



## Lebanon: A year later

A year after Israel invaded Lebanon the sound of heavy guns still reverberates through the hills southeast of Beirut.

Southern Baptist missionaries, along with Lebanese Baptists, feel they have spent the year on a roller coaster, traveling at high speed from the heights of hope and joy into sudden pits of disappointment and fear.

Casualty figures, like lost opportunities, are hard on the consciences of missionaries. One missionary says, "I don't have enough tears. The blood of those who died without Christ cries out in judgment against any apathy we had in the past."

Last year when the Lebanese army took west Beirut, supported by troops from the United States, France and Italy, a kind of euphoria broke out. People felt after seven years of blood-

shed, the war finally was over.

Disillusionment came early. In Tripoli, to the north, fighting broke out between pro- and anti-Syrian forces. Phalangist militiamen moved behind the Israeli army into the Shouf Mountains, a Druse area with many "Christian" villages, and fighting ensued.

In Beirut, car bombs shattered the calm. The international forces were attacked.

When a powerful explosion destroyed a large part of the American embassy, almost everyone, it seemed, lost a relative or a friend or at least a measure of faith that anyone was safe. Sandbags reappeared on the sidewalks.

Then agreement was announced between Israel and Lebanon. Within the hour, war exploded again in the mountains.

Meanwhile, a kind of social chaos has prevailed. Because of official efforts to eject destructive illegal aliens, thousands of people loyal to Lebanon who have been living in the country for years—some all their lives—without citizenship suddenly needed proper papers.

The polarization of religious communities that took place during the long years of war has produced apparently insoluble problems for many evangelical converts. One couple, though both are now Christians, come from Palestinian and Druse backgrounds and seem to be in the wrong place wherever they go. Equally alienated are Palestinians who did not fight. They have no community and no rights in Lebanon.

Personnel of the Baptist mission have seen doors to ministry open, but generally have been unable to claim the opportunities.

Lebanese from the south began returning to their homes and farms, long in a battle zone. They need building material and spiritual help, but the mission has heavy long-term responsibilities and is not geared for emergencies.

Pete Dunn, missionary director of radio ministries, says even now 1000 witnesses are needed to spend the next three to six months in Lebanese villages. But where are the thousand, he asks.

Years ago plans were made to send a couple to live in Sidon. Then the war came, and the time and circumstances were all wrong. Suddenly, last fall, it was time to move into Sidon, but there was no personnel.

Once, few people in the world dared walk into a Palestinian refugee camp. But last year, after the fighters were expelled, after thousands had died under the planes and more had been slaughtered in the alleys, Christian Lebanese—Baptists among them—walked into the camps to try to say, "We care."

At first they just listened to people cry and offered to pray for them. The wonder of it was that no one refused to

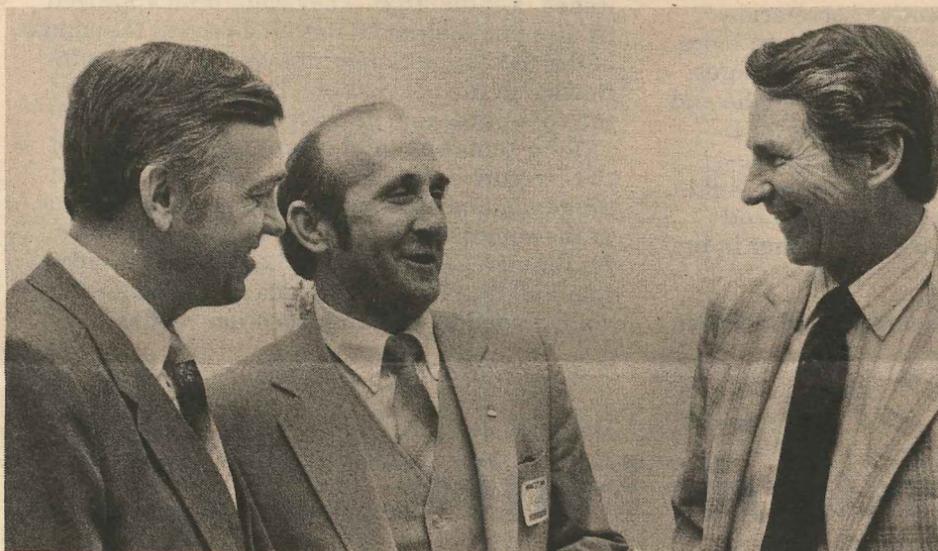
let a Christian pray for him. Before long people were turning to Christ and Bible studies were established.

The mission has helped with literature, prayer, clothes and a few visits to hearbroken, frightened people. But because of personnel shortages, there is no one to commit to ministry in the camps.

While these opportunities opened, the whole Shouf Mountain area closed. The Baptist mission in Bhamdoun has become inaccessible and is without leadership. Our mission in Riyaq is isolated from other Baptists. Baptist pastors in both Riyaq and Ain Dara, in the mountains, have been kidnapped and held overnight in separate incidents.

For most of the year travel to Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, has been unwise for missionary Mabel Summers, who assists the Baptist church there. The pastor was injured by an explosion near his home.

Even the agreement between Lebanon and Israel could close doors, unless other Arab countries approve. Half the personnel of the Baptist mission in Lebanon are engaged in international ministries—radio, publishing, seminary training, evangelism. Lebanon's relationship with other Arabic-speaking countries is crucial to these ministries. The country's isolation from the Arabs or a long Israeli occupation could cripple the ministries.



### Missionary memoirs

Bill Hancock [l.], pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Jim McKinley [c.], missionary to Bangladesh, and Bill Wakefield, Foreign Mission Board director of South and Southeast Asia, talk about McKinley's experiences in Bangladesh. He and Hancock presented a \$25,000 check to Wakefield to be used to construct an auditorium and training center for Baptist lay leaders in Bangladesh. The money was profits from the sale of McKinley's book, "Death to Life—Bangladesh," which tells about his family's experiences during the war for Bangladesh's independence. Highview church has published the book.

### No paper next week; next issue July 20

In keeping with a previously announced policy, there will be no edition of Western Recorder published July 13. The next issue will be July 20. Additional Sunday school lessons are included this week to provide for the week when there will be no paper. Western Recorder normally does not publish the second week of July each year.

## Trustee opposes BJCPA stance

In opposition to testimony presented by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a newly-elected Southern Baptist Convention representative to that agency has urged a Senate panel to pass President Reagan's proposed school prayer amendment.

In a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Strom Thurmond, R-S. C., North Carolina attorney Samuel T. Currin cited a 1982 SBC resolution supporting the Reagan prayer amendment as clear evidence "that Baptists favor a restoration of voluntary prayer to the public schools."

Thurmond's committee is considering two proposed constitutional amendments approved early in June by the Subcommittee on the Constitution. The Reagan proposal, S.J. Res 73, would allow state-written oral prayer in public schools. A substitute supported by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, and other members of the subcommittee would permit "individual or group silent prayer and meditation" and provide

"equal access to the use of public schools by all voluntary student groups."

Thurmond entered the Currin letter and a copy of the 1982 SBC resolution into the record after hearing testimony from BJCPA general counsel John W. Baker urging the panel to reject both proposals.

Currin's letter quoted the 1982 resolution's erroneous declaration the Reagan amendment "does not constitute a call for government-written or government-mandated prayer." A printed White House explanation of the amendment's impact said the proposal would empower state and local officials to compose prayers to be used in public schools.

"If groups of people are to be permitted to pray, someone must have the power to determine the content of such prayers," the White House document stated.

In his testimony, Baker referred to the recent 1983 SBC resolution adopted in Pittsburgh which urged Baptists

to "express their confidence in the United States Constitution, and particularly in the First Amendment, as adequate and sufficient guarantees to protect these freedoms (free exercise and no establishment of religion)."

Told by Baker the 1983 resolution rejected the previous year's position, Thurmond said, "I wonder just why they sent this letter then."

"Because that's an old resolution which agreed with Mr. Currin's position," Baker responded. "It's not the position which the Southern Baptist Convention took just two weeks ago."

Baker further reminded Thurmond, himself a Southern Baptist, "each Southern Baptist Convention meeting speaks for itself and (the 1982 resolution) was the expression of opinion of those people there at that time."

Earlier Baker told the committee the BJCPA opposes "any attempt to amend the First Amendment" and warned "amending the Constitution should be the last resort rather than a first resort."

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## daley observations

# Messengers sent a message to Executive Committee

The staff and members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee should have gotten a message in Pittsburgh. The message is that their homework must be done better because messengers are not going to approve recommendations that are not preceded with careful planning and with full background information and discussion.

Of course it is not expected that all Executive Committee recommendations will be popular with all messengers. This group's responsibility is to provide leadership and enlightened leadership is often ahead of the group. It is encouraging to see the Executive Committee tackle difficult problems and make needed recommendations though the proposals are not all popular.

Leadership, however, must be wise as well as courageous. It must be able to assess every situation, to discern the minds of those it serves and to be willing to wait for as much consensus as possible. Leadership that is satisfied with only a majority approval instead of consensus is headed for trouble.

The recommendation in Pittsburgh to construct an \$8 million building to house the Executive Committee staff and eight of the smaller

convention agencies is an example. Many messengers were clearly not satisfied they knew enough about the project to vote intelligently. Others thought they knew enough but had not been convinced the project was wise at this time.

For the staff and Executive Committee members it ought to be said they worked long and diligently on plans in this recommendation. Executive Committee members were well informed and approved the project step by step.

The truth is, however, it did not have enthusiastic support from all Executive Committee members and other denominational leaders, especially several state executive secretaries. This is understandable since the states are more and more pressured to send larger percentages of Cooperative Program receipts to Nashville and to sacrifice in order to have more funds for a major evangelistic and missionary thrust between now and 2000 A.D. Major marginal building projects for denominational agencies and Bold Mission Thrust just don't go together in the minds of many.

There is no doubt there is need for more space

to house the Executive Committee and the other agencies now occupying the Southern Baptist Convention building. How urgent it is is a debatable question. The building is scarcely over 20 years old and is in an ideal location. It's far enough away from the Sunday School Board property to have its independence and distinction. This will be lost to some degree when it moves back adjacent to the Sunday School Board property in which the Executive Committee was housed until 1963.

This recommendation and the one proposing Las Vegas, Nev. for the 1989 convention site in Pittsburgh were about as controversial as any issues in Pittsburgh. They were both approved by sizeable majorities but they eroded the image of the Executive Committee as a stabilizing influence in the convention. This is the message the committee and its staff should ponder.

John Dunaway, immediate past chairman of the Executive Committee and one who worked diligently and ably on all the recommendations of the committee, has given the best rationale for the new \$8 million Southern Baptist Convention building I have read (see facing page). It is commended to Western Recorder readers.

## We did well in Pittsburgh, let's do better

It's rare for a Southern Baptist Convention meeting to draw only positive comments. So far of all editorials and evaluations of the Pittsburgh meeting I have read, none has been negative.

The one possible exception is the last part of an editorial treatment by Harold Shirley in the newsletter of the church he serves. Harold is the perceptive pastor of First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, N. C. and after commenting positively on Pittsburgh hospitality, the fellowship and the atmosphere of the meeting, he expresses three concerns. They are what he calls super church egomaniacs, unbalanced committee appointments and vicious attacks upon Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Some of the same concerns are shared by many loyal Southern Baptists. Fortunately most of these were downplayed in Pittsburgh and it's the hope and prayers of many they will be kept in the background and under control in the future.

Shirley's concern for overexposure of super church pastors on programs is valid. I would not call any of these pastors egomaniacs but they do display the kind of sensationalism and dogmatism unbecoming humble servants of God. They inspire a kind of admiration by enough hearers to assure their election to most any office they seek. They are very able men but their influence sometimes is out of proportion to their wisdom.

Fortunately the committee on order of the convention has almost completely eliminated such performances but the Pastors' Conference is and will be dominated for the foreseeable future by such performers.

It would be good if somehow the sincere and faithful servants of God ministering in small churches could be recognized and heard in national Southern Baptist meetings but modern listeners hooked on the sensational and dramatic would not support it.

Shirley is also right in deploring appointments and nominations which are unbalanced. This year president Draper's appointments were balanced and this was a major factor in Pittsburgh harmony. The committee on boards nominations this year were more balanced than in several years though noticeably unbalanced in a few instances.

Ignoring geographical considerations and nominating two ultra right wingers for the public affairs committee was obviously an effort to control Jim Dunn who has been the bad boy for advocates of state sponsored prayer in public schools.

The appointment or nomination of six members of two Alabama churches for 11 denominational assignments smacks of the same or worse cronyism than that which was once criticized by those in power today. Of course all of these were

not made by this year's committee on boards.

Shirley's third concern is also valid. Too many unfounded charges are directed against our convention seminaries. Shirley blames the supporters of three independent Baptist seminaries headed by Southern Baptists for trying to erode confidence in our convention seminaries. There is some truth in this though Mid-America Seminary has followed an admirable policy of not criticizing other seminaries.

Of more concern to me than unfounded criticism of seminaries is the smug arrogance of some leaders of the inerrancy faction who pose as God's saviors but who manipulate their followers to do their bidding as a master chess player manipulates his pieces.

Some readers of newspapers from Pittsburgh concluded Pittsburgh was a Baptist uproar from reports of remarks of an inerrancy leader made in the newsroom. Granted some newswriters delight in stirring controversy, it behooves influential leaders not to make remarks that are inflammatory, especially at the very time others are striving for harmony and unity.

Pittsburgh was a good start for recovery of mutual confidence. Let us move on in the same direction.

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guest editorial

# New SBC building is needed; now is the time

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Certain questions were asked regarding the SBC office building in Nashville which was approved by the denomination in Pittsburgh. I feel that as the immediate past chairman of the Executive Committee, I need to respond to them for clarification.

The first question was: Are we trying to build an expanding SBC bureaucracy? The answer is no. However, during the 20 years this building has been erected, the convention has assigned additional responsibilities to the agencies, requiring more staff. In Pittsburgh an additional staff person was authorized to work promoting the Cooperative Program. Our agencies which will be located in the SBC building function to serve us. The Historical Commission, for example, will preserve our history which will serve us by enabling us to know where we have been to more realistically know where we are going. We are not building a bureaucracy, we are providing a better service.

The second question asked was: Are these smaller

agencies involved in Bold Mission Thrust? If Bold Missions includes reaching people with the gospel, winning people to the gospel, and developing or growing people and churches in the gospel, then each of these smaller agencies is involved in Bold Missions. For example, the Stewardship Commission promotes both the Cooperative Program and personal stewardship, so that a vision of world missions and our responsibility to support it is made more clear. This shows that they too are involved in world missions. Each of the agencies feels it is a part of the overall task of Bold Missions.

The third question is: Do we need the new building? The answer is yes for the following reasons: There is not adequate parking. Presently there are 100 employees and 60 places. Attempts to buy additional property for parking have failed. Another reason for the new building is the mechanical problems with the heating and air conditioning. The cost for this and other improvements to meet the Nashville building code would be prohibitive. Because of the possibility of renovation a study was made and the cost was \$4-\$4½ million and still there would be an old building. In addition to this sufficient meeting space is not available for the Executive Committee meetings and other larger meetings.

Consideration was given to building somewhere in

Nashville, but none of the sites were as good as the site given by the Sunday School Board with ample parking for the future. We also considered renting building space from a developer, but found that within something like five years we would pay out the cost of a building.

Is this good stewardship in light of Bold Missions and a difficult economy to build at this time? The truth of the matter is there is never a good time to build. However, the fact this present site can be sold at a very good price, the payment for the building in two years saving approximately \$1 million in interest, construction of the building on a site given to us, and the agreement of all agency executives makes this the best time to do it. One doctor once told me, "The best time to operate is when you diagnose the case." This is the best time to build because of need and the knowledge it would never cost less to construct than now.

I regret that time for a fuller explanation was not given during the convention or before it, but I hope this additional information helps.

You will be proud of the building design which plans for the needs past the year 2000. The sole purpose of its use will be to glorify God and to more efficiently fulfill the responsibility of Bold Mission Thrust.

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## LESSONS FOR JULY 10, 1983

### Life and Work Series WISDOM FOR A GOOD LIFE

**Proverbs 1:7-22** Wisdom is far more than the mere accumulation of knowledge. It is more than the knowledge of the right way which is to be pursued and the wrong one which is to be shunned. "The fear of the Lord" is the starting point of knowledge and wisdom. To fear God does not mean to be afraid of him, but to stand in awe of him, of both what God is and what he does. Those who ignore God and reject his instructions are foolish indeed.

**Proverbs 3:5-8** What is meant by the plea: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart"? Literally, the word "trust" means "to lean upon" or "to depend on." Trust conveys the idea that one is conscious of his weakness and therefore turns to the Lord for support. We are told to trust "with all thine heart."

"Heart" here refers to the seat of the affections, so it has to do with thinking, loving, feeling, willing and acting.

Following the plea is the prohibition "Lean not unto thine own understanding." Nothing is more fickle and frail than our own understanding and that is why we are admonished to distrust it. After the prohibition comes the precept: "In all thy ways acknowledge him." He is worthy of being acknowledged with the supreme affection of our hearts, the complete homage of our intellects, and the unswerving loyalty of our lives.

After mentioning the plea, the prohibition and the precept, there comes a great promise: "And he shall direct thy paths." If we acknowledge God in all things, he will direct our paths, make us happy, and enable us to be victorious. If we expect the Lord to lead us,

we must let him determine our thoughts, form our opinions, mold our characters and control our lives. **Proverbs 8:34-36** God daily awaits the approach of those who need his instruction and is very desirous of imparting it to them in order that they may experience the joy of learning and doing his blessed will. God wants us to hear, receive and apply his truth, and then to share it with others who also have a real need for it.

**Proverbs 22:3** God does not want any of us to be foolish enough to refuse to see dangers and pitfalls and plunge into them to personal injury. Rather, he appeals to us to exercise foresight and good judgment or prudence and thereby avoid the evil consequences thereof. Wisdom demands that one avoid the way of the foolish and the wicked as he would a plague. Going in the right way is always best. Those who travel in that way never regret having done so.

### International Series SAMSON: UNFULFILLED DESTINY

**Judges 13:2-5, 24-25** In the village of Zorah lived Manoah and his wife, who had never known the joys and responsibilities of parenthood. Through his messenger God announced to Manoah's wife that she would have a son. When the boy was born he was named Samson. From his infancy he was dedicated unto the Lord, which caused him to refrain from anything that came from the vine, from indulging in the pleasures of the world and from going near the dead. Compressing his childhood and youth into one sentence, the historian wrote: "And the child grew and the Lord blessed him."

**Judges 16:15-17** Samson sinned when he made his own pleasure, instead of

the will of God, the rule of his life. Samson went to Timnath, saw a Philistine girl, fell in love with her at first sight, and decided he wanted to marry her. He displayed his demanding nature by saying: "Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well."

Later, Samson fell in love with a Philistine woman, Delilah, and she caused his downfall. Her people promised her 1100 pieces of silver if she would discover for them the secret of Samson's strength. Thrice Delilah sought this secret, but each time Samson told her a falsehood. Delilah made a supreme attempt to accomplish her purpose, whereupon he informed her that if his locks were shorn his strength would be gone. His long hair was only the symbol of his Nazarite vow to God. When he broke his vow his strength was gone.

**Judges 16:28-30** The Philistines had a great celebration in honor of their god Dagon, whom they thought had delivered the mighty Samson into their hands. When they were intoxicated, the people called for Samson to be brought forth to exhibit his great strength.

When their request was granted, the spectators began to jeer, taunt and mock Samson. After the exhibition Samson told the lad who attended him that he wanted to rest. The lad led him to the arched entrance of the temple. With each hand Samson embraced a pillar and stood with his head bowed.

Samson prayed: "O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once." When he pulled on the pillars of the building the entire building collapsed. When the dust had settled, 3000 Philistines lay dead among the ruins, and among the dead lay Samson.

## LESSONS FOR JULY 17, 1983

### Life and Work Series LIVING JUSTLY

**Psalms 1:1-6** In the first three verses of this psalm the writer tells of the blessedness of the godly man, and in the last three he tells of the unhappiness, misery and ultimate doom of the ungodly man.

**Psalms 1:1-3** Here we learn that the godly man does not walk in the counsel of the self-willed, or stand in the way of sinners who live in opposition to and rebellion against God, or sit in the seat of the scornful and in a spirit of proud self-sufficiency and a contempt for God ridicule those faithful Christians who fear, love and serve the Lord. **Psalms 1:4-6** The ungodly man has left God out of his life; therefore, his character, conduct and destiny are what they should not have been. He is like chaff—unsightly, unstable, useless, worthless and powerless; he will not be justified at the judgment; his companionship with the righteous will terminate at his death; and his end will be destruction.

**Proverbs 14:4, 12, 21** One is forbidden to bear false testimony. There is no justification for bearing false witness. Any who commit this heinous sin do an irreparable injury to the victim. For it God will hold responsible any who are guilty of indulging in it.

Verse 12 informs us that a way which

seems right may not be so. In fact, many appearances are misleading. A way may give the appearance of producing happiness, prosperity and success, but the result thereof may be the very opposite. A thoughtful and wise person will consider the consequences of his choices before he makes them.

**Proverbs 16:8** Acquiring wealth is the greatest ambition of many people. Unfortunately they have not learned that wealth does not guarantee happiness. In fact, spiritual wealth is far more important and satisfactory than financial wealth.

**Micah 6:8** The people petulantly inquired: "Just what does God want; what will it take to please him?" Without hesitation God told them what was required. His requirements, spoken through Micah, were: doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. These are the minimum of what God demands of his children. It is impossible to meet these requirements apart from the enabling grace and strength of his son, our savior and Lord.

### International Series HANNAH: A PROMISE KEPT

The family of Elkanah, a member of the tribe of Levi, resided about 12 miles from Shiloh. At the proper season each year Elkanah and his household went to Shiloh to worship God and to offer the prescribed sacrifices. Elkanah made the mistake of marrying two women, Hannah and Peninnah, which produced unhappiness and strife.

Hannah's heart was burdened and her soul vexed because she could not have children. Because of Elkanah's open preference for Hannah, Peninnah was very jealous of her. At these annual feasts, Peninnah gave expression to her haughty and insolent attitude toward Hannah by repeatedly taunting her. Burdened by the taunts of her rival, Hannah gave way to her feelings and expressed them in the loss of appetite and in tears.

**1 Samuel 1:9-11** In her provocation Hannah held her peace and resolved to commit her cares and anxieties to God. She left the feast and went to be alone with God in earnest prayer. She promised God that if he would look upon her affliction and give her a son she would dedicate her son to him for his service. She had every confidence God could and would grant her the desire of her heart.

**1 Samuel 1:19-20, 24-28** In due time Hannah's son was born, and she named him Samuel. When Samuel was about three years of age, Hannah took him to the tabernacle at Shiloh and gave him to the Lord. Her presentation was complete, final and irrevocable. From a heart of love she gave her best to God. She wanted her son to glorify God throughout his life.

**1 Samuel 2:1-2** Hannah's heart overflowed with joyous praise. However, she did not speak about her joy, but about the God who made her so happy. She acknowledged her debt to God for Samuel, and gave herself unstintingly to the task of serving the Lord. Her song of praise to God ranks with the greatest ones recorded in the Old Testament. God had stood by her and blessed her when she needed him.



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### ON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND

Returning from the Southern Baptist Convention through Richmond, Va., Alice and I attended funeral services for a missionary friend. Cancer had claimed the life of one of the "youngest" 60-year-old women I have ever known.

As her husband stood in the receiving line, together with their grown children, I speculated once again about that inevitable time for us—and all our other friends.

Funerals always remind me that life is a gift—day by day, a reminder I too often need.

Outside I chatted with another old friend, seriously ill. We had teamed up as golf partners on many an occasion. When we touched and parted, there was an unspoken sense of finality.

"Heavenly Father, how does it feel to be oldest in creation? What is it like to

remain eternal while people wither and grow old?"

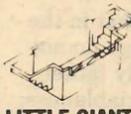
It all goes by so quickly—people . . . friends . . . places . . . life. We suppose you had good reason and we're not complaining, though sometimes we wish we had the power to stop the clock for a while; or to bring back a few times and a few faces.

We do want to thank you for giving us the gift of people along with the gift of time. I can't imagine time and space without people! We have a special indebtedness to you for that special person with whom to dream, hope, laugh, cry . . . and grow old.

If we should be given the gift of togetherness until we're 80, it's alright if people look upon us as the "old ones" . . . for deep inside we will know that our memories are more than fantasies or yellowing photographs.

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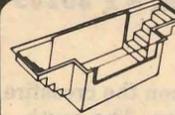
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Meriel Harris sees the need for schools like Cumberland College in the future. As he says, "Cumberland College is unique. It provides continuity of the life-long learning process by preserving and combining the best of the past with the vibrant visions of tomorrows, and truly deserves the maximum of loyal support."

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### CROSSFIRE

Who has not been saddened by scenes of death and suffering in Beirut, El Salvador, Afghanistan and other places in our torn world? Such conditions are not only sad but even difficult for many to comprehend. The saddest of all among these horrible circumstances are the women and children who are caught in the crossfire.

To be caught in the crossfire means that one who is innocent, uninvolved and helpless is caught in the bullets of conflict. Many such persons die on the spot or are wounded. Such suffering of the innocent and helpless weighs heavily upon the hearts of those who care.

Children caught in such crossfire are victims of conditions they cannot understand but which they can never forget. We here in the United States are not at this time experiencing such tragedies as Beirut. However, there are many innocent and helpless children being hurt and wounded in another type of crossfire.

I am thinking about children cared for by Baptist Homes for Children. All of them have been hit by some kind of

crossfire. It may have been the crossfire of a broken home situation. The youth did not cause the breakup but has been wounded by it and feels guilty because of it. The crossfire that has hurt and wounded a child may have been rejection by the parents or abuse by an adult. The crossfire may have been the result of the alcoholism of a parent or even some crime. Many children we minister to have simply been caught in the crossfire of a sinful society that has misguided both parents and children.

Let us remember—though this crossfire that is hurting children all around us is not caused by bullets, it is nevertheless damaging and hurting. I am thankful that Kentucky Baptists are in the business of helping the walking, wounded children caught in the crossfire of conflict all around us in Kentucky. More than 2000 churches and many thousands of Baptists are saying, "We care and we will share," as they support us through prayers and gifts.

As we hurt for, pray for, and seek to help hurting children across the world, let us also hurt for, pray for, and give to help those in our own state of Kentucky. Their hurts and needs are real.



## clear creek comments

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

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT CLEAR CREEK?

I am curious by nature and therefore appreciate curiosity when it is expressed by others. Recently a beloved alumnus of our school who prays for the work here and supports our ministry at Clear Creek asked me the question "what's going on at Clear Creek these days?"

This loyal "son of Clear Creek" went on to inquire about some of our wonderful professors at Clear Creek. Some of them are still serving faithfully with us. However, some of them are retired—one about whom he asked has gone on to be with the Lord!

This meeting reminded me that we need to communicate with each other more than we do. Paul wrote similar words to the Thessalonians, "... when Timothy came from you unto us and brought good tidings. . . . therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you" (1 Thess. 3:6-7).

There is something about hearing good news that encourages us and inspires us for the Lord. We need to share more with you the thrilling testimonies and miraculous victories our

Clear Creek family experiences daily and weekly.

But I am also reminded that in the midst of change, some things do not change. We have a heavenly father "with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). The more Clear Creek changes, the more it stays the same. Clear Creek was founded to train ministers for the work of the ministry, to teach and preach the word of God. Professors may come and go (even presidents sometimes retire!) but the great work of God goes on!

Come to see us at Clear Creek and see "what's going on." You will recognize some faces and you will feel God's presence.

### AS I GO ON MY WAY

My life shall touch a million lives

in some way ere I go  
From this dear world of struggle to  
the land I do not know.

So this the wish I always wish, the  
prayer I ever pray;  
Let my life help the other lives it  
touches by the way.

—Strickland Gillilan



## oneida journal

**Barkley Moore, President**  
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### SAME WEEK, SAME ROOM, 70 YEARS LATER

Can you imagine being able to celebrate the 70th anniversary of your high school graduation?

Mrs. Virgie Craft Hatton, Oneida class of 1913, did just that. In May 1913 her class and the faculty had a graduation dinner in the main room of the then new Anderson Hall. We have an excellent picture of that occasion which now hangs near the door of the room.

Seventy years to the week, Mrs. Hatton presided over her 70th anniversary dinner in the very same room. Thirty-five other special guests enjoyed the dinner with her including the 1923 and 1933 classes back for their 60th and 50th anniversaries.

Sitting before the old stone fireplace

Mrs. Hatton recalled riding a raft down Goose Creek from her home on Beech Creek. She lived in the dorm and then she and the other senior girls lived in the newly built Anderson Hall. Back 70 years later, her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Hopkins of Anchorage, Ky., occupied her old room while she slept next door.

Mrs. Hatton graduated from Oneida at age 15. We have a wonderful picture of her in her white graduation dress and matching white shoes. She is standing with her father and mother, two sisters and three of her five brothers near the old Marvin Hall, Oneida's principle classroom building for 65 years. Her oldest brother Walter, a member of Oneida's first graduating class (1908), was already teaching in the Philippine Islands, having com-

pleted his college work at Georgetown.

Her brother Frank had graduated in 1910 and was unable to be back. Mollie Payn Haynor wrote in The Baptist World in the July 21, 1910 issue these words about the Craft family at the time of Frank's graduation: "The Oneida school closed the other day for a short intermission, and the summer term will begin in July. Dr. Adams of Frankfort preached the graduating sermon and the diplomas were presented by the president, Rev. James A. Burns. I wish you might have heard him tell about how the parents of Frank Craft had made it possible for their boy to graduate from the Oneida Baptist Institute. The father left his home to teach in this school faithfully year after year., the mother remaining at home to manage the farm away over yonder, care for the younger children, and at the same time build up a model mountain home, both parents working hard and making many noble sacrifices."

What was written of Frank could also have been said of Virgie. Yes, she has many wonderful memories. She married Manley Hatton, also a Clay County native. Though her husband never attended Oneida, his love and enthusiasm for our school was such that he was elected president of our alumni association several times! Oneidians

always looked forward to his rousing speeches so filled with wonderful stories and humor. He never failed to come to our homecomings until his death.

Mrs. Hatton remains active at age 85. Her life is centered in the work of Hurstbourne Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. She takes an active part.

Bob Hacker, president of the 1923 class, was back for his 60th anniversary. He, too, is still quite active. His father and mother ran a boarding house for many years on the edge of the campus, feeding and housing boys for \$1.50 a week. "Brer Rabbit" and his wife "Sis Rabbit" set a fine table. This was remembered as their son and every member of the 1933 class ate their anniversary dinner.

We feasted on baked chicken with mushroom sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, green salad with crisp crackers, apple pie, ice cream, coffee and tea. The tables were decorated with white cloths covered with green velvet runners and candles encircled by ivy and baby's breath.

The evening ended with the singing of many hymns, shared in the long ago in the old chapel. "Victory in Jesus" captured the mood of the evening, each knowing Christ as personal savior and a reunion in heaven very near.



## campbellsville college today

**W. R. Davenport, President**  
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### CLIPPING COUPONS

How do you evaluate the returns from your investments?

Kentucky WMU's Kathryn Akridge recently commented that returns on a certain investment fund had allowed the WMU to increase the WMU scholarships to \$500 per year. Praise the

Lord for that good investment that will help some more of our young women attend Campbellsville College.

As I thought about the matter of financial management and the fact that every business investor expects a good return on that investment, I also began to think about returns and dividends on the investments we make in the lives of

other people.

Some dividends aren't collected by clipping coupons or cashing the interest check.

That's really what a Christian college is all about. We are making investments in lives—in people. God gives the increase. He provides the returns and the dividends on these investments.

Through Campbellsville College some people invest by way of their prayers. Today two dear ladies visited the campus, and in our conversation I caught a little glimpse of how much they pray for Campbellsville College—and for me personally. I am grateful that God has laid Campbellsville on the hearts of so many prayer partners. Thanks to each of you who is investing

through prayer.

Some invest time. Many volunteer workers assist in financial campaigns, on advisory councils, as alumni, as trustees—the list continues to grow! A dedicated faculty serves at salaries considerably under the average of their peers in order to make investments in tomorrow's leaders who are today's students.

Others invest money. How do you count the return on funds given to maintain Campbellsville College and its programs of Christian education? God keeps these records!

Thanks for all of your investments. May God bless them, and may he bless you for making them.

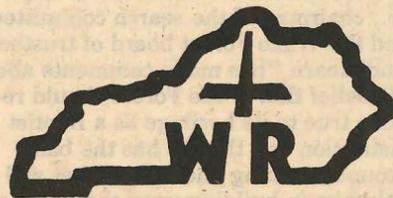
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# baptist news in brief

## Baptists honor Rice; dedicate homesite

"More than anyone else, Luther Rice planted the seeds from which sprang the modern mission thrust of Baptists in America," said Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

May and dozens of Baptist denominational leaders and laypeople honored Baptist missions pioneer Luther Rice and dedicated his homesite as The Center for Missions and Education, a facility for training Baptists for missions work, during ceremonies June 17-18.

M. Wendell Belew, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Missions Ministry Division, said the center represents a new approach in missions training in new work areas. Laypeople and clergy will be able to reside at the center for short-term study periods, glean missions strategy from Rice's own writings and through seminary extension classes.

May said Baptists are indebted to Rice for his "dream of a denomination focused on missions, rooted in education and bonded by communication," and added Rice's 23-year ministry among Baptists in America sparked the transformation of scattered churches into a national denomination.

## Education Commission holds annual meeting

The Southern Baptist Education Commission, in its annual meeting, approved the sponsorship of a national conference in 1986, adopted a record budget, announced the first recipient of the Charles D. Johnson award and re-elected officers for 1983-84.

The national conference, similar to the one on "Christian Higher Education in Christian Missions" in 1979, again will emphasize the role in Baptist colleges in Bold Mission Thrust. The proposed theme for the 1986 conference is "Equipping for Leadership."

A record budget of \$458,500 was approved by the commission for 1983-84. The budget reflects a 12 percent increase in Cooperative Program receipts, as approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, as well as projected income from other sources.

H. I. Hester was named posthumous recipient of the Charles D. Johnson award, established by the Education Commission to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Southern Baptist educational life.

Hester, who died in January, was instrumental in the founding of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in 1948 and was its only secretary-treasurer until his death.

Before his death, Hester and his wife, Carolyne, endowed several scholarships to Southern Baptist schools as well as the H. I. Hester Lectureship for the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges.

## Nicaraguan Baptists ask U. S. Baptists for help

Nicaraguan Baptists want their U. S. counterparts to pressure the Reagan administration to stop aiding guerrillas fighting the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

The Baptist Convention of Nicaragua's executive committee, in a letter addressed to Southern Baptists, Ameri-

can Baptists and the Baptist World Alliance, asked them to "redouble . . . efforts" to stop U. S. support for the guerrillas.

The guerrilla fighting in northern Nicaragua, said the letter, is causing "pain and grief suffered by members of our Baptist churches and by Nicaraguans in general" because of alleged civilian kidnappings, torture, forced evacuations and destruction of livestock and property. Three Baptist congregations in the area have disbanded.

Don Kammerdiener, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for Middle America and the Caribbean, said he shares "the deep pain and suffering which has characterized the people of Nicaragua for so many years. Southern Baptists have responded to those needs by sending relief funds and personal representatives to live and minister among the Nicaraguan people as long as the Nicaraguan convention felt it useful for us to do so."

Two Southern Baptist missionary couples left Nicaragua in 1982 on the advice of Baptist leaders there. The Foreign Mission Board sent \$10,000 in hunger relief funds last year for Nicaraguans who lost crops and homes because of the fighting.

## Non-Baptist elected Wake Forest president

M. Vernon Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va., and immediate past president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, has been elected to the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Davis, who will be associate professor of theology will join the faculty July 15.

## Virginia pastor joins Midwestern faculty

Thomas K. Hearn Jr., senior vice president for nonmedical programs at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, has been elected the first non Baptist president of Wake Forest University in the school's 149-year history.

Hearn, who will assume office Oct. 1, received unanimous approval by the university's presidential search committee and the board of trustees at a called session meeting.

Hearn, a Presbyterian with a Southern Baptist background, will succeed Wake Forest's James Ralph Scales as president of the Baptist institution.

During a press conference held shortly after Hearn's election, C. C. Hope Jr., chairman of the search committee and the Wake Forest board of trustees, said Hearn "has made comments about his belief that Wake Forest should remain true to its heritage as a Baptist institution and that he has the background, training and beliefs that will help him in building upon that relationship."

Hearn, a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., also is a summa cum laude graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and holds the doctor of philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University. He has done additional advanced study at Glasgow, Scotland University.

Hearn was professor of philosophy at the College of William and Mary before joining the University of Alabama staff in 1974 as professor and chairman of the philosophy department. In 1976 he was named dean of the university's School of Humanities. Two years later he became vice president for nonmedi-

cal programs at the Birmingham, Ala., university.

## Educators must vocalize if institutions to survive

Southern Baptist educators must become more vocal in matters of public policy if their institutions are going to survive, a leading educator from Washington, D. C., says.

Some 150 top officials from Southern Baptist colleges and schools talked of public policy, survival and their institutions during a legal affairs workshop held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Landrum R. Bolling of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University said: "We can and we do have something to say about social and moral and political issues. We need to think more on the long term relationships between Christian higher education institutions and government."

Bolling said religious entities have a right to speak out on public policy issues. "Churches and church leaders cannot divorce ourselves from the great public policy issues of today," he said. "America is the country in which individual citizens and groups can come to the fore to deal with the public policy questions. America will thrive and will be able to face moral challenges if we keep strong independent private sector institutions."

Among the public policy and legal issues he said educators will face soon, if not already, are challenges to the tax exempt status of non-governmental, private institutions and churches; tax exempt protections on charitable contributions to church related institutions; preferential postal rates for publications and other institutional material; the continuance of legal mail solicitation of funds by private church related entities; public financial support for private institutions and issues of separation of church and state.

## New room system announced by SBC

The system which will be used to reserve rooms for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been outlined by Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager.

The new system was made necessary by new site and housing guidelines adopted by messengers to the 1983 annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The last modification of the housing guidelines was made during the 1976 Norfolk SBC.

"In the past, the convention took approximately 6500 rooms, all of which were handled through the convention bureau in the city in which we were meeting," Hedquist said. "Of those 6500 rooms, block reservations could be made for a maximum of 50 rooms, but only 40 percent of the rooms in any hotel could be used for block reservations."

The biggest change in the 1983 guidelines, he added, is the elimination of block room reservations.

Under the new system, Hedquist said the convention will retain 4000 rooms, of which 3000 must be within two miles of the convention center.

"Those rooms will be reserved for individuals and reservations for them must be made on reservation forms available from state convention offices in September. They must be submitted to the housing bureau, and cannot be postmarked earlier than Oct. 1," he said.

He added the assignment of rooms will be made on the basis of the postmark. If there are more requests than housing, he added, a drawing will be held to determine priority.

Blocks of rooms will be available, he explained, but only on the initiative and effort of persons wishing to arrange them.

On July 15, the list of hotels the convention will be using for its block of 4000 rooms will be available to the public, he said, and will be published in Baptist Press, the convention's news service.

## Supreme Court upholds tuition tax deductions

In a decision of historic proportions, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled June 29 that states may provide aid in the form of tuition tax deductions to parents who send their children to parochial schools.

The broadly-worded decision, which split the high court 5-4, leaves open the possibility that tuition tax credits at both state and federal levels may likewise be upheld in the future.

Justice William H. Rehnquist, who has voted to uphold every parochial aid plan to come before the high court since his appointment 12 years ago, wrote the opinion for the majority. He declared that the Minnesota plan, providing income tax deductions of \$500 per child enrolled in an elementary school and \$700 for each secondary school pupil, has a secular purpose, does not advance religion and does not excessively entangle the state with religion.

But Justice Thurgood Marshall, speaking for the four dissenters, declared: "For the first time, the Court has upheld financial support for religious schools without any reason at all to assume that the support will be restricted to the secular functions of those schools and will not be used to support religious instruction."

The Minnesota law, enacted in 1978, primarily benefits parents of the state's 91,000 parochial school children despite the fact that the law permits parents of public school children to claim the deduction as well. Fewer than 100 of the more than 900,000 public school pupils attend schools that charge a general tuition.

Reactions from Baptist church-state specialists were immediate and critical.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn labeled the decision an "aberration" in the Supreme Court's "long-standing effort to hold the line on church-state separation."

## Abortion amendment suffers Senate defeat

The U. S. Senate has soundly defeated a proposed constitutional amendment designed to overturn the Supreme Court's 10-year-old ruling that the Constitution protects a woman's right to privacy in abortion decisions.

By a 49-50 vote—18 votes shy of the two-thirds majority necessary for passage of a constitutional amendment—the Senate rejected a one-sentence amendment pushed by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, which declares: "The right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution."

One of the Senate's strongest foes of abortion, Jesse Helms, R-N. C., voted present. Helms, troubled by what he considered a weakness in the Hatch measure that would allow states to pass liberal abortion laws, plans to push his own proposal later in this Congress.