptist Church. Details from Student Work Department

8-10 State Acteen Conference. Louisville, Ramada Inn. Information from WMU, KBC
9 Regional Children's Music Festival. Ashland, First Baptist Church. Register with Steve Evans, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Winslow Road, Ashland 41101
11-17 Jewish Fellowship Week
15 Two Regional Adult/Youth Music Festivals. Latonia (Ky.) Baptist Church and Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church
15 Regional All Ages Music Festival. Hazard, First Baptist Church

15-16 Campus BYW Retreat. Cedarmore
16 Two Regional Children's Music Festivals. Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church and Latonia (Ky.) Baptist Church
17 Cooperative Program Day
18-22 Baptist Doctrine Study Week
21-23 Annual WMU Meeting. Murray, First Baptist Church
22 Regional Adult/Youth Music Festivals. (2). Louisville, Walnut Street Baptist Church and Frankfort, First Baptist Church



clear creek comments

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

WHAT KEEPS ME GOING

"You drink too much coffee," exclaimed one of my faculty members recently. My response was quick, "It's the only thing that keeps me going." As a "coffeeholic" I can say that coffee is one of the things that keeps me going. But as a Christian, I find more deeply impelling, spiritual forces which energize us to serve him and not be weary in well-doing.

Of all the beautiful elements that make up the doctrine of Christian hope, the truth of our Lord's resurrection is the greatest. "Immortal Hope dispels our gloom — an angel sits beside the tomb." Truly, Jesus' resurrection (and all it means to us) keeps us going.

A Life magazine editorial in 1956 sums up the importance of our Lord's victory over death:

The resurrection cannot be tamed or tethered by any utilitarian test. It is a vast watershed in history or it is nothing. It cannot be tested for truth; it is the test of lesser truths. No light can be thrown on it; its own light blinds the investigator. It does not compel belief;

it resists it. But once accepted as fact, it tells more about the universe, about history and about man's state and fate than all the mountains of other facts in the human accumulation.

Easter Morning

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer:
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

—Phillip Brooks

It is with joy that we assert to the world, "Christ has risen on Easter Day" and this is what really keeps us going!



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Why do we operate so close and have to struggle to pay our bills? First of all, it is because we provide care for children without any room, food or tuition charge. Our work is truly a benevolent ministry to children in need.

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When one enrolls in a college or uni-

versity, there are fees and tuitions to be paid to help the institution pay its bills. If the student cannot pay, there are scholarships, grants and loans to help the student provide the educational institution money for paying bills.

But when a child or youth needs our ministry at Baptist Homes for Children, we provide for that youth and pay the bills and the money must come from free-will gifts and offerings. We furnish housing, houseparents, food, clothing, etc. without charging a fee.

It is true that some children in our care receive some social security income, which is passed on to us for their care. Some parents are able to provide some financial assistance. For children who are in the custody of the state, there is a small per diem allowance provided. But in no instance does any payment come close to meeting our costs.

So please remember that we are a benevolent agency ministering to children and families in Christ's name. Our bills are many and must be paid on time. We walk by faith in our Lord and pay those bills as churches and friends send us gifts. Do pray for us!



sunday school lessons

H. C. Chiles
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977

LESSON FOR APR. 3, 1983

Life and Work Series BEYOND SUFFERING, HOPE

Matthew 27:41-46, 50 On the skull-shaped hill a short distance outside and overlooking the city of Jerusalem, Christ's executioners laid him on his back on the cross which was lying on the ground, drove the cruel spikes through the palms of his hands, fastening them to the ends of the crosspiece, and nailed his feet to the upright piece. While Christ's blood was flowing, a hole was prepared in the ground, the cross was lifted on end and dropped into the hole with a thud, leaving him to suffer a lingering and painful death as the blood dripped from his head, hands and feet.

Many passed by the cross and united in inhuman mockery of the Savior in his dying agonies. They scornfully reminded him of his own words at the opening of his ministry (Jn. 2:18-21), and sarcastically taunted him for his seeming failure to fulfill his word.

The religious leaders challenged Christ to perform another miracle by coming down from the cross. Their declaration that they would believe on him if he would come down from the cross was nothing more than blatant falsehood and sheer mockery. Christ could not save himself if the scriptures were to be fulfilled, if his mission were to be accomplished, if Satan were to be defeated, if sin were to be put away and if sinners were to be saved.

After three hours of darkness over the land, at the ninth hour, cringing from the thought of becoming sin, Christ broke the silence with a sudden and loud cry, "My God, my God, why

hast thou forsaken me?" There has never been another cry comparable to that lonely one from the cross. Christ's abandonment by God was the penalty which he paid for our sins. Christ was forsaken of God in order that we might never experience separation from him. **1 Peter 1:3** This doxology is an expression of genuine praise to God for his great mercy which he had gratuitously bestowed upon his children. Glorious hope had been restored to their despairing souls and had taken such complete possession of them that they were overflowing with joy. To the fact of Christ's resurrection Christians, then and now, owe the triumph of hope over despair and life over death.

1 Peter 2:21-25 When our faith is tested in the crucible of affliction we are made strong. It is when we obey God and suffer for it that we begin to understand something of the meaning of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. Christ suffered indescribably and entirely for well-doing. Day after day his enemies tried to find an indication of guile in his mouth or a sinful act in his life but they could not. He patiently and endured suffering by turning his case and cause over to the Supreme Judge, rather than seeking vengeance or attempting to defend himself.

International Series CONFRONTED BY THE RISEN LORD

Acts 9:1-16 Saul was born in Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, which was a self-governing, university city. He took full advantage of the educational facilities of the city, became a diligent student of Judaism, mastered the traditions of the elders and the philosophies of the Greeks, and thus became one of the

best educated men of his time.

Saul was such a zealot for his Pharisaical conceptions and convictions he put forth every effort possible to stamp out Christianity and to exterminate all of the followers of Christ. Wanting to annihilate Christianity, Saul secured legal permission to go to Damascus and arrest the Christians who had taken refuge there and bring them to Jerusalem for trial.

Ere Saul reached Damascus in bitter hatred toward Christ and his followers, a brilliant heavenly light, brighter than the noonday sun, blinded him. Physically overcome, he fell to the ground. To the blind and prostrate Saul there came in clear tones the voice which was unmistakable to the fierce persecutor, but apparently inaudible to his companions, saying: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" The astonished and trembling persecutor asked: "Who

art thou, Lord?" Instantly there came the startling reply: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Thus Christ informed Saul that in persecuting Christians he was literally persecuting him. Physically overcome, Saul inquired: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Christ commanded Ananias, who was the Lord's man in the right place at the proper time, to go to the house of Judas and inquire for Saul.

Christ informed Ananias he had chosen Saul to perform a special work for him, namely, to deliver the gospel message to "Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." He also revealed that his devotion to and service for Christ would result in his personal suffering. Having dethroned self and enthroned Christ as the Lord of his life, and filled with the Spirit, Saul immediately preached Christ.

Meet Cumberland College Student



Kathy Spears

When you first talk to Cumberland College student Kathy Spears, you know immediately that this young lady is very special.

A chemistry and biology major, she has maintained a most impressive 3.8 grade point average. What's more, Kathy is one of the elite students granted early admission to the University of Louisville school of medicine.

Yes, she wants to become a medical doctor. She explains, "I have enjoyed helping people. I also have a great admiration for the proper functioning and health of the human body. These naturally combine to lead me into medicine where I can use the gifts God has given me to help others."

Her eyes shine with enthusiasm as she tells of her dream of returning to the Kentucky mountains to minister to the deserving mountain people. "I have seen the tremendous health needs of these people and I see when they are hurting and I hurt with them. I believe that God wants me to help them and He will use me for His benefit."

Kathy is the daughter of a minister in Glasgow, and God plays a vital part in her life. "When I am in doubt, I turn to God, knowing that He will show me a way to work through problems and doubts."

Kathy feels that God led her to Cumberland College. "All that I do is motivated by God's will, even attending Cumberland. The school has helped me develop as a person—spiritually, intellectually and emotionally—and has given me the opportunity to express myself as an individual, not just as a number on a computer card."

She praises her professors, especially in physics, biology, and chemistry for both giving her individual attention and for helping her grow.

She concludes, "You know, I would be miserable being rich in material things. Real wealth is when you let God use you to help those who are in need."

Like most of our students, Kathy is always ready to find a problem and solve it, find a hurt and heal it.

We at Cumberland are proud she chose us and that we offered her opportunity. We pray that God will send us others like her, for in the past few years five of our graduates, now fully qualified medical doctors, have returned to our mountain area to serve. Can you blame us for being so proud?

Dr. Taylor

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

Name _____

Address _____

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FEED THE HUNGRY

During the last fiscal year Kentucky Baptists designated \$305,413.57 through our office to the Foreign Mission Board for its use in the World Hunger program. This amount is mandated to be thus used, in addition to all the relief ministry (including hunger) that is continually connected with our mission programs in destitute countries. Our Lord commanded us to feed the hungry.

We share in a state-side hunger program with the Home Mission Board, but have no other large readiness hunger program at the state Convention level. Many churches (perhaps all) do varied measures of local charity expressions, as do some of our state mission programs and outlets in connection with their work.

This writer believes that the Christian conscience calls on us to give to charitable agencies beyond the church that are known for their direct readiness to help the needy and disaster stricken people. Organizations such as the Salvation Army and Red Cross are

supported by many of us on an annual basis.

A conference in my office only yesterday told of another readiness program known as the Kentucky Food Bank. The plan is to warehouse large quantities of surplus foods and "sell" it statewide to local charity food dispensing groups at 12 cents per pound. The price is calculated as a non-profit minimum necessity to pay for transporting the food. Such program is said to be in operation in surrounding states. It sounded good to me. I made a personal contribution.

Christian forces are charged by Christ with the primary duty to propagate the Gospel. No one is going to do that but believers. That is why it must be our primary operation. But the Christian conscience and the admonitions of Jesus call on us to share with those in need, whoever and whatever their identity. Paul even said, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." (Romans 12:20) So, I want to share in some measure with those who are best harnessed up to respond most quickly and widely to human suffering.

900 hear Christian ethicists at Louisville seminar

by Craig Bird

Authentic Christian discipleship—which links the roots and fruits of Christian living—was discussed by 13 speakers at the annual Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission seminar, held at the Galt House in downtown Louisville Mar. 21-23.

More than 900 registrants from 23 states participated in discussions on the basic style and thrust of discipleship, including concern for the plight of the unemployed in America, hungry people around the world and the threat of nuclear war.

Don Harbuck, pastor of First Baptist Church in El Dorado, Ark., defined Christian living in the modern world as "getting back to the basics" of servanthood. "Servanthood and submission belong to a whole circle of ideas in the New Testament ethic," Harbuck said.

"Jesus, who lived among us as one who serves . . . summons us to do the same. His nailscarred hands still hold the basin and the towel . . ."

Each speaker agreed on that point although their approach to the specific ways Christians should answer that summons varied widely.

Donald Shriver, a Presbyterian theologian and president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, said, "You don't have to be a theologian to realize that Christian ethics and the ethics of Christians are often far apart," he said. "Imagine what the American 'earth' could be if all the church members in the United States were really the 'salt of the earth'."

He stressed Christians should consider themselves, first of all, citizens of God's kingdom. "If scripture comes to embody the glory of Western civilization or the glory of democracy, it will no longer embody the glory of God."

While admitting "salty" Christians can easily "fall into the habit of rub-

bing against each other's grains," Shriver reminded his audience Christians are called to defend the poor and the disenfranchised "because politicians don't pay much attention to people without power." Followers of Jesus are called to love everyone—"even the Russians"—and, while being careful "to make a distinction between God's will and our principles" Christians should "be the first to request legislation for special interest groups—those who will die if we don't act."

Jim Wallis, founding pastor of the Sojourners community, called for Christians to realize that U. S. warheads would destroy "not just God-less communists but would also fall on women and children and on thousands of Russian Christians with whom we share a common faith and a common Lord."

He noted parallels between the current situation and the bombing of Nagasaki, when the target for Roman Catholic Christians on the bombing crew was the spire of the Roman Catholic cathedral in the center of town.

"How have we come this far?" he asked. "We have come this far by 'not' looking into the faces of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and at the people we now call our enemies."

He said a Bible with every reference to protecting the poor and every verse commanding God's people to be peacemakers cut out, "would be a Bible literally in tatters, a Bible full of holes, a Bible which would not hold together."

Robert H. Schuller, television personality and senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Cal., declared his "theology of self-esteem" can "become a solid base" to confront social problems. "The failure of the church to redeem society after it has redeemed lost souls is more a judgment on a non-integrated, unsystematic theology than on the sinfulness and stubbornness and insecurity of its converts."

Christians must accept the vital link that God intends, Schuller said, be-

tween a "salvation from hell to heaven theology" and an authentic "war-is-wrong" or "racism-is-a-sin" theology.

Charles Swindoll, pastor of First Free Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton, Cal., and author of the bestselling books, *Improving Your Serve* and *Strengthening Your Grip*, argued there is no place in Christianity for a "star system."

"Jesus didn't attempt to change the Gentile system but he told his disciples, 'Among you it is not so. . . . The first shall be last and the greatest shall be your servant.' It is okay for the NBA to have Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul Jabbar. There is nothing in the Bible to forbid superstars in athletics or entertainment or any part of the secular world," he stressed, then added "But the Bible makes it very clear there is no place for such a hierarchy among Christians."

"The church is the perfect place to play politics for you can do it all in the name of Jesus," he continued. "I challenge you to stop it!" Even though Christians tend to see Paul as a superstar, scripture doesn't support that either, he said. "When Paul got through preaching the people didn't say, 'Wow, Paul,' they said, 'Wow, Jesus'."

Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., urged Christians to "swallow the whole Gos-pill," keeping the personal half that changes individuals while also swallowing the social half that changes society.

Baptist pioneers did swallow the whole thing, he said, which is why they had such impact on their communities and culture. Southern Baptists today need to work for social solutions to grave moral problems alongside our unflinching commitment to personal evangelism, he said.

Art Simon, executive director of Bread for the World, one of the major private anti-hunger organizations in the world, provided a specific example: "We know what to do when one person

is hungry, but what do we do when hundreds of millions of people are hungry? We cannot lick the problem of hunger through private efforts alone. We must seek essential government interventions because of the magnitude of the problem and the nature of the problem."

He viewed the call to discipleship as a call to Christian citizenship. "If there is a political will, we can put an end to world hunger within a generation," he said. "What hungry people need more than charity is justice."

Eleanor Nutt shared her personal religious journey since her husband Grady died in an airplane crash last year: "When Grady died both of us were in the painful yet growing process of learning to set limits for ourselves and finding a balance between giving and taking."

Gladys S. Lewis, a former missionary nurse and a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, spoke on moral development in the family; Richard Foster, a professor at Friends University in Wichita, Kan., discussed "Fasting—Twentieth Century Style," and Bill Leonard, professor of Church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, spoke on the treasure of discipleship Christians hold in "earthen vessels."

A special performance of "Cotton Patch Gospel," a musical drama featuring actor Tom Key and music by the late Harry Chapin, was presented to a capacity crowd of seminar participants. The drama, based on Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch version of the gospels, was given a sustained standing ovation.

In summary W. David Lockard, seminar director, told participants the authentic Christian discipleship which had been called for throughout the seminar was the same clear and strong refrain of Matt. 25 in which Jesus says, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these you have done it unto me."

Long range planning revitalizes, focuses ministry

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer

Early 1980, pastor James E. Heard says, was a crucial time for Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington.

"The church had reached a plateau in our growth," he recalled. "We needed to look ahead and decide the direction God wanted us to go. We were at the place in the life of our church where we needed to 'redream the dream'."

"Redream the dream" is a phrase Heard brought back from a workshop he and minister of education Johnny Taylor attended in April 1980. Truman Brown, consultant of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, exposed Heard, Taylor and about 30 other pastors and church leaders to the ins and outs of long range planning for Baptist churches. After a three-day workshop in Knoxville, Tenn. Heard and Taylor returned to Lexington not only with a catchy slogan but with an armload of manuals and a plan of attack for implementing a long range planning program at Gardenside.

That plan was instituted later that year. After a -year-and-a-half of tabulating, examining, discussing and prior-

itizing it recently yielded a 21 page report spelling out what gains Gardenside plans to make during the next five years and how they plan to achieve them.

With the ink barely dry on the long range planning committee's report, Taylor confesses, it is difficult to evaluate the impact of the process on the church. But it is not too early to note some positive things that came out of the study.

Gardenside walked through *Leading Your Church in Long Range Planning*. The recommended span for the process is six months to a year.

The first step is to appoint a committee, ideally chaired by the pastor. The first duty of the group is to write up and get church approval for "objectives." Gardenside chose six.

At step two, the group divides for the church and community profiles. The church profile includes an examination of the church history, program statistics, finances, adequacy of physical resources, makeup of membership and a subjective profile of the overall effectiveness of the church. The community subgroup analyzes a community map, housing profile, characteristics of the community and mission needs in the

community. The groups reconvene to present a combined report to the congregation for information.

In step three the two subgroups divide into four and each is assigned an area in which to set tentative goals. The four groups share five areas: developing a spiritually vital church membership, sharing Christ with unbelievers, performing Christ's ministry in the community, extending the church's mission through the world and renewing the church's life through improved operations.

At step four the groups take up the chore of planning strategies drawn to reach the goal of involving the community. Goals were assigned as few as one and as many as eight separate strategies in Gardenside's final report.

The final step includes the compilation of the final report and adoption by the congregation.

Groups within the church have already begun to take to heart some of the results of the study. A youth council has been organized, a church training emphasis is planned for in a 1984 revival and groups are working with a local food pantry and are giving sup-

port to a racetrack chaplain, all, Taylor and Heard say, because of the study. Enthusiasm is up for those already involved, Taylor said, "but the real heart is trying to get all the enthusiasm and dynamics in this 17-member committee to do the same thing in the church." For the most part, he said, "I think the response has been good."

C. Vernon Cole, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department, Middletown, said long range planning has been around nearly 20 years in Southern Baptist life. Kentucky holds workshops every two to three years that average 40-60 in attendance. Long range planning is for churches of all sizes, Cole said. Very small churches will find the task more difficult because of the tremendous amount of work and very large ones will find communications a problem, he said, but good results can be attained by both.

Cole recommended a workshop as a starting point, but noted that travel costs might be prohibitive for a small congregation. A church can begin by obtaining materials and doing it on its own or by calling either the state or SBC church administration personnel for help.

Sacrificing students

They ministered at Laurel Lake

by F. Ross Figart Jr.

It staggers your mind. Eighty-five students comprising what has to be the largest volunteer group ever to work on one project in Kentucky. All of them gave up their spring break to be involved in this tour and even paid to be allowed to come.

The group is from the college department of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. This department includes more than 250 college young people and its work is coordinated by a full time staff member.

Don Patty, in his fourth year in this position, has led the group every year in some kind of mission outreach project during spring break. The first year they went to the Baltimore area. The next year to New York City and the Bronx. Last spring they went to Grafton, W. Va. And this year to Laurel Lake Baptist Camp.

The church assists with underwriting transportation costs and each young person contributed \$75 toward meal expenses and materials this year. Students were divided into teams: a construction team, paint team, puppet team, mountain outreach team and kitchen team. Each team was headed by students chosen because of their previous involvement in other mission trips and their special skills. These students plan and carry out the projects they are responsible for.

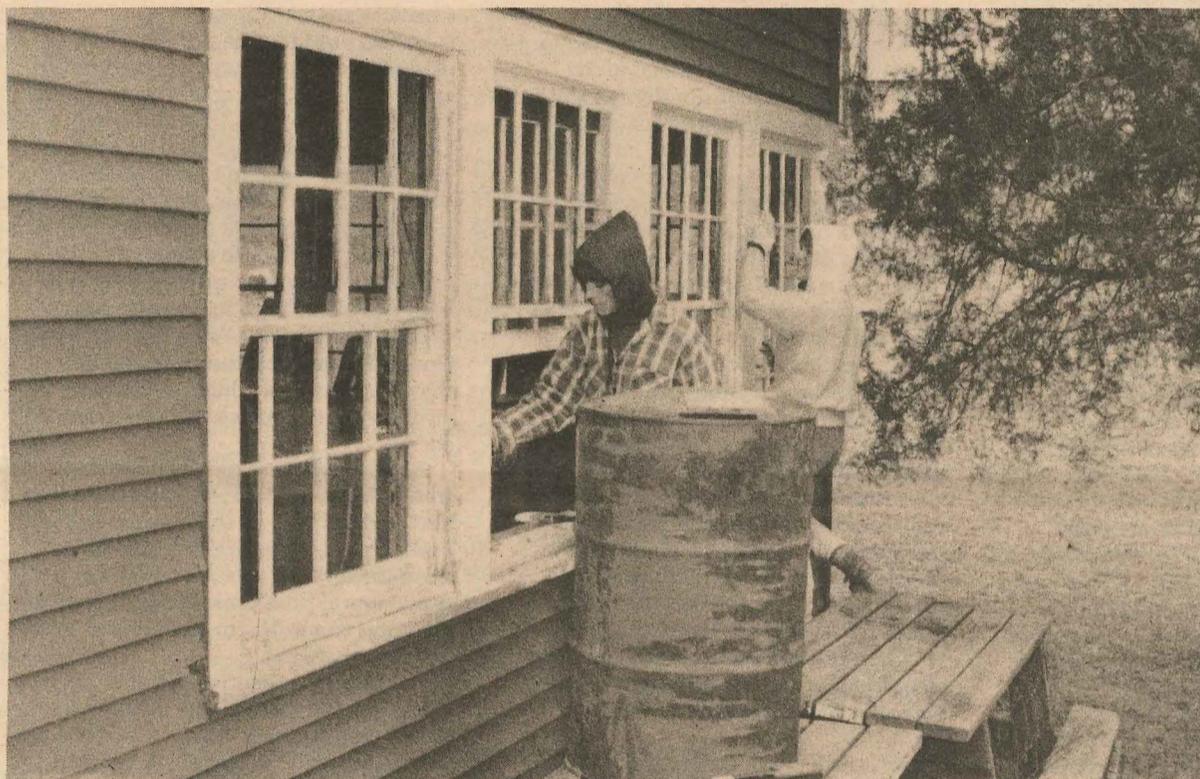
In their work at Laurel Lake Camp, the group accomplished an amazing number of projects. They completely renovated one cabin—adding siding, rewiring, doing some dry wall work and painting. They finished siding on another cabin and painted and remodeled the rest rooms. They took the outdoor screened chapel/pavilion and removed the old screen wire, replacing it with new, painted the exposed woodwork, chairs and benches. They added an equipment shed to the maintenance building and fenced a storage area. They built a picnic shelter and tore down and cleaned debris from an old building nearby.

They repaired the roof of the dining hall and did dry wall work in the basement area. In the activities building they removed old ceiling material and wall covering, replacing it with new dry wall. They scraped peeling paint from the outside of the building and completely repainted it.

The team that worked with the mountain outreach program of Cumberland College students went out to the Canadatown area near Williamsburg and reroofed one substandard house. They did painting and repair work and dry wall work for several others. They laid the foundations for a new house which Cumberland students were planning to build on their spring break the following week.

In addition to all these things, the group has been before Cumberland College students and three different churches in the area for the musical products "Acts," which features about

Spring break was not a vacation for 85 members of the college department of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. The students descended on Kentucky, concentrating their efforts on a facelift of Laurel Lake Camp. Two members of the paint crew [r] scrape windows on the camp's activities building while [below] workers prepare a cabin for siding.



60 persons led by their church music director, Larry Ballard. A puppet ministry team has appeared in several nursing homes, a shopping center mall and several school assemblies. Some of the group has participated in the services of an associational youth revival and in several Wednesday night services.

Patty, the college department minister, believed the group had received as much as it had given. He appreciated the assistance received from associational director of missions Janus Jones and from Laurel Lake Camp manager Damon Helton. He said local preparation had been the best they had ever found.

This is the day of the volunteer movement in Southern Baptist life. These students will have the rest of their lives colored by such mission experiences and many will perhaps be affected even in their vocational decisions by them. Again and again they spoke of spiritual growth they had experienced from being a part of the mission tours.

There may not be many volunteer groups that will number 85 in size. But in some ways this group is a model many others could copy. There was a great joy about the group, yet it was much more than a fun experience. It was expressed by both the people of Laurel Lake and the members of the group that neither will ever be the same again.

It was anything but all work and no play, of course. A male foreman of an all female paint crew and his workers ham it up [r] during a break. [Below] Damon Helton, manager of Laurel Lake Camp [l] and Janus Jones, director of missions, Mt. Zion and South Union associations, discuss the group's progress.

