



FBC Oklahoma City elects three women as new deacons

Three women have been elected deacons by members of First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, setting up what is sure to be a confrontation between the 3000 member congregation and the Capital Baptist Association.

The election results were announced this week in the church's edition of the Baptist Messenger, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Members of the church balloted Aug. 21, choosing 18 deacons from among 48 persons—including seven women—nominated.

Pastor Gene Garrison, immediate past second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said normally the church elects 15 deacons each year, but this year three vacancies had to be filled, necessitating the election of 18 deacons.

Of those elected, the three women and three men will be ordained by the church Sept. 25. Twelve of those elected previously have been ordained.

The women elected are Edna Dunn, Kathleen Nash and Sherry Lawson. A fourth woman—unnamed in the news article—also was elected but declined to serve, saying her husband and two sons already are ordained deacons at the church, and adding she believed her election would be "a little too much."

The article explained the three week delay in announcing the results of the election by noting Garrison "personally interviewed those who had never been ordained, informing them of their election and asking them to consider serving as an active deacon."

The action of First Baptist Church in authorizing, electing and ordaining women as deacons and the reaction of the Capital Association in passing two resolutions and adopting one committee report opposing the ordination of women, probably will set up a confrontation when the association conducts its annual meeting Oct. 17-18 in Nichols Hill Baptist Church.

Ernie Perkins, director of missions, told Baptist Press he hopes "we don't make this a test of fellowship. I hope it won't even be brought up, but I am sure it will."

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Randall Babin [1] is minister of education and Lindsey Burns is pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, White Oak, Tex., where the first satellite telecommunications system in the Southern Baptist Convention was installed for Baptist TelNet, the Sunday School Board's new training network.

Cauthen says China will eventually allow missionaries' return

Missionaries "sooner or later" will be allowed back into China, says Baker James Cauthen, who helped shape one of the largest mission enterprises in history.

For 26 years Cauthen headed the Foreign Mission Board. Before that he was a missionary to China and area secretary for China and Southeast Asia.

In his third year of retirement, Cauthen, who will be 74 in December, is teaching Asian missions to students and potential missionaries at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Baptists long have dedicated massive resources to China. Of the 539 missionaries the Foreign Mission Board supported in 15 nations or areas in 1924, 287 were in China. By contrast, Brazil, with 310, is the country with the largest single number of Southern Baptist missionaries today—but the total force is 3343 in 101 countries.

Baptist mission work in China stopped in November 1951 when missionaries were evicted. Yet so strong a magnet is that vast nation that in 1964 Foreign Mission Board reports still listed China as one of the nations in which it had active work.

Cauthen, probably the second best known Baptist to have been a missionary to China (after Lottie Moon for whom Southern Baptists' annual foreign missions offering is named) said China still holds a strange and strong allure to Baptists because Baptists have a better sense of China's "dominant and meaningful" history.

"God has done a great work in China, and the gospel has had a great hearing among the people. Missionaries know the people. It's no wonder they want to go back.

"What adjustments may be necessary to go back into China? We'll wait and see what they are and make them. We'll go as friends, as colleagues, probably not as employers very much."

State Baptist student convention Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at Louisville seminary; personalities named

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Growing to Serve" will be theme of the 1983 state Baptist student convention Sept. 30-Oct. 2 meeting at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and concludes with the 11 a.m. service Sunday with St. Matthews Baptist Church, which also meets on the seminary campus.

Don Blaylock, director, Student Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, announced these three principal program personalities for the weekend:

Jimmy R. Allen, president, Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Udell Smith, director, Student Department, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria; and George Fields, professional speaker, musician and entertainer, Louisville.

The weekend includes a student missions emphasis with testimonies; music by BSU choirs of Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges; fellowship Friday evening with George Fields; and a presentation Saturday evening of new KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall and his family, with a reception for them.

Eleven seminars on the theme "Growing to Serve" are scheduled Saturday morning. Topics and leaders include:

"Characteristics of a Growing Disciple," Bill Tuck, pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville; "Is Seminary for Me?," Ernest White, professor of church administration, Southern Seminary; "A Christian Disciple's Lifestyle," William E. Dick Jr., associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; "Masterlife Disciple Training," C. Vernon Cole, director, Church Training Department, KBC, Middletown; "Disciples in the Church," Don Man-touch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Morehead; "Discipleship and Worship," Bill Leonard, associate professor of church history, Southern Seminary.

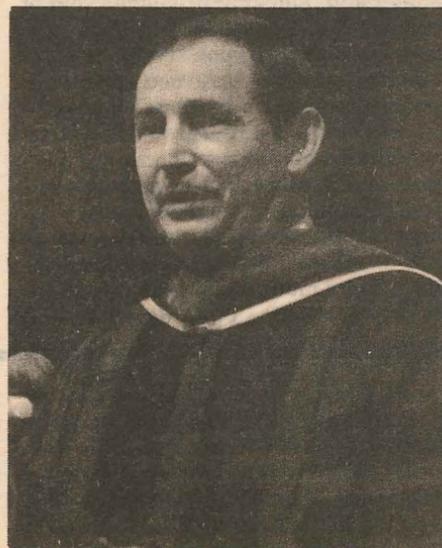
Also, "Cultivating New Disciples," Lincoln Bingham, state consultant for cooperative ministries, Christian Life Relations Department, KBC, Middletown; "Disciples in a Changing World," Richard Cunningham, profes-



On the agenda

Principal program personalities for the state student convention Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Louisville include, at top, l-r, Jimmy R. Allen, president, Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Udell Smith, director, Student Department, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria; and below, George Fields, a Louisville professional speaker, musician and entertainer. The event will be held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

sor of Christian philosophy, Southern Seminary; "Discipling Through Missions," Bill Lee, associate, Department of Special Ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; "Women in Ministry and Discipleship," Mrs. Molly Green, student, Southern Seminary; and "Discipleship and the Single Lifestyle," Wendy Ezell, student, Southern Seminary.



Full circle

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, addressed the opening convocation at Georgetown College. The 1100 students, faculty and staff responded with a standing ovation following his personal testimony growing out of his undergraduate days at Georgetown. He was deeply moved by the Christian love of his fellow football teammates—"a love," he said, "that accepted me even though there were many on the team that had disliked me on the field of play. It was a great influence on my young life."



C. R. Daley

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A special week for Kentucky Baptists

This is a special week for Kentucky Baptists—a week when we focus on the missionary and evangelistic needs of our own beloved state. From hundreds of Kentucky Baptist pulpits congregations have been or will be challenged to study, to pray and to give in order to meet the pressing spiritual needs in Kentucky from the mountains to the Mississippi.

Considering the large number of Baptist churches and other congregations in Kentucky, one might understandably ask if the state really can be considered a mission field. The answer is a strong affirmative. Kentucky was a rugged mission field when the first Baptists arrived over 200 years ago. Today it is less rugged but still a

mission field. In many parts of Kentucky the birth rate exceeds the rebirth rate and we are actually losing ground.

Mobility and shifting population bring new people to Kentucky every day and world conditions are such that many of these newcomers are ethnic group members who have never been exposed to the true gospel.

The lifeline of our mission outreach is the Cooperative Program but there are never enough funds to meet all the urgent needs. Kentucky Baptists can contribute through this special offering with assurance none of it will go for frills or extra. All of it is allocated to essential ministries which range all the way from preach-

ing to Koreans to construction of church buildings in communities without places of worship and Bible teaching.

Such a special week demands special planning and promotion. It has just this in that a special group, the Kentucky Baptist WMU, is leading in this observance. Those who know the extent of Baptist women in missionary education, support and outreach shudder to think where we would be without these consecrated women.

The women in Kentucky are truly bold in planning, praying and in asking for support from all of us. In 1970 the goal for this offering was \$120,000. This year it is \$495,000. Such boldness deserves a bold response from all of us.

Preaching the gospel after death

New Mexico editor J. B. Fowler recently shared a story with me which illustrates the magnificent benefits which came to New Mexico Baptists as a result of the faithful stewardship of a former Kentuckian. This former Kentuckian was Grace Atherton for whom the atrium in the newly renovated New Mexican Baptist Building was named.

Miss Atherton was born Oct. 9, 1894 in Livermore, Ky., the only child of George and Ellen Atherton. Because of the poor health of Grace, her parents moved with her to Albuquerque in 1915. Her father died in 1931 and her mother passed on in 1943. Grace lived on in Albuquerque until her death June 15, 1973.

In 1968 Grace established a trust with the New Mexico Baptist Foundation. The trust provided for Miss Atherton as long as she lived and at her death went to New Mexico Baptists "for the pro-

pagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

At her death in 1973 the New Mexico Baptist Foundation received \$240,484. During the 10 years since 1973 the earnings of the trust have amounted to almost \$214,000. These earnings have been used for pastoral aid assistance, church building loans and other mission ministries in New Mexico.

Grace Atherton's example is inspiring and it is very fitting that her faithful stewardship be memorialized by dedicating a part of the beautiful and serviceable New Mexico Baptist Building to her memory.

We have similar examples of faithful stewardship on the part of Kentucky Baptists. One of these gifts from a dear lady means a great deal to me because Western Recorder receives a quarterly check from the Kentucky Baptist Foundation as a result of her designation which

included Western Recorder for a small share of the earnings. She has never agreed to let her name be revealed but it's recorded in heaven.

Thousands of Kentucky Baptists have millions of dollars which could advance the gospel as long as the world stands. They have chosen so far, however, not to give all or part of their resources for the spread of the gospel after they die. They have chosen, instead, to leave their materials for family members who might well fuss and fight over them.

A letter or a call to Grady Randolph, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101, could set in motion a plan which would bring happiness to the donor and the gospel to the recipients.

Non-resident membership is an abuse

by Dwight A. Moody, Pastor, North Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The vast majority of Christian churches have found it advisable to maintain membership rolls. The process of joining a church functions as a formal initiation into a fellowship of Christian believers. Churches have found this a simple way to provide watchcare over new Christians as well as a useful procedure to direct churchwide decision making.

In response to a normal fact of modern life, churches have adopted an abnormal category of church members. Family mobility has given rise to what churches call the non-resident member. People come and go. Many join the church when they come, and don't when they go. So churches in Greenville have members in Philadelphia and churches in Pittsburgh have members in Houston. Such membership is at best only technical, and more often an abuse. As "church member" is a formal designation for voluntary participation in the life and work of a congre-

gation, a "non-resident church member" is as one prohibited from fulfilling what church membership entails. Gathering together is absolutely essential in our New Testament faith. Fundamentally, that triple word title, "non-resident church member" is a contradiction in terms.

There are exceptions, of course, as there are to every general principle.

To maintain without care a non-resident membership category is a mistake. It cheapens the meaning of church membership, allowing privileges void of responsibility. It teaches the people falsely by conveying powerfully the fundamentals of cheap grace. It encourages indifference on the part of those who relocate. It misrepresents the facts about church size and strength, contributing mightily to ecclesiastical pride. A good percentage of the 13 million Southern Baptists are impossible to locate. It's easier to be removed from a Sears mailing list than it is from

a Southern Baptist church roll!

Churches need to correct this abuse. We can do so by establishing publically what constitutes "non-residency" in church membership. Clear guidelines must be set, then explained to all persons as they depart the church field. Those who relocate will understand that they cannot retail old memberships by simply ignoring new ones. If they continue to value their work for the Lord, let them so indicate by joining another church. This is, after all, what we mean when we pledge together in the Church Covenant: "We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word."

Persons leaving the church field should apply for non-resident membership. Those not qualifying for such can be given a certain amount of time to reorient their Christian work and join

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another church. Those who choose by their indifference not to move their membership should be removed from the rolls of the church. That is, after all, an old Baptist practice dating back to the annual homecoming with its roll call; those not present and without good reason were stricken from the rolls.

Membership in a New Testament church is not to be taken lightly. Our primary object is to add to our church, in keeping with the pattern of Pentecost where the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. But we maintain the integrity of our churches by demanding responsible membership. Identification with the Lord's church should never be gained by abuse or indifference nor maintained by neglect or nostalgia. Partnership in the Lord's work is precious. Let us preserve the integrity of this privilege.

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baptist forum

Tuition tax credits is a good idea

Tuition tax credits for families with children in private and, primarily, parochial schools, as recommended by President Reagan is really quite sound.

Religion has been removed from the public school system that we all knew and cherished. Prayers are banned—the 10 commandments may not be displayed on the walls—and lawsuits are, at this very moment, seeking to prevent Christmas and Easter programs. Thank God for the parochial schools, many of them Baptist supported. They still have prayer! They can sing Christmas carols praising the Savior.

The religious schools generally have a class much like Sunday school and a chapel period once a week. This reinforces what the child is getting at home and at church. The Lord cannot look with favor on what is happening in the public schools. Until the respect for God is restored to the public school system, it will probably never measure up to past performance.

As Christians and Baptists we need to be aware of the wonderful way God is being honored in our parochial schools. God is not interested in whether the United States government will have to find revenues in another area to make up for tax losses. All the riches of the world belong to him anyway; so surely he will not mind if a few dollars are spent to provide religious education to his children.

President Reagan has shown great moral leadership in this area and others. He is being sued for proclaiming 1983 as "The Year of the Bible." He went on national television to tell the story of Jesus last Christmas, and he has come out against abortions. Christians have not had such moral leadership in the White House for a long time.

We Baptists know the value of our Sunday schools. We also know the value of the Lord, our God. Let us give our religious schools the support they need and back the tuition tax credits.

Richard C. Porter Jr., Louisville

SBTS seeks Francisco messages

On behalf of Southern Seminary I am requesting copies of printed or taped messages by Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, who served on the faculty at Southern Seminary until his recent death. We desire to develop the fullest collection possible of materials related to the teaching/preaching ministry of Francisco. Should readers have copies of sermons or lectures by him, we would appreciate permission to duplicate those materials for the seminary archives.

Persons may forward tapes or other materials to Librarian, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280. The original tape or printed material will be duplicated and returned to the owner upon request.

Thank you for assisting us in our effort to expand our collection of materials produced by Francisco in order that future generations of students may benefit from his teaching ministry.

Roy L. Honeycutt, Louisville

Involve youth in life of church

As a youth director I found the editorial about youth dropouts both sad and inspiring; sad because of the truth in its message and inspiring because of its challenge to do something about the problem.

In my opinion, the key to insuring

church after high school is involvement. Youth want to be involved. They want a voice, to be respected for their opinions. I'm afraid so many adults today neglect to encourage their youth or to listen to their thoughts on an issue concerning "their" church. It is the youth's church too, and they need to feel a part, not apart.

Also, youth need to be trained for leadership positions by on-the-job training and given responsibilities: helpers in VBS, nursery, committees, backyard Bible clubs, substitute teachers (one Sunday missed in their own class won't hurt their spiritual learning as much as preparing a lesson would increase their discipleship ability). Youth Week provides a great opportunity for exercising their talents, but once a year is not enough. Why not have quarterly youth-led services on Wednesday?

I'm excited about the potential Christian leadership I see in our youth today. They're an untapped source. Out of groups I've been privileged to work with have come an ordained music minister, a sojourner, youth leaders, teachers and a church pianist.

Their continued interest in church, I believe, came from an early interest in them and their contributions. This interest came not just from their leader, but from adult leaders throughout the church. They are the key people. A youth leader can guide the youth only as far as the church allows.

Fortunately, I've been blessed by that kind of church support. And I praise the Lord for church members with the insight to recognize that today's youth are tomorrow's church.

Mrs. Harlette, Peterson, Webster

Prison Fellowship provides ministry

Prison Fellowship is the prison ministry begun by Southern Baptist Charles W. Colson following his imprisonment for a Watergate-related offense. Our ministry is founded upon the conviction there can be no rehabilitation apart from regeneration through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We currently have ministry in both of the federal prisons and six of the state prisons in Kentucky.

There is a critical need at this time for Christian pen pals who would be interested in corresponding with a prison inmate. We also have need in several areas for Christians to go into prisons, both to visit on a one-to-one basis and also to serve as volunteers in special programs. Any pastor or church member desiring more information on becoming involved with prison ministry may write to me—David Haley, Kentucky/West Virginia State Director, Prison Fellowship, P.O. Box 23060, Louisville, KY 40223—and I will be happy to provide additional information on how you may become involved.

Our ministry to the men and women behind bars is God ordained, and we earnestly covet the prayers and involvement of Kentucky Baptists in this ministry.

David Haley, Louisville

Professor-in-residence enriches church

Since Roy McClain at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, called E. A. McDowell as minister of teaching, I've wanted to have a seminary professor on our church staff. This would give an opportunity for in-depth Bible study in the church and give our people extended exposure to a Southern Baptist theologian. Problem areas included budgeting a full salary and agreeing on termination.

At First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C. we had a professor on sabbatical at Duke University with us each weekend for a semester. Gerald Borchert taught the gospel of John in the "Professor's Class" to an appreciative 100 persons. Later we had E. Glenn Hinson come and teach three one-month series on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. He dealt with the devotional life, world peace, and Christ and culture. These lectures were well received.

During June and July we had J. J. Owens as professor-in-residence. He taught Exodus on Sunday evenings and Genesis 1-11 on Wednesday evenings in 50-minute sessions. Each Tuesday he and Mrs. Owens were in the homes of

members for extended dialogs. Attendance and enthusiasm were at a summer high. The church was enriched by these studies and personal encounters, and the professor had an extended ministry with our congregation.

We paid the professor's travel expense, provided housing and an honorarium equal to what he would have received teaching summer school. We have had a tradition of in-depth Bible study and visiting professors for January Bible studies. The professor-in-residence greatly enlarged our summer study. I commend such a plan to other pastors whose people are hungry for serious study of the Word.

Alton H. McEachern,
Greensboro, N. C.

viewpoint

Adopt an annuitant

A novel approach to relief for suffering former servants

by Frank Norfleet
First Southern Baptist Church
Wellsville, Kan.

In the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Pittsburgh a scarcely noticed motion was passed. So obscure was it that only one man has mentioned it to me.

The motion was that we would set aside one day on our denominational calendar for the emphasis of the endowment council of the Annuity Board. Ironically the existence of this committee is almost as obscure as the passing of the motion.

As little known and understood as both the council and the motion are, they bid fair to alleviate a long existing and tragic condition among Southern Baptists—that of the actual physical needs of the retirees of the convention.

As a member of the Annuity Board I heard many stories about the needs of these faithful servants of Christ. I inquired about them several times but no one seemed to really be aware of the tragic conditions existing.

A little more than two years ago, under the compassionate leadership of Darold Morgan, president of the board, the endowment council was established and an executive director was selected. William C. Dodson now serves in this capacity.

A thorough search of the records of our annuitants showed that, out of the 12,000, 5000 are living at or below the poverty level! These dear souls, many of whom sacrificially led their church to give to missions rather than to establish annuities for them, are proud to have served through the Great Depression and to have held things together through the hardest financial period our denomination has known.

Let me say here that the Annuity

Board has kept every promise made to me. I took early disability retirement and was paid in full for two full years before I reached the age of retirement. A daughter returning late to school was assisted for a year and a half. My hospitalization has been worth many, many times its cost.

My annuity is only \$238 monthly but at the time I enrolled in the plan that was a respectable amount. And this is one of our tragedies—we have been victimized by inflation.

In the Kansas City area we are trying to help suffering annuitants. A very consecrated layman has come up with an idea which he calls "Adopt an Annuitant." He suggested that as many people as possible give \$50 per month which would be sent in toto to the annuitant. While Dodson is working on the larger gifts, bequests, insurance, etc., we have kept plugging away here asking for those \$50 gifts.

With the money that is coming from the several sources the Annuity Board is able to supplement some 25 annuitants. This will double within a few months. A brief article in the Baptist Bulletin Service brought in more than 100 gifts and many inquiries.

It has occurred to me that there is probably not one of our 36,000 churches which could not adopt at least one annuitant. One pastor is attempting to lead his church to adopt several. It is our hope that each of our pastors will write the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention asking for brochures to use in the bulletins of his church and will make a simple announcement about our needs and our progress.

That you might have an idea of the needs of our people, the following figures are presented. Conventionwide, 81.8 percent of our annuitants receive less than \$200 monthly. The average monthly annuity is \$137.64. In Kentucky there are 538 annuitants with 266 receiving \$100 or less and 165 receiving \$101 to \$200. This leaves 107 who are receiving over \$200 monthly.

These figures are not given to shame anyone. We have all done what we could. There are few wealthy preachers among us.

The whole purpose of this article is to inform people, believing that when we know of this need we will give sacrificially to overcome it. Questions about the need and how to help meet it should be addressed to Byrd Ison, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, or to William C. Dodson, Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 511 North Akard, Dallas, TX 75201

mountains to the mississippi



Shown with William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board president, are [l-r] Jerry Gilmore of Dallas, Tex., chairman of the board, Tanner, and R. Wayne Hodge of Princeton, Ky. Hodge was among 12 new board members elected at the SBC meeting in Pittsburgh. The 82 members of the board serve four years and are eligible for an additional four-year term if reelected by SBC messengers.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Coleman, missionaries to Zimbabwe, have returned to the field (address: Box W-197,

Waterfalls, Harare, Zimbabwe). He was born in Cedar Hill, Tenn. and reared in Guthrie, Ky. The former Linda Gholdston, Mrs. Coleman was born in Scottsville, Ky. and grew up in Dayton, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Park, missionaries to Liberia, have returned to the field (address: Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia). He and Mrs. Parks, the former Jane Parsons, are both natives of Padu-

cah, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Thompson, missionaries to Malawi, may be reached at Box 177, Zomba, Malawi. He was born in Salt Lick, Ky. and grew up in Mt. Sterling and Owingsville, Ky., and she, the former Mary Hancock, was born in McLean County, Ky., growing up in Calhoun, Ky.

The Thompsons were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

Peggy Tucker, special project medical worker to Yemen, has arrived on the field (address: Box 8080, Ibb, Yemen). Miss Tucker was born in Covington, Ky. but considers nearby Florence her hometown. She was employed by the Foreign Mission Board for one year in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, have returned to the field (address: Kotakpos 5, Tanjungkarang, Lampung, Sumatra, Indonesia). They are both natives of Hardin County, Ky.; she is the former Betty Woodring. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

revivals

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owen County Association, reports several rededications and good attendance during a revival there Aug. 7-14. Tim McCoy was evangelist and Thomas Dail is pastor.

Peters Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, reports two professions of faith and two additions by baptism from revival services held there July 18-24. Kenneth Grizzle was evangelist. Frank Harlow is pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services Aug. 5-15 and report five professions of faith and four additions by baptism. Early Kingrey was evangelist. Richard Chism is pastor at New Hope.

Fountain Run First Baptist Church, Monroe Association, reports one profession of faith and one addition by letter during revival services this summer. Ken Harris was evangelist and Mike Routt is pastor.

Unity Baptist Church, Pike Association, held revival services recently with Carroll Medley as evangelist and Tommy Thompson as music director. Champ Varney is pastor at Unity.

congregations

South Side Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, recently conducted day camps and an overnight retreat at Bullittsburg Baptist Assembly with approximately 150 persons attending.

South Main Missionary Baptist Church was constituted Aug. 7 with Ronald Riley, pastor of Gap Creek Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, delivering the message.

Macedonia Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, will observe its first homecoming Sunday, Sept. 25 with potluck dinner, singing, worship services and recreation. All former members, pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend. Wayne Henderson is pastor at Macedonia.

personnel

Jack Davis has accepted the pastorate at Eastern Gate Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He was ordained to the ministry Aug. 14 by the Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Davis is a third year student at Boyce Bible School.

H. Kenneth Dick has accepted the pastorate of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Sept. 1. He came there from Hindman (Ky.) First Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Edwin Trammel has been called as pastor of Lola Baptist Church, Ohio River Baptist Church.

Hardin and Betty Hosey have been named men's dorm directors of South Hall, Campbellsville College. They replace Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howerton in that position.

Hosey pastored Elkhorn Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, from 1970-79.

Guidelines for EFFECTIVE URBAN CHURCH MINISTRY

Based on a Case Study of Allen Temple Baptist Church

G. Willis Bennett



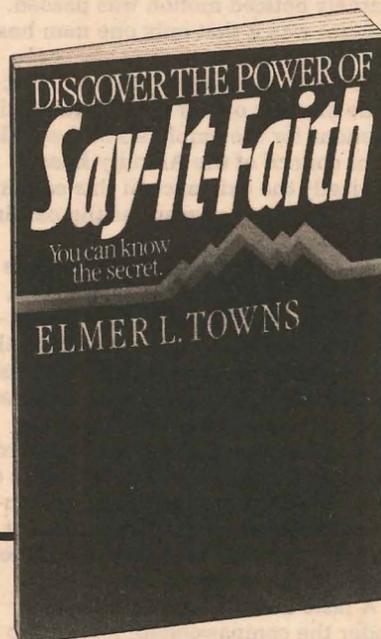
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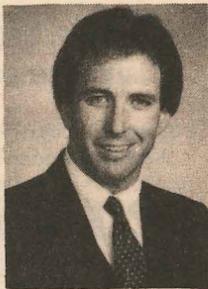
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HOUSE PUBLISHERS



Jaclyn Coleman replaces Pat Cowherd [1] as registrar at Campbellsville College. Here, Miss Cowherd discusses Mrs. Coleman's new duties as academic vice president Robert S. Clark looks on.



Wallace



Owings



Maslin



Wright

Dempsey D. Bell has been named minister of youth at Central City (Ky.) First Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association. He is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A. L. Meacham is now director of missions for Sulphur Fork Baptist Association. Meacham was pastor of DeHaven Memorial Church in LaGrange 24 years and during the last six years has been director of missions for both Henry County and Whites Run Associations.

He succeeds A. W. Walker who has served Sulphur Fork Baptist Association 11 years.

Timothy Owings has resigned as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Franklin Association, to accept the Moorestown (N. C.) First Baptist Church pastorate.

Owings, a native of Hialeah, Fla., received his MDiv and PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is also author of the forthcoming book, *A Cumulative Index to New Testament Greek Grammars*, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

He and his wife, the former Kathleen Pignatro, have three children.

Mark S. Maslin has resigned as minister of music at Mayfield First Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to pursue his doctoral studies in voice and theater at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

Greg Wallace has assumed duties as minister of youth and education at Rich Pond Baptist Church, Warren Association. Wallace, a native of Bowling Green, received his BS from Western Kentucky University and his MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jack Neighbor has resigned as pastor of Home Creek Mission, Pike Association.



Stephanie Brown, First Baptist Church, Arlington, represented Kentucky as the state Bible drill winner during the Church Training Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest recently. Also representing Kentucky in the speakers' tournament was Tammy Jean Smith, Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Buck Grove Baptist Church, Salem Association, has called Alvin Hardy as interim pastor, Tom Disney as interim music director, and Leigh Ann Miller as interim youth director.

Hardy, former vice president of business at Campbellsville College, replaces David High, Leitchfield, Ky., who goes to a similar position in Mississippi.

Dean Robinson has resigned as pastor of Faith First Baptist Church, Pike Association, effective Sept. 30.

ordinations

Susan Lockwood Wright was ordained to the ministry Aug. 21 at Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association. A recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, she began serving as pastor Sept. 1 at Cornell Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Seven persons were ordained as deacons at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Aug. 28. They were Mildred J. Burch, John M. Burd, Charles W. Dobbins Jr.,

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Bettye H. Howell, Mark Mulrow, Jim Soder and Joe Williams.

Lee Warf was ordained to the ministry Aug. 28 at his home church, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, by request of Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

Charles Rush was ordained to the ministry by Stephensport Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association, Aug. 14. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Stewart A. Fowler was ordained to the ministry Aug. 14 at his home church, River Street Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C. He is minister of music and youth at Muldraugh (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Fowler and his wife, the former Sylvia Floyd of Marion, S. C., are both students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jack Davis was ordained to the ministry

Aug. 14 by Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He is pastor at Eastern Gate Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky.

Davis and his wife, Carolyn, have two children.

deaths

Funeral services for former Kentucky pastor and professor Robert Sharon Moore, 85, were held Aug. 13 at Anderson, S. C.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Pribble Moore; two sons, Ray and Wayne, professors at Murray State University and Georgetown College, respectively; three daughters, Wilma Haire, Greenville, S. C., Elizabeth Adams, Atlanta, Ga., and Dorothy Kaufman, Baltimore, Md.; 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Moore was pastor at Baptist churches in Northern Kentucky as well as taught English at both Georgetown and Campbellsville Colleges.

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Mr. Integrity

James Tharp has lasting, positive ministry

by Darrell Monroe, Staff Writer

Thirty-two years as pastor of Mayfield's High Point Baptist Church, Graves County Association, has earned James Tharp the title 'Mr. Integrity' among his peers.

"I call him 'Mr. Integrity,'" said Raymond Lawrence, president of Mid-Continent Bible College located in Mayfield. "He's known here as a man you can depend on. He's a pillar among Baptists here. Faithful, loyal, stable—these are qualities found in Jim," he added.

James Tharp retired last December after 45 years in the ministry with 32 of them at High Point.

Born Dec. 16, 1920 in extreme west Kentucky, son of a Baptist minister, Tharp said he grew up respecting the ministry.

"I knew it was difficult and I didn't want to be a preacher," he noted. "I tried bargaining with God promising him that I'd be faithful to the church if I didn't have to preach. But at 18, I felt definitely there was no other way to be happy at heart. I've never doubted the route I chose."

Tharp said he began pastoring a small congregation shortly after that. "The economy was difficult then. It was hard for a church to maintain its building and ministry, let alone pay a pastor. I had two churches paying me \$300 a year each. My first one was Antioch Baptist in Carlisle County.

"I'd go to one church every first and third Sunday and the other one on other weeks. You'd hold Sunday school, worship services, visit the sick and such during the day. Mid-week prayer services were held on Saturday night.

"There has been a lot of changes since my early days of ministry," Tharp noted. "And most of them for the better. The auxiliaries (WMU, Brotherhood, etc.) of the church and improved

'A minister is to comfort the sick, sad, sorrowing and discouraged. Witnessing and ministry are the two greatest functions of the church. You need both to be totally effective.'

Sunday school ministries are improvements.

"Baptists have improved their Sunday school program and become better financial stewards. Those are the two biggies, I'd say."

In 1942 Tharp married Alvina Burgess. It was also around that time he decided to further his education at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., he added. "Three or four of us were concerned about going to school. One called me one day and we went down to see Union. That was in September and we enrolled for October classes. My wife

agreed it was time to go."

At first, Tharp said he kept his Kentucky pastorates but it wasn't long until he took a church in Tennessee.

"I finished at Union in four years. The Lord blessed me at school. I wanted to learn. If you're sincere in studying and doing the Lord's work you'll be surprised at what the Lord will bless you with. I'd almost say the Lord blessed me more at school. I could salvage more out of an hour of time."

In the spring of 1950 Tharp accepted the pastorate of High Point where he remains now as a member.

"There were problems at High Point when I came here. The church had split. Money was low. We probably did more praying then than we have in a long time.

"When High Point called me as pastor I didn't feel mature enough for the circumstances."

However, after three years, the church began its first of four building programs under Tharp's leadership. "We moved into our first unit of our present facility. We've built three times since then. We left pledge cards out but designated a certain percentage of our offering and every fifth Sunday's offering to the building. I was pleased. We've increased our gifts and mission budgets each year since then.

"I believe strongly in missions," Tharp noted. "High Point presently supports two churches—First Baptist Church of Silver Creek, Wy. and one in Youngstown, Oh. We supplement their incomes. Last year we gave \$50,000 (30 percent) of our budget to missions.

Tharp said he was positive about a pastor holding long pastorates. "There are a lot of good things about having a long pastorate. One is you get to really love and appreciate your people. You understand them and they understand you.

"I've had opportunities to leave High Point," he added, "but I'd pray about it and still feel this was the place to stay. Bob Humphrey of Owensboro's First Baptist Church for 25 years told me once that he felt without a doubt you shouldn't leave a pastorate under any less an impression than the impression you came there with.

"I got discouraged at times but after each year with High Point I'd ask God to help me to be a better pastor in the coming year than I was in the past. I retired when I couldn't honestly pray that any more."

Tharp said he sees the role of a pastor as one of witnessing and teaching. "It's always important to win lost souls. To do that, you've got to teach your people. Every time the pastor comes before his congregation he should be prepared to share the word of God. People need to be taught truth in the Bible. They need to recognize errors when they hear them. Until a Christian will read and pray on his own and cultivate his life in Christ, it doesn't matter what I tell them, they won't heed it.

"The devil's shrewd. First of all, he doesn't want a person to become a Christian. After that, he doesn't want a Christian used. Satan will keep you deceived. If a Christian is being faithful to his church and practicing good steward-

ship in all matters, the devil doesn't have an opportunity to get him. God has to be in all facets of our lives for us to effectively resist the devil.

"A minister is to comfort the sick, sad, sorrowing and discouraged. Witnessing and ministry are the two greatest functions of the church. You need both to be totally effective. You can't

'I'll never say I did the best I could. I'll say I tried.'

have one aspect without the other to be effective as a minister."

In denominational levels, Tharp said he feels good about Southern Baptists.

"I feel our eye is towards unity," he said. "There are dangers to watch. With our institutions as good as they are we have to remember they can't be substituted for the Holy Spirit and God's guidance and blessing. We must keep our eyes on God. I'm not saying we don't. I'm saying it's a risk to watch out for."

In reflecting over his active ministry years, Tharp said he felt good although there's things he wished he'd done differently.

"If I had it to do over again, I'd want to be a better witness. I tried, yes, but you can always do more. I'll never say I did the best I could. I'll say I tried.

"I've certainly fallen short of my goals at times but I do feel I tried to uphold them."



James Tharp, long time pastor of Mayfield's High Point Baptist Church, Graves County Association, relaxes one

recent day with his wife, Alvina. Tharp retired as High Point's pastor last December after 32 years at the church.

christian education

SBTS offers seminars for church staff members

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will offer a series of conferences this fall for pastors, ministers of education and other staff members.

The seminars are part of the seminary's ongoing program of continuing theological education conferences. The program helps ministers continue to grow professionally, intellectually and spiritually.

The fall schedule includes two three-day conferences:

Theological Potpourri, Oct. 4-7. A complete seminary education in miniature, this seminar includes presentations from 12 different disciplines in the Southern Seminary curriculum. Taught by various members of the seminary faculty, its purpose is to update the minister in major areas of theology. As a bonus, the conference also features the 1983 Norton Lectures, to be delivered by theologian Jan Lochman of the University of Basel, Switzerland.

January Bible Study: 1 Corinthians, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Led by seminary scholars from the fields of New Testament, theology and preaching, the seminar is Southern's annual preparation for leaders of January Bible Study in Southern Baptist churches.

Two one-day conferences also will be offered this fall. Time Management, Sept. 26, will be taught by J. Ralph Hardee, associate professor in church administration. A one-day seminar on 1 Corinthians for the January Bible Study will be led by Harold Songer, professor of New Testament, on Oct. 3.

Registration is \$50 for three-day conferences and \$30 for mini conferences. Spouses are exempt from registration cost. For housing and other information, interested persons should contact CTEC, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

Ruschlikon Seminary names acting president

Thorwald Lorenzen was named acting president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, Aug. 30, two weeks after Clyde E. Fant Jr. unexpectedly resigned as president.

Lorenzen, 47, has taught systematic theology and ethics at the seminary since 1974 and was elected a full professor last year. From 1971-74 he taught New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Fant, who resigned for "family and personal reasons" less than a year after his inauguration, agreed after returning to the states to teach the history of American preaching and sermon preparation at Southeastern during the 1983 fall term.

Lorenzen will head the seminary for 12 months while a search committee, expected to be named when the European Baptist Federation council meets in Sodertalje, Sweden, in September, seeks a president.

Murray grad becomes Campbellville instructor

A Murray State University graduate, Evanthis Mavrokordatos, has been named instructor of economics at Campbellville College, according to academic vice president Robert S. Clark. Mavrokordatos will be teaching introduction to economics, macro-economics, consumption economics and public finance.

Mavrokordatos graduated from Murray with a BS degree in 1980 and received a MS degree there in 1982.

He is the son of Kyriacos Mavrokordatos of Larnaca, Cyprus. He is married to Loucia Mavrokordatos, and they have one child.

Wingate administrator is new Tift president

O. Suthern Sims Jr. was named president of Tift College in Forsyth, Ga., Aug. 27. He will assume the post next January.

He is currently vice president for academic affairs and dean at Wingate (N. C.) College. Both colleges are Baptist affiliated institutions.

Sims became dean at Wingate College in 1977 when the college made its move to four-year status. He successfully steered the academic program from three majors to its current 22 and oversaw its baccalaureate accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Campbellville professor displays original art

Campbellville College art professor Linda Cundiff will display paintings, prints and drawings in a show Sept. 5-30.

The art show will be in the fine arts center gallery. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

A reception for Miss Cundiff will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 5 in the gallery.

Miss Cundiff's exhibit is an annual faculty show consisting of work completed in the past year. A recent showing was of a lithograph exhibited in the 1983 Print, Painting, Drawing National Juried Exhibit at the Parkersburg, W. Va., fine arts center. That print was awarded second place.

She was also awarded a first place for a lithograph exhibited at the 1983 Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

Miss Cundiff has been on staff at Campbellville College since last fall. She is a graduate of Adair County High School in Columbia and received her BA degree in 1972 from Campbellville College, her MA degree from Murray State University and her MFA degree from Ohio State University.

Miss Cundiff has taught art at Parkersburg Community College and at the Children's College at Parkersburg.

Southern Seminary hosts Church Music institute

The 23rd annual Church Music Institute, featuring nationally known church musicians and members of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Church Music, will be held Oct. 10-14 at Southern Seminary.

Guest personalities will include James Buswell, violinist and artist-in-residence at Indiana University; Charles Hirt, conductor, lecturer and clinician at the University of Southern California; Helen Kemp, specialist in the field of children's choirs; and James McKinney, dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The institute will feature lectures, performances and special exhibits. In addition, members of the Southern

Seminary graduating classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1978 will be honored at the annual alumni banquet.

Registration fee for the institute is \$30. For more information, contact Ronald Turner, institute coordinator, at the seminary's School of Church Music.



Moore begins teaching sociology: Campbellville

Robert Williams Moore has been named assistant professor of sociology, according to Campbellville College academic vice president Robert S.

Clark. Moore comes to Campbellville from the University of Kentucky, where he served as a research associate in the department of medicine and was a member of the volunteer clinical faculty of the department of behavioral science.

Moore was born in St. Louis, Mo., and is married to the former Cherry Ann Winkle of Hamilton, Oh. They have two sons.

Moore graduated from Louisiana State University with a BA degree in 1970. He received a MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973. He attended the University of Alabama, where he earned a MA degree in 1976. In 1982 he received a PhD degree from the University of Kentucky.

Moore worked for the Kentucky Diabetes Foundation as information management, and as co-owner and senior consultant for Applied Research Associates in Lexington. He also was interim pastor of Millville (Ky.) Baptist Church during 1976-77.



Members of the Kentucky state summer student team presented the musical drama "Bailey King" during the student conference at Ridgecrest [N. C.] Baptist Conference Center. The musical was written by Bill Cates and Everett Robertson. The Kentucky students make up three groups, Son Share, Son Burst and Son Celebration.



Students from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, get last minute instructions before the taping of Glorietta Quiz. The pilot program, featuring 16 Baptist student union groups, will be aired beginning May 1984 on the Radio and Television Commission-sponsored American Christian Television System [ACTS]. [BP photo by Gail Rothwell]

“I was hungry . . . Have you fed me?”

by W. David Lockard

“Feed me with the food that is my portion.” This earnest prayer from Prov. 30:8 represents the general Bible teaching that food is one of God’s good gifts. God created this earth with enough resources to provide for everyone’s “portion.” His calculations are accurate, and his provisions are adequate. The inequities which lead to hunger and starvation are caused by selfishness, ignorance and indifference.

“What is “my fair portion”? As Americans we consume between 30 and 35 percent of all the world’s resources, although we total only six percent of the world’s population. Surely this is more than our portion. We are taught to pray for “our daily bread.” Most Americans do not know what it is to pray for daily bread. More tragically, we often are not even grateful for the plenty with which we have been so richly endowed.

A Peace Corps worker writes about a village gripped by extreme poverty and chronic hunger. Autopsies on very young children revealed roots and dirt in their stomachs. Surely roots and dirt are not their portion.

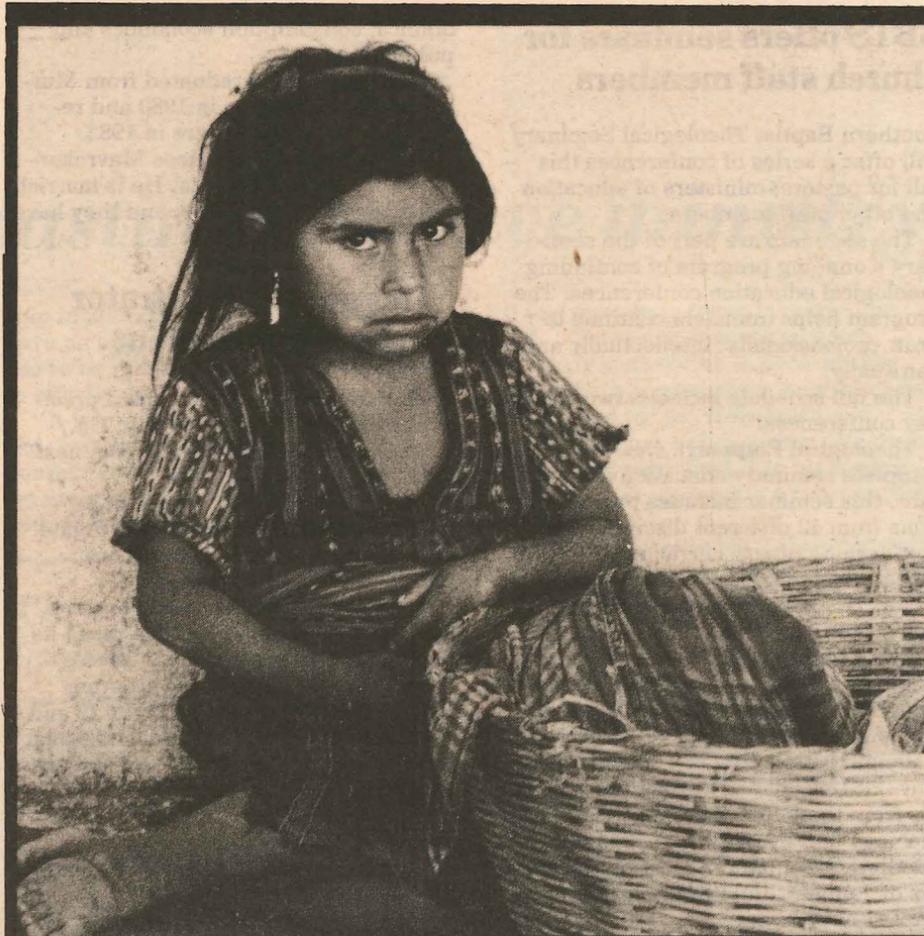
A picture of world hunger in 1983 can be illustrated by imagining 10 children at a table laden with food. The three healthiest load their plates with large portions, including most of the meat, fish, milk and eggs. These three eat all they want and throw away the leftovers.

Two other children get just barely enough to meet their basic requirements. Of the remaining five, three—sickly, nervous, apathetic—manage to stave off hunger temporarily by filling up on bread or rice. The other two cannot do even that. One dies from dysentery and the second from pneumonia, which they are too weak to ward off.

In 1976 Congress adopted a “Right-to-Food” resolution, declaring the right of every human being to a nutritionally adequate diet. In 1978 the Southern Baptist Convention approved a Declaration of Human Rights which challenged Baptists to honor the God-given and Bible-based right of each individual to have food.

How can we feed the desperately hungry people who also have their rights to God’s world and resources? A good first step is to observe World Hunger Day on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1983. Through this Southern Baptist Convention emphasis, Southern Baptists can become more sensitized to the needs of the world’s hungry and begin to answer difficult questions with compassionate action.

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:17-18).



“Feed me with the food that is my portion.”

(Proverbs 30:8)

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CP: Reaching up and out

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1. Call on your pastor to preach a sermon based on ministries supported through the Cooperative Program.
2. Plan a world mission prayer breakfast or banquet for church members. Invite a missionary on fur-

lough to give an eye-witness account of work supported through the Cooperative Program.

3. Sponsor a Cooperative Program poster contest for Royal Ambassadors and GAs. Recognize one or more winners and display all of these posters.

4. Ask your Sunday School director and/or Church Training director to present a Cooperative Program devotional or program during October.

5. Distribute appropriate Cooperative Program tracts, posters and bulletin inserts through the Sunday morning bulletin, in the church mailout; on bulletin boards, in Sunday School or Church Training departments or at a Sunday evening worship service in October. You may request these materials from the Stewardship Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

6. Show a challenging Cooperative Program film or filmstrip to your church or to special groups in the church. Ask for a list of titles available from your state convention on a free loan basis.

7. Prepare a special Cooperative Program bulletin board in the church.

8. Obtain the names and addresses of missionaries who are natives of your state. Write a thank you message to each of these persons.

9. Introduce church members to special mission publications such as the Commission (Foreign Mission Board), Missions USA (Home Mission Board), and World Mission Journal (Brotherhood Commission).

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2 Kings 4:8-10 This unusual and good woman did not assume any airs, but lived a simple life, responded to the call of duty, had enough spiritual insight to see something beyond houses and lands, had a great faith in God, and depended on him for strength to perform her daily tasks.

Elisha passed the house in which this nameless woman resided. She discerned he was the messenger of God. Because of her love for God, she wanted to do something for his prophet.

This spiritually sensitive woman suggested to her husband they show their love for God by providing an adequate and comfortable room for the use of God's prophet when he was in those parts. Speedily this couple built a room attached to their house so Elisha could use it at will without interfering with those in the other part of the house, and furnished it. For this helpfulness to his servant God dispensed appropriate rewards.

2 Kings 4:17-20, 24-25, 30, 36 In fulfillment of the divine promise a son was born to this Shunammite woman. One day her son who had grown enough to go to the grain field alone had a sunstroke and his father commanded a laborer to take the boy to his mother. Ere long he died and the devoted mother hastily made the trip to see Elisha and enlist his assistance. She wisely turned to the Lord and his servant in the hour of her great need. Going to the home of these friends, Elisha through the miraculous power of God raised the boy from the dead. In compliance with her sense of priorities this mother rushed to thank the giver of life for the restoration of her son's life before she greeted her son whom she loved so dearly.

International Series GOD OF INSPIRED PROPHETS

Deut. 18:15-22 Through his chosen, commissioned and inspired servant Moses, who was truly a prophet of the highest rank, God declared: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee." This prophet whom God was promising to send in the future was the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. Of this coming prophet God declared "I will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

As a warning God let the people know that all who claimed to speak for God were not true prophets. Some were

presumptuous enough to claim to be true prophets when in reality God had not told them what to speak. The prophecies which were made for God and in his name were fulfilled without exception, while those delivered in the name of the speaker or in the name of a false god did not come to pass.

Amos 5:21-24 In the days of Amos there was much outward religion in Israel but the nation had drifted from God. The people observed many religious festivals and feasts. Underneath all the outward show there remained many corrupt practices and terrible sins, such as the oppression of the poor, the indulgences of the rich, and their hypocritical services of religious worship. All of the pomp and display which characterized their religious services was an offense to the God of

righteousness.

God refused to hear their prayers (verse 21). Their worship God declined to accept (verse 22). He closed his ears to their false praise and instrumental music (verse 23). What God longed for was true righteousness (verse 24), and for that he still longs.

Micah 6:8 Petulantly the people inquired, "Just what does God want? What will it take to please him?" Immediately God told them what he was requiring of them: doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. These three things constitute the very minimum of what God demands of all his children. And it is impossible for believers to meet these requirements apart from the enabling grace and strength of God's son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

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Debbie Ferguson



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Debbie is an elementary education major from Knox County and plans to teach elementary school because, "Young children are fascinating. I love them and one of the greatest pleasures in my life is working with them, teaching, and helping them."

Debbie's love for children extends into her church life at Old Popular Creek Baptist Church. There she works with the youth group, sings in the youth choir, and helps with the nursery. She relates that the youth frequently come to her with their problems. She never turns them away.

She is open in her praise for Cumberland College, it's "secure and comforting attention," and it's close family-like relationship. "The faculty are the most concerned and helpful I have ever seen. They go out of their way to be sure you have what you need."

Debbie found a "new home" at Cumberland College, especially in the prevailing Christian family way of life, "The religious atmosphere at Cumberland College has helped to strengthen my faith and you can't help but want to be active in the Lord's work when you see all that is being done here on campus. Organizations, Appalachian Ministries and Mountain Outreach are so helpful to the community and the workers come from right here on campus.

"I have become more active in the Lord's work since coming to Cumberland College, and I can see more easily the blessings He gives me. I have come to appreciate the talents He has given me and try to use them for the Lord."

Debbie is truly a fireball of energy as God works through her to reach others.

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OLD IS NOT DEAD

I was privileged recently to be invited to speak to the executive board meeting of Elkhorn Baptist Association, the state's second largest association. The meeting was conducted at Hillsboro Baptist Church, founded in 1803. Pastor Walt Sanderson is bivocational. Among the church's previous pastors have been George Sadler, a former secretary for Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and Winston Crawley, the Foreign Mission Board's current vice president for planning. Though a few years ago a portion of the congregation formed another church in this area, this church has steadily grown under Sanderson's leadership. His wife, Ann, is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Moore, my pastor during Georgetown College days. Following the service and lunch I sat with Walt in his study discussing his hopes for Hillsboro's future. It was a refreshing experience to hear this fine teacher/minister speak of the church in positive and glowing terms, with some strong possibilities for growth in several areas of ministry. In fewer than three years the church has increased its average attendance from the fifties to

the eighties, and has raised its Co-operative Program contribution from 10 to 15 percent with the hope of continued increase. The church is situated amidst some of the most valuable farms in the state of Kentucky, many with out-of-state owners. According to Sanderson, who visits in the community regularly, numbers are unchurched or no longer active within any church group. Sanderson's father, a Kentuckian, is retiring at the end of this year from a long and effective pastorate in North Carolina and plans are already developing for them to become involved in a volunteer ministry overseas. It was exciting to be with these two fine young persons, both of them "preachers' kids" and both attempting to serve vocationally as effectively as they can in a small situation which some, without the insight and inspiration of the Sandersons, might perceive as just another "old church." I left that early afternoon feeling here was a live example of pastor and church, not in search of the spectacular, but doing what they could, with what they have, where they are. Does he ask more?



homes for children

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SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

A letter went from my desk to many friends of child care. It was sent as a reminder of the extra back-to-school costs of caring for children with a prayer many would respond with a gift. Such gifts are vital to us at this time of year before we receive the Thanksgiving offering.

Responses to that letter are pouring in daily with gifts ranging in size from a few dollars all the way to a thousand or more. Words cannot express how much these gifts mean to the continuation of our ministry.

A few days ago I received a rather interesting and unusual letter. It indicated it was written after church on Sunday night. The time was 10 p.m., and the writer was responding to my back-to-school letter. The gist of the letter follows:

"This is after church Sunday night, and all week long I have been aiming to answer your letter. I am a working person and have to cook at night so I am cooking for tomorrow and trying to write you also.

"My husband and I have a small business—groceries, drugs, hardware—and when school is going on we feed

a lot of children at their noon hour. For close to two years we have had a 'mission jar' on the counter, and the children will drop in money every day. We have a drug salesman and an elderly black lady who also drops money in the 'mission jar.' We have had as much as \$23.35 put in the jar in a month.

"In our church, Victory Baptist, we have a 'Mattie Cole Missionary Group,' and we turn the 'mission jar' money in to the missionary group. They have been sending \$10 to our child care work each month. In our last meeting I suggested we send the total 'mission jar' offering to Baptist Homes for Children each month. Everyone approved (we have 14 women in our group). Our president, Mrs. Cowser, will send the check each month."

The letter went on to say, "We have a lovely group of school children, and I think it is so sweet of them to want to have a part in helping other children." Signed: Mrs. Conard Niswonger, Providence, Ky.

What a thoughtful thing this woman, her husband and missionary group are doing! No wonder the children have special names for the couple. They call him "Sweetie Pie" and her "Miss Mary Love." May their tribe increase!



clear creek comments

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BEING A WINNER

It seems to me that our society emphasizes winning a lot. From game shows to beauty pageants to sports contests, everyone is striving to hear those magic words, "You're a winner!"

I am convinced everyone who is a Christian is a winner. We have gained Christ (Phil. 3:8) and salvation, and God "always causeth us to triumph (or win) in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14).

A Christian is a winner in his personal life, for he finds love, peace and joy where formerly there was only ashes. A Christian is also a winner in his moral life. Anyone can observe that happiness comes through decency, moderation and discipline.

A Christian is a winner with regards to his influence. We are about the business of witnessing for Christ, and "he that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30).

A Christian is a winner in his profes-

sion. Whatever is our job by which we make a living, living for the Lord is our main task in life.

A good example of dedication and commitment to Christ is our students at Clear Creek. They have literally left all to follow God's call. They have picked up their families and moved to a new place because God wants them to prepare for a lifelong ministry. But God rewards them a thousand times over in this life . . . and think of the life to come!

You are also a winner in your stewardship. You may think that your prayers and your support do not count for much at Clear Creek. But you are one of thousands of dear Christians who pray for our school and support our work. Like a mighty army moves the church of God and you are a part of that army. Continue to remember us and pray for us. You are a winner. God causes you to triumph in Christ!



oneida journal

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SHE AIN'T HEAVY, SHE'S MY SISTER

One of our little blonde-haired sixth grade girls was lost at Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington. In the crowd of 50,000 leaving after UK's season opener and victory over Michigan, she had stopped unnoticed at a concession stand. Earlier she had injured her foot.

After nearly 400 of our boys and girls and staff had boarded 10 of our buses to return to Oneida, her absence was discovered. Her older sister began to cry, and all of us were concerned. The principal, Oliver Hawkins, and I began to walk the several blocks back to the stadium. But, wonderfully, we saw our girl confidently limping toward us, her hand in the big hand of a policeman. We were so relieved and thankful.

Coming within sight of her bus, one of our girls darted from the bus. Not much bigger than the one lost, she grabbed the limping one in her arms, and carried her onto the bus. I was amazed she had the strength to carry her. Then the words flashed into my mind: "She ain't heavy. She's my sister."

Yes, the larger part of our Oneida family was present for UK's opener. A week before had someone told us we would all be there we would have thought they had taken leave of their good sense. But a friend of ours, who also loves UK and football as well as Oneida's kids, decided our boys and girls should see a university football game. He made it financially possible.

Naturally, we were grateful for such an opportunity. Many of our staff volunteered their Saturday to drive the buses and to chaperone and away we went. When you think about it, a rather large undertaking, logistically, and a great responsibility.

But everything was well organized, a careful list of each bus's occupants, bus numbers noted (in case of accident which possibility we must ever be mindful of), and a master list left with the dean of students in case of emergency.

Our hardworking and efficient kitchen staff had worked since early morning preparing hundreds of sandwiches and other food, and were ahead of most of the buses stopping at a road-

side park near Richmond. There we had a wonderful picnic.

Then on to Lexington to see a fine game played on a beautiful late summer afternoon. Many of our group will probably never again see a university football game, but they will have a memory to treasure a lifetime. Our crowd was fed again on the way home arriving 12 hours after departure, tired and happy. Our little girl missing for a few moments was the only unsettling experience of the day.

Our choir sang at the annual meeting of our own Booneville Association. It was their first public appearance this academic year, and all Oneidians present were so proud of them. They sang again Labor Day. We celebrate this national holiday each year by going about our daily routine of classroom work and other duties. We had two special events noting the day. We had a surprise showing of Walt Disney's beautiful "Light In The Forest" in the morning. When school was out at 3:10 p.m., students and staff went to put on their Sunday best and assembled in the chapel at 4:30 p.m.

This Labor Day was very fittingly the 85th birthday of our oldest staff member and gardener, David Cooper. Several score of his family joined our students, staff and other Oneida friends in an hour of worship and inspiration.

The service opened with "Faith Of Our Fathers" and "How Firm A Foundation." Pastor Joel Rackley gave the invocation followed by the congregation reading responsively Psalm 90.

Trustee and Horse Creek pastor Dennis Rush prayed and the choir responded with "Let The Praise Go Round" and "Everytime I Feel The Spirit."

Before George Redding preached, the congregation sang "Nothing But The Blood." Redding did a masterful job and climaxed with a vision of Mr. Cooper one distant day ascending into heaven in his battery operated golf cart which he rides daily over the several acres of Oneida campus from flower bed to flower bed.

Jerry Smith, another of our Bible teachers, spoke briefly of "Jesus the Carpenter," worker with his hands, and then prayed a very moving prayer.

Preston Baker, in his 63rd year of association with Oneida, spoke a moment and Mr. Cooper came to the platform to a resounding standing ovation. Through tear-dimmed eyes, he acknowledged the heartfelt and loving tribute, and spoke a few words of God's grace in allowing him to serve.

Then two of our boys, who were celebrating their 18th birthdays also on Labor Day, joined Mr. Cooper on the platform as the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to all three.

The service ended with "Amazing Grace" and the benediction by Oneida staff member Jim Wasson.

Many came forward to offer congratulations. Perhaps most touching was the handmade card given by one of our smaller boys, Scott, in which he had drawn flowers and placed in the petals nickels and dimes from his allowance.

SEPTEMBER

15-17 Growing An Evangelistic Church Seminar. Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church. 9:30 a.m. the 15th, through 4 p.m. the 17th. For pastors and staffs
22-24 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 22nd to 1 p.m. on 24th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges.

Sponsor: Church Music Dept., KBC
24 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
25-10/2 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday School publications
30-10/1 All State Youth Choir, Louisville. Southern Seminary campus
30-10/2 BSU State Convention. Louisville, Southern Seminary campus

OCTOBER

3-4 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Baptist Homes for Children or Christian Life Relations Dept., KBC
3-4 Area Church Training Leadership Clinic. Paducah. (Place to be announced.) 7 to 9 p.m.
6-7 Brotherhood Convention. Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church. Evening of 6th through evening of 7th

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The doctor is always in



Rebekah Naylor reaches out with healing hands

by Anita Bowden

She's been accused of being a workaholic and having a martyr's complex, labels she denies vehemently.

Surgeon Rebekah Naylor does not work long, hard hours at Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India because she feels the need to work, but because she feels the need. She sees beyond the obvious, and it's that vision that keeps her going.

When Miss Naylor arrived in Bangalore nine years ago there was another missionary surgeon. The next year he left and she's been on her own ever since, though there have been volunteer surgeons at various times and she's now training an Indian doctor. During that time the hospital opened a second wing, added an ICU and increased the daily outpatient flow from "very few" to between 150 and 200.

At any one time Miss Naylor has about 25 patients in the hospital, more than twice the load of a surgeon in the states. And it's getting worse. Last year 1223 operations were performed, almost 48 percent more than two years ago. Since November 1982 she also has handled obstetrics, where the case load increased almost 87 percent in two years.

"I think the only reason I stay is because I still am fully convinced this is where God wants me to serve," she says. "I have had plenty of job offers and lots of pressures, but I feel this is where I belong."

Rebekah Naylor [l] works with volunteer physician David Chestnut [c] from Durham, N. C., during an operation at Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India. Miss Naylor, the first

female general surgical intern at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, says if she had not become a missionary she would have taught surgery in the states.



[Above] Patient care is very important to Rebekah Naylor, who sees it as part of Bangalore Baptist Hospital's witness. [Right] The day begins early for missionary physician Rebekah Naylor. But long hours and hard work are nothing new to the woman who graduated magna cum laude from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and was third in her class at Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville. She also is a member of Alpha Omicron Alpha, a national honorary society that admits the top 10 percent of the medical graduates in the states.



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