



## Severns Valley, Somerset First again lead state in dollar giving to Cooperative Program for year

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Two midstate congregations have once again led Kentucky in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program, according to records released in last week's Western Recorder.

Prepared by the business office of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the giving records show receipts from more than 2200 churches during the period Sept. 1, 1982 through Aug. 31, 1983.

Once again, for the 16th consecutive year, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association, is in first place.

### Evangelists won't disband or merge with SBC pastors

Members of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will not disband and merge with the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in 1984.

Rick Scarborough, president of the 300-member evangelists' association, reported the group will "continue to maintain its own identity," reversing a decision to dissolve made during its meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh last June.

The action was taken in a mail ballot of CSBE members.

The evangelists also voted to continue their Wednesday afternoon preaching session at the annual SBC meeting, rather than suspend it as agreed at the last convention, Scarborough said.

The change-of-heart was influenced by the appeals of "several prominent pastors, including SBC president James T. Draper Jr., that we not disband," Scarborough said. He reported Draper urged the evangelists to "continue to meet the spiritual needs of SBC messengers by sponsoring the Wednesday afternoon preaching session."

Its Cooperative Program gifts totaled \$160,711.91. Along with additional mission gifts to all other sources of \$54,445.90, total mission expenditure for the year was \$215,157.81.

The 3063-member church is pastored by J. Howard Cobble.

In second place, and close on the heels of Severns Valley for many years, is First Baptist Church, Somerset.

This congregation in Pulaski County Association sent \$158,637.71 to the Cooperative Program in the fiscal year just ended. It gave an additional \$55,918.99 to other mission causes, for a total expenditure of \$214,556.70 for missions.

Robert Franklin Browning is pastor and membership is 1895, according to the 1982 KBC annual.

Significantly, the Somerset congregation's Cooperative Program giving was but \$2,074.20 behind that of the Elizabethtown congregation's gifts, possibly the smallest margin to separate the two yet. The Somerset church has been steadily gaining ground in recent years.

In 1981-82 Severns Valley gave \$145,833 to the Cooperative Program while Somerset First gave \$136,666. A year earlier, their gifts were \$138,453 and \$126,500, respectively. The year before that, they were \$130,621 and \$113,750, respectively.

The per capita giving records of Kentucky Baptist churches were not available when this article was prepared, but will be reported as soon as they are released by the KBC business office.

Based on the report in last week's edition, Western Recorder has compiled the dollar giving records of the top 25 churches in the state. They are listed here with information in the following sequence: order, church, city, pastor, Cooperative Program gifts only, membership total in parentheses and association.

The names of pastors and membership figures were supplied by the 1982 KBC annual, the latest available source of such information.

Churches number 1 and 2 are Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, and Somerset First.

3. First, Owensboro, David A. Nel-

son, \$140,708.93, (2550), Daviess-McLean.

4. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$124,991.56, (2084), Taylor County.

5. Central, Winchester, \$107,804.01, (2099), Boone's Creek.

6. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$103,927.17, (2511), West Union.

7. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$97,688.14, (3316), Elkhorn.

8. Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, \$92,622.27, (2845), Elkhorn.

9. Harrodsburg, William Robert De-  
Foor, \$92,257.36, (2003), Mercer.

10. First, Mayfield, Guy C. Futral Jr., \$88,843.46, (1675), Graves County.

11. First, Madisonville, H. Gary Coltharp, \$79,787.00, (2973), Little Bethel.

12. First, Murray, \$79,781.00, (1931), Blood River.

13. First, Bowling Green, Richard W. Bridges, \$76,031.64, (2814), Warren.

14. Second, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, \$75,769.25, (2229), Christian

County.

15. Third, Owensboro, \$75,237.01, (1999), Daviess-McLean.

16. Hurstbourne, Louisville, T. L. McSwain, \$69,349.27, (1040), Long Run.

17. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Douglas T. Strader, \$69,134.96, (729), Pulaski County.

18. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$66,265.47, (1954), Mt. Zion.

19. St. Matthews, Louisville, \$64,011.87, (3232), Long Run.

20. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$62,864.60, (1199), Muhlenberg.

21. Walnut Street, Louisville, Wayne Dehoney, \$60,969.11, (6336), Long Run.

22. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$56,668.00, (1282), Long Run.

23. First, Franklin, David W. Crocker, \$56,233.99, (1578), Simpson.

24. First, Russellville, \$56,069.60, (1189), Bethel.

25. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$55,639.67, (1219), Ohio County.

### Baptist leaders react with shock, dismay to Senate's approval of Vatican mission

by Larry Chesser

Southern Baptist leaders have registered alarm at U. S. Senate action authorizing reestablishing of full U. S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

By a simple voice vote members of the Senate Sept. 22 approved an amendment to a State Department authorization bill which would permit spending federal funds for a diplomatic mission to the Vatican. The amendment was proposed by Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind.

Specifically, the Lugar amendment would repeal an 1867 prohibition on the expenditure of federal funds to support an ambassador to the Vatican. According to Lugar, the U. S. maintained consular relations with the Vatican from 1797 to 1848 and had official diplomatic relations from 1848 to 1867.

Included among the supporters of Lugar's proposal are two Southern Baptists: Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N. C., and Bennett Johnston, D-La.

Despite the absence of formal diplomatic relations for more than 115 years, six presidents—Roosevelt, Truman, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan—have named personal representatives to the Vatican.

James T. Draper Jr., president of the 14 million member Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I'm appalled."

"I was very disappointed that the Senate would take such action," said Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., and a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "It goes against our history in regard to church-state separation and it's a precedent that will be very difficult for us to live with as a nation."

BJCPA executive director James M. Dunn underscored Draper's denunciation, saying, "We don't need an ambassador to the Southern Baptist Convention or to the Roman Catholic Church or to the Russian Orthodox Church. Surely the American tradition of church-state separation means more to us than this."

"It's incredible," Dunn continued, "that the U. S. Senate, without a hearing, discussion, debate or dissent, would take such a far reaching action."

R. G. Puckett, editor of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder and chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee, said "whatever rationalizations are made to justify such a move, the plain truth remains that the Vatican is first and foremost a church. Whatever its claims to being a state, they are secondary to its image and influence as a church."

Puckett said the approval of such a "blatantly unconstitutional relationship with one church body is clear evidence our nation's awareness of the importance of church-state separation is at a low ebb." He called for a "renaissance of religious liberty."

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, alluded to the Reagan administration's support of diplomatic relations with the Vatican by commenting: "I am very disappointed the Senate has taken this action with the encouragement of the President. I do not view the Vatican as a state but as a religious organization. Therefore, I do not think the United States should have diplomatic relations with it."

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., commented: "I do not think it is appropriate for our government to give diplomatic recognition to a church group. It certainly is contrary to my own convictions of the separation of church and state."

The House-passed version of the State Department authorization bill does not contain a Vatican provision, meaning a House-Senate conference committee will determine the fate of the Lugar amendment. However, its chances appear to be enhanced by the fact House foreign affairs committee chairman Clement J. Zablocki, D-Wis., has introduced similar legislation and several members of that panel reportedly favor the proposal.

### WR designates pastor as new correspondent

Russ Stephens, 28, pastor of First Baptist Church, Drakesboro, has been named Western Recorder state correspondent for area 2.

The territory includes these associations: Blackford, Daviess - McLean, Green Valley, Little Bethel, Muhlenberg, Ohio County and Ohio Valley.

Stephens, a native of Eldorado, Ill., is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served the Drakesboro church since 1980, having previously filled student pastorates in Mississippi, Illinois and Tennessee.

Stephens is married and has one son.



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C. R. Daley

## daley observations

### Baptists should join others in common goals

The most controversial issue considered in the September session of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee was an invitation to Southern Baptists to join other church groups in America for a 1984 conference on governmental intervention in religious affairs. (See Western Recorder Sept. 28, 1983, page 1.) The recommendation was approved but with strong opposition.

One of the strongest opponents of the recommendation was Alan Sears, a Louisville attorney who is Kentucky's newest member of the Executive Committee. In his first meeting of this most influential committee in Southern Baptist life Mr. Sears gave notice to his fellow committeemen and through Baptist Press to millions of Southern Baptists of his ultraconservative stance.

Mr. Sears has every right to his convictions and also to the voicing of them though most freshmen Executive Committee members use their first meeting or two to study procedures and issues before sounding off.

In opposing the recommendation Mr. Sears is quoted as saying, "Some of these groups we propose to join together with are people I believe we should be witnessing to . . . reaching out to and not participating with."

I appreciate evangelistic fervor but I deplore the negative effect of such words. They smack of

an arrogance and exclusivism unbecoming Southern Baptists today. The attitude that Baptists are the only ones who believe and preach the true gospel and that others who claim relationship to Christ are prospects for conversion instead of partners in common causes was once quite a widespread idea though never admirable. Many Baptists today regard this attitude as at least uncharitable if not actually unchristian.

The invitation to Southern Baptists to participate in this joint effort came through Dean M. Kelly, one of the foremost authorities and exponents of religious liberty and separation of church and state in America today. Therein lies the problem. Mr. Kelly is director of religious and civil liberty for the National Council of Churches and to many Baptists the very name of this organization is synonymous with liberalism, compromise and even communism. So cooperation or joint activity with the National Council of Churches is a 'no no' for Southern Baptists.

I carry no torch for the National Council of Churches and believe Southern Baptists have been wise not to become a member of the organization. However, rather than spurn this invitation, we should rejoice that such a stalwart defender of religious liberty as Dean Kelly is a staff member of this organization.

Actually, Southern Baptists should have been the ones first to suggest such a conference and

to invite all freedom loving churchmen of every persuasion to join us in this crusade. The greatest contribution of Baptists to American life besides proclamation of the true gospel is a clear concept of religious liberty through separation of church and state. We should not miss any opportunity to join anyone in defending and extending this basic tenet of Baptists.

Civil officials of every level from the county court house to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government are moving more and more into religious affairs. This is especially the case with Internal Revenue Service. Government encroachment is one of the gravest threats facing churches in America today and to assume we must go it alone in resisting this threat for fear of compromise or contamination from association with other religious groups is unwise and unjustified.

Such cooperation involves no affiliation with nor financial contributions to nor endorsement of any programs or policies of the National Council of Churches.

Those entrusted with such high position in Southern Baptist denominational life as the Executive Committee should at least be open to new insight. They should also consider the wisdom of a silent listening and learning period before opposing recommendations of experienced and trustworthy denominational leaders.

### Keeping faith with our Baptist forefathers

Another Baptist congregation has enjoyed a worthy celebration of its 200 years of ministry in Kentucky. On Sept. 25 South Elkhorn Baptist Church climaxed a year long bicentennial celebration with all day services including a pageant based on the experiences of the famed "Traveling Church" led by Lewis Craig, the first pastor of South Elkhorn.

Following a challenging message by Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer Bill Marshall in the morning, the large crowd of celebrators enjoyed a traditional "dinner on the grounds" and reassembled for the pageant which was the most outstanding feature of the day.

The one hour and a half long pageant was professionally written and directed by Phyllis Mattingly, a South Elkhorn member who also wrote an outstanding history of South Elkhorn for the occasion. The pageant was exciting from beginning to end.

Mrs. Mattingly used her dramatic imagination to add to the recorded events some exciting Indian violence, not a little humor and even a touch of romance.

Above all, the drama realistically depicted the faith, the courage and the determined search of those early Baptists for soul freedom and the

privilege of worshiping according to the leadings of their hearts without permission or interference from civil authorities. They expected no favors from the state—not even safe passage as they traveled. They expected no favors from government and received none. Watching the drama, I relived their sufferings and tears which filled my heart periodically overflowed through my eyes.

What a heritage these early Kentucky Baptists left us! How can we keep faith with such pioneers of our faith?

They had so little compared to our resources today. Often they had no place to meet except in each others log cabins. They had no literature except the Bible. Few of their preachers had even high school level education.

Community standing, influence, status and respect were unknown to them. Indeed, in Virginia they lived under the wrath and persecution of civil authorities. Before leaving Virginia for Kentucky Lewis Craig was put in jail twice for preaching without a permit from the local government.

What a contrast! Today South Elkhorn has a complex of three buildings with the latest equipment for comfort. There's quality literature for every age group. The church has a highly

trained pastor and several other trained staff members. Instead of an arrest warrant from civil authorities for the pastor as was the experience of South Elkhorn's first pastor, present pastor Sam Jordan received and read in the Sunday morning service letters of greetings and commendations from Kentucky's governor and lieutenant governor as well as from the mayor of nearby Versailles.

Baptists have come a long way in 200 years from being a small sect of poor, unlearned, mistreated religious extremists to the largest non-Catholic denomination in America with infinite resources, influence and status. Nevertheless, with all this Baptists today do not demonstrate the faith, courage and understanding of religious freedom which early Baptists did.

The truth is our favored position with society and government today may be more dangerous for true Christian witness than their disfavor and disadvantages were for early Baptists in America.

We keep faith with the heritage they left us by putting our convictions above our comforts, by insisting upon individual personal conversion, by accepting no creed but the Bible, by sharing the gospel with every creature and by asking and accepting no help from government in fulfilling our ministry.

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# History in the making They celebrated along Elkhorn Creek

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Lewis Craig would have been proud.

He came off smelling like a rose in "The Traveling Church," a 90-minute drama presented Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25 in "greater Versailles."

Craig was the undershepherd for a flock of Virginia Baptists who left their adopted state in 1781 once again in search of religious liberty.

Their objective was Kentucky, "the land of the free."

In the spring of 1783 they arrived near Elkhorn Creek, in central Kentucky, and put down roots. There they established South Elkhorn Baptist Church, one of the earliest on Kentucky soil, which celebrated its 200th birthday Sept. 25.

George H. Leagans, South Elkhorn's minister of education and youth, carried off the lead role of Lewis Craig well in the two-act production in South Elkhorn's present auditorium. He was supported by a cast of 32 others.

The play, written by South Elkhorn member Phyllis Mattingly, opens on "farewell Sunday" in Upper Spotsylvania, Va. Dialog and action subsequently follow the band of early Baptist believers along a trail to Cumberland Gap, and up into Kentucky. The play ends on a high note with new promises for "tomorrow" near Elkhorn Creek in the spring of 1783.

A disclaimer in the printed program observed that, "While the play is accurate as to historical events and personages, certain fictitious details have been added in order to enhance the dramatic effect."

The play was originally presented at South Elkhorn Church on homecoming Sunday, Sept. 26, 1976. It was restaged Sept. 25, 1983 as a part of a year-long celebration signifying South Elkhorn's bicentennial on Kentucky soil.

Before the dramatic presentation, pot luck dinner on the grounds drew several hundred members, former members, visitors and denominational guests.

Earlier in the day, William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, observed that "those of us who miss anniversaries miss something."

Speaking in the morning worship service, Marshall noted, "Without an understanding of our past, our future is dim."

Marshall suggested that anyone who is a member of South Elkhorn is "on mission" for Christ.

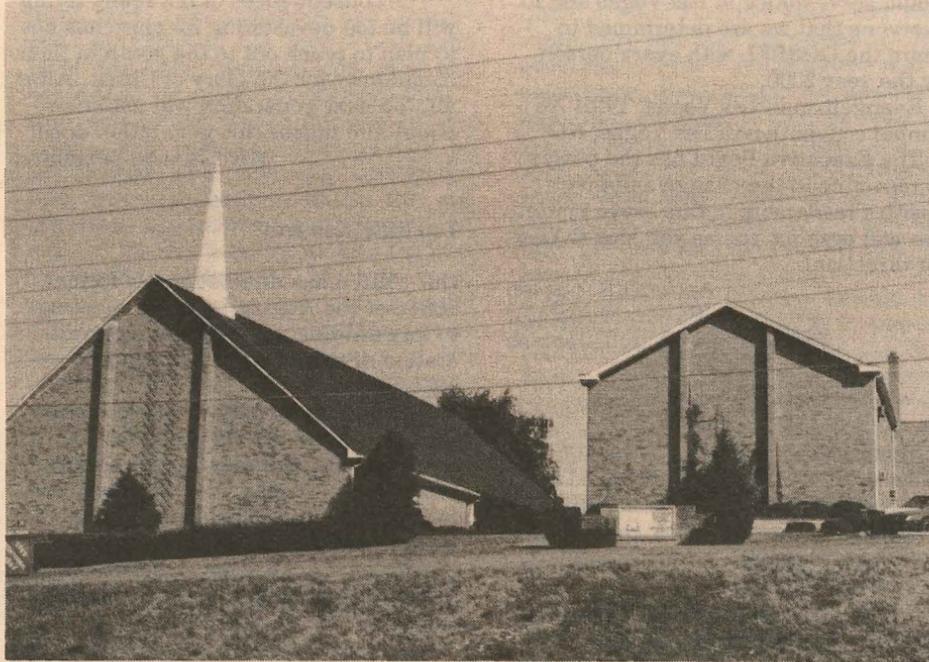
"Look how many of you today touch a circle of the world!" he exclaimed. "How many times have we had an opportunity to touch someone who is hurting and turned it off?"

He cited the fact that a church can be "totally preoccupied" with blessing the "already blessed."

He asked, "Shouldn't our expectations for the future be turning that around, and using what we have to bless others?"

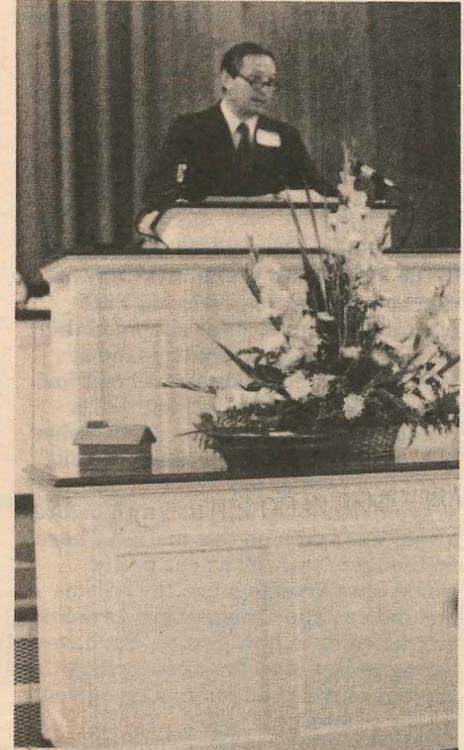
It sounded very much like something those early settlers who came from Virginia might have espoused.

Surely Lewis Craig (had he been there Sept. 25, 1983) would have been proud.



Today's worship center

Contemporary facilities greet worshippers now at historic South Elkhorn church.



Anniversary speaker

William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, spoke in the morning worship service as South Elkhorn observed its bicentennial.

## Other Kentucky Baptist churches mark impressive milestones, too

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

South Elkhorn Baptist Church in Elkhorn Association is but one of a growing number of Kentucky Baptist congregations to reach their 200th milestone in the decade of the '80s.

There are, in fact, at least 13 Kentucky Baptist churches who will have experienced their bicentennials before the state convention reaches its 150th anniversary in 1987.

South Elkhorn, with Samuel B. Jordan Jr. as pastor, is the sixth church to reach 200 years.

Previously, the following congregations have achieved this significant milestone:

- Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Howard Cobble, pastor, Severns Valley Association, 1981
- First Baptist Church, Cedar Creek, Lawrence E. Petty, pastor, Nelson Association, 1981
- Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Gene Smith, pastor, Tates Creek Association, 1981
- South Fork Baptist Church, Robert Simpkins, pastor, Lynn Association, 1982
- Forks of Dix River Baptist Church, Roger L. Weddle, pastor, South District Association, 1982

Also in 1983, according to *A History of Baptists in Kentucky* by Frank M. Masters, Providence Baptist Church, Winchester, in Boone's Creek Association, will surpass 200 years on Kentucky soil.

Ernest Cruse is presently pastor of this congregation, which also traveled from Virginia in the early 1780's to Kentucky.

There are no Kentucky Baptist congregations which constituted in 1784 still in existence, but at least six, according to Masters, in the period 1785-86:

- Cox's Creek Baptist Church, Richard M. Shields, pastor, Nelson Association, 1785
- Great Crossing Baptist Church, Henry C. Walters, pastor, Elkhorn Association, 1785
- Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Wendell Romans, pastor, Boone's Creek Association, 1785
- Tates Creek Baptist Church, O. Glen Oaks, pastor, Tates Creek Association, 1785
- First Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, 1786
- East Hickman Baptist Church, Richard E. Wilkins, pastor, Elkhorn Association, 1787

There are 16 Kentucky Baptist congregations reaching their 100th anniversaries during the current year, 1983.

Next year, 27 will surpass this milestone. In 1985, there will be 16 more; in 1986, 15; and in 1987, the year the state convention reaches 150 years, 17 congregations will reach their centennials.

All of the above research is based on the book by Masters published in 1953 by the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society.



Having seen history

South Elkhorn members departed after a 90-minute drama on their church's past.



Sign up time

A child looks on as a member registers his attendance on this historic day.

# baptist forum

## An alternative idea

A few months ago we became aware of the fact that the Executive Committee would recommend that the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention be held in Las Vegas, Nev. in 1989. The editor of our state paper, C. R. Daley, wrote an editorial expressing his objection to this recommendation, and John T. Dunaway, who was chairman of the Executive Committee at that time, was provided space in our state paper to present the side of the Executive Committee. Therefore, we believe we have been well informed concerning the issue.

Our church elected four messengers to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention and they were present in Pittsburgh. To their surprise action on this very critical issue was postponed at least twice after an announcement had been made to the convention that it would be voted on at a specific session of business. Because of their commitment to a secular job, three of our messengers had to leave Pittsburgh before a vote was taken on this matter. These messengers, as well as our pastor, would have voted against the recommendation. These messengers were not instructed as to how to vote, but have strong personal feelings concerning the support of a convention in a city given wholly to sin!

Sin abounds in most communities and large cities. We do not mean to say our community is sinless. We do contend that our community, as well as most cities which are large enough to host the Southern Baptist Convention, do not have an economy built on a lifestyle of sin such as Las Vegas. There may be many vices in these other cities, but they are not the main thrust of their economy and their way of life such as sin is in Las Vegas.

We believe it is wrong for our convention to meet in Las Vegas! We believe it will have a much more negative effect throughout the United States than a positive effect on the city of Las Vegas. We do not believe we should give credibility to a city given to, and proud of the fact that it capitalizes on, sin such as Las Vegas does.

Rev. Dunaway said, "It is a great opportunity to evangelize Las Vegas." The question is, "Are we going to Las Vegas, or any other city, for an annual business meeting or for an evangelistic crusade?" Obviously, the intention of this meeting is for business. We should take another approach toward the evangelistic challenge of Las Vegas.

As a church, we are making a two point proposition which we believe is positive and in keeping with God's command to "evangelize" and "to shun the very appearance of evil."

Proposition Number One: We prayerfully request that the Executive Committee bring a motion at the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., to rescind the action taken at the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. with regard to the annual meeting in Las Vegas in 1989. We request that an alternate city be chosen and presented to the messengers.

Proposition Number Two: We request that since one of the main reasons for going to Las Vegas is to evangelize, we not wait until 1989. Many, many people will die and go to hell before then. We request that the Executive Committee work with the evangelism departments of each state convention and plan a four-day (Tuesday through Thursday) evangelistic campaign no later than the fall of 1984.

We will commit ourselves for ten (10) people, the maximum number of messengers to which any church is entitled. We would suggest that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention send at least as many to this evangelistic effort as they would send messengers to a Southern Baptist Convention. This would serve notice in Las Vegas and to everyone that we are determined to share the GOSPEL with every person by the year 2000.

Evangelism in Las Vegas, YES! An annual convention in Las Vegas, NO! The Executive Board has the power to recommend the change and give positive leadership to this grave matter. We will pray for you as you look to God for direction.

Anthony B. Carson  
Pastor/Moderator  
First Baptist Church, Jenkins

## So who asked you?

In regard to your article of Aug. 17 in Western Recorder, it's really hard for me to understand how a Christian in your place of responsibility could downgrade our President in such a hateful manner.

I quote from your article, "We don't need the shortsighted civil religion of Falwell and President Reagan." I might add, we don't need yours either.

I know how you and a few other Baptists in responsible positions revered Jimmy Carter, simply because he claimed to be a Southern Baptist. It must have done something for your egos to have a man in the White House who claimed to be a Southern Baptist. I feel Carter was a disgrace to Baptists with his gutter language and his propensity to endorse homosexuals and lesbians.

I will ask you a question, Mr. Daley, will you endorse Walter Mondale for president in 1984 with his known humanistic beliefs? Carter has.

Mrs. William Uvanni, Paducah

## Youth need discipleship

Your editorial on youth's church dropout on Aug. 31 was a much needed focus of light on one of the greatest obstacles to Bold Mission Thrust. Churches, large and small, definitely need to evaluate all their church is doing with young people. Too often, many adults have the mental picture of youth activities as just hot dog suppers, hayrides, and other mass fellowship stereotypes. Yes, social recreation is a part of youth ministry but it's not the cement that will hold their interest in the church after they get their drivers' license or graduate from high school.

Youth are looking for honest examples of what the Christian life offers. When they observe adult role models at church or home who "talk the talk but don't walk the walk," they become discouraged about the Christian faith. Taking youth to church every time the doors are open is not enough because what youth see at home or in the workplace is where they are discovering the reality of superficiality of real Christianity.

The one word that describes what needs to be the main thrust of any serious youth ministry program is "discipleship." Youth need to be confronted with the reality of Christ through exciting Sunday school, Church Training and missions programs which are led by adults who are committed disciples themselves.

An emphasis on starting and maintaining a personal daily devotional life

is another important step in discipling our youth. I highly recommend the new *Disciple Youth* notebook from the Sunday School Board as a resource, when coupled with mature adult leadership, which should help us disciple our youth to continue to grow and not become "dropouts."

The consequences of not really trying will be too devastating for churches not to plan to reach out to the youth in their community for the glory of Christ. After all, the next generation will not know about him unless this generation does!

Mike James, Lexington

## Too little, too late?

Our church has directed me in formal action at the August business meeting to forward this letter urging reconsideration of the meeting place for the 1989 SBC.

We the membership of Little Flock Baptist Church are shocked and dismayed at the recommendation and approval of Las Vegas, Nev., as the site for the 1989 SBC. The action of the Executive Committee and the Pittsburgh convention seems a severe blow to the reputation and image of Southern Baptists.

We recognize there are two sides to any issue. We appreciate the graciousness of the Baptists of the Northwest in inviting us to their field of service. However, couldn't their request have been honored by choice of a site where the major source of economic stability is not gambling and prostitution? Is it really necessary to see Baptist money used to support businesses which engage in activities which we fight so often and so vigorously to keep out of other places? What about the consciences of "weaker brethren" in this matter?

We sympathize with the evangelistic thrust being planned and will pray for the work of Southern Baptists in the Northwest. However, the plans for an

evangelistic thrust seem more aimed at legitimizing a bad decision than furthering the kingdom. So far as we know, similar plans have had little effect on the overall growth of Southern Baptists in the areas where they were carried out.

We realize that this letter represents a case of "too little, too late." It should have been written when the intentions of the Executive Committee were first announced in May. And, while our duly elected messengers voted against the site of Las Vegas, and while that may be considered all we are entitled to say in the matter, we felt we must speak out in petitioning the Executive Committee elected this year to encourage a more studied approach to such recommendations in the future by those in such places of service.

Ann H. Quick, Clerk  
Little Flock Baptist Church  
Shepherdsville

## Wilson's views on SBTS are dispelled

Many of our folk receive E. J. Daniel's magazine, Family Magazine. In its May-June 1983 issue there is an article by Jim Wilson on heresy in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I was a student at Southern the same years as Wilson and graduated with him in May 1970. To allay some of the fears that such an article may excite, I testify that my experience at Southern was almost exactly the opposite of what Bro. Wilson reports. I am not contradicting him. It's just that I did not find what he says he found. Instead, I found the professors, for the most part, to be the most dedicated and committed group of Christians I have ever found in one place.

It is true that some teachers in the seminary are extravagant in speech. I mark this up to overexuberance, or to the pressure of the situation. Preachers are not exempt from this.

Ben A. Baird, London



## No powder puff derby

While it was fun and games for the more than 25 Baptist Student Union groups participating in the preliminary competition at the Glorieta Quiz, quick answers to hard questions got these Oklahoma Baptist University students into the finals. Melanie Carstarphen of Dallas, assistant to Chip Beall, host of the Glorieta Quiz, applied last-minute make-up to students [from left] Gary Rhoades, Holly Hudson and Lorrie Palmer. The Glorieta Quiz was produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and will be aired on the Commission-sponsored ACTS television network when it is operative next year.

# Recommendations of the executive board, KBC

The convention's constitution in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter." This was carried in the issue of Oct. 5, 1983.

## A. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOALS AND PERCENTAGES FOR 1984-85 BUDGET:

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These should now be recommended for 1984-85.

	For Comparison 1982-83 Budget	Approved 1983-84 Budget	Recom- mended 1984-85 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operational Budget	11,891,000	13,500,000	14,900,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	4,161,850 (35%)	4,860,000 (36%)	5,401,250 (36.25%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	7,729,150 (65%)	8,640,000 (64%)	9,498,750 (63.75%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	3,109,000	2,000,000	1,300,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	***	730,000 (36.5%)	481,000 (37%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	***	1,270,000 (63.5%)	819,000 (63%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	15,000,000	15,500,000	16,200,000
II. Other Estimated Income	988,651	1,171,965	1,300,000
III. Total Budget Goal	15,988,651	16,671,965	17,500,000

\* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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\*\*\* Once receipts exceed 13,000,000 the distribution shall be 35.5% SBC/64.5% KBC; once 14,000,000 is exceeded the distribution shall be 36% SBC/64% KBC. Should receipts fall below 13,000,000, the distribution shall be 65% KBC/35% SBC.

## B. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE 1984-85 BUDGET

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 21, 1985, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day offering for charity work in our hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong offering for home missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus offering for state missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the executive board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from those mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount. (The KBC in annual session, November 1979, approved the recommendation of the executive board authorizing the Christian education institutions to engage in individual financial campaigns among the churches and individuals to seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years; the approved campaign period was Jan. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1984.)

9. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe state missions emphasis day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the day indicated.

## C. CHURCH PENSION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

That the SBC Church Pension Committee report be presented to the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, that the convention receive the report as information and refer it to the executive board for study and recommendation to the 1984 convention.

(Note — This report will be presented to the convention on Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, 1983 at First Baptist Church, Paducah.)

**OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS** to be presented to the board on Nov. 14 in Paducah with anticipation of their approval and recommendation to the convention body are being published here for information.

D. Affirmation by the administrative committee "for the executive secretary-treasurer to continue to explore the possibility of the Kentucky Baptist Convention entering into an Overseas Mission Partnership with Kenya" has been in process. Developments in this proposed partnership have now progressed to the need for full approval by the board and the convention body. The proposed recommendation is:

"That the executive secretary-treasurer be authorized in behalf of Kentucky Baptists, to negotiate with the Foreign Mission Board in initiating a partnership project with the Baptist Convention of Kenya."

E. In a September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee the state conventions were requested to affirm the SBC "Planned Growth in Giving" program to begin in 1985. With the schedule of meetings of the executive board and its committees, and the proposed start-up time of the "Planned Growth in Giving" program, it is appropriate to consider this now.

The recommendation is:

"That Kentucky Baptists excitedly affirm the SBC "Planned Growth in Giving" concept, and that the executive secretary-treasurer be authorized to facilitate the development of this program in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Bivocational ministry with a twist: Copastors lead East Bernstadt church

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

East Bernstadt has a population of only 2000, yet here exists a unique situation. A bivocational pastor who drives 50 miles each way to his work has led a small church that many have never heard of to do great and mighty things for the Lord.

Earl Clark could be described as a prophet with honor in his own country as he was born and grew up within 30 miles of where he has spent more than 30 years preaching. He is an example of what a bivocational pastor can do, and First Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Laurel River Association, is a shining example of what the Lord can do.

Two years ago the church had an average of 60 in Sunday school, had no pastor, and the members were wondering what to do next.

They contacted Clark from nearby London for help in getting God's man for the church. He agreed to render whatever service he could and became interim pastor. Things began to happen in the small church, and the auditorium

was filled for the Sunday morning worship by the following spring.

The pulpit committee approached him to become pastor but he declined. He felt he could not travel 100 miles each day to and from his employment at Clear Creek School in Pineville to his London home and do justice for the church.

In the late winter a proposition came up which surprised and challenged them. Clark described a new venture which was being used with seminary students and churches. The people readily agreed. On a windy March Sunday in 1982 the first copastor team was called. David Sheriff and Clark were called to work together: Sheriff to live on the field and do the work there; Clark to be there for all services, to preach, teach and guide.

The decision making was a joint venture and both attended the deacon's meetings, church council meetings and other meetings where church business was transacted.

"This summer Sheriff resigned to return to his native South Carolina. The deacons hurriedly urged me to help them find another copastor. So we have called a second one," he advised.

Sept. 18, 1982 was a memorable Sunday. During the morning worship service Clark challenged the people to pray and work for 1000 in Sunday school by Sept. 18, 1992. For a group which had never had more than 200 this was phenomenal. It was and remains the consensus of the people that "we cannot do it, but God can."

Immediately a long range planning committee was named and the Baptist Sunday School Board was contacted. A religious survey was taken to determine just how many people in the area were not attending church. Attendance continues to grow and converts are being added.

This fall they will occupy the 60 by 100 feet Christian life center erected just behind the main building and built according to the specifications of the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board. Plans are due any day for the education building to be placed between the present church

auditorium and the Christian life center.

"All this will help take care of the 175 we now have enrolled in Sunday school and the others we are going to reach," Clark smiles.

First Baptist Church was organized in the mid 1920's and is a strong mission church. It has two Baptist Women groups and all the age level missions organizations. Ten percent of its income goes to the Cooperative Program with another five percent to the local association. All the various mission offerings are taken and each year goals are exceeded.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Sizemore and three sons have moved to the church community as copastor and occupy the modern parsonage provided near the church. Mrs. Sizemore will work in the church office and "hold down the fort," while her husband commutes to his third year studies at Clear Creek.

"I challenge anyone to follow the Lord first and by all means follow our steps if he should lead you in such a copastor venture. Never underestimate what the Lord can do through your church," Clark firmly stated.

# christian education

## Kentucky student enrolment increases for fall semester

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Student enrolment is up in Baptist schools across the state. Jim Taylor, president of Cumberland College, attributes part of this to "economic climate," while Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport points to an increased desire for education within a Christian atmosphere.

Total student enrolment in all programs at Southern Seminary is 2100, an 8.4 percent increase over last year. The number of students entering a professional degree program in religious education, theology or church music is up 15.8 percent.

According to president Roy Honeycutt, two factors played major roles in

this increase. One is "renewed emphasis at Southern Seminary on excellence in preparing persons for congregational leadership, missions and other ministries. Also, an increasing number of persons, are responding to God's call later in life, often after having begun a career."

Georgetown College's enrolment is above 1300 for the first time in 12 years. Although the number of undergraduates is down four percent to 989, a record number of graduate students, 312, has brought about the high enrolment figure. Dean of graduate studies, Ray Alexander, attributes this growth to a broadened curriculum.

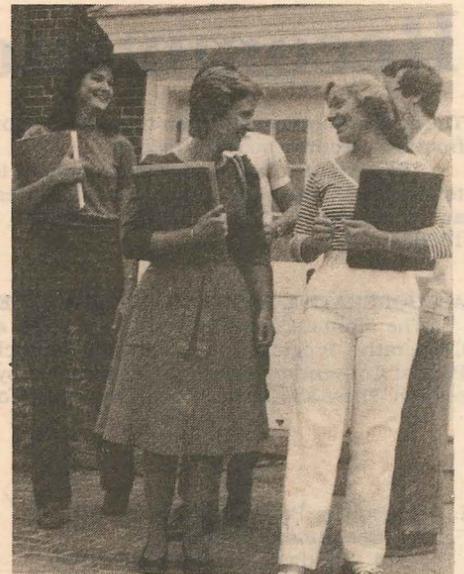
Eighty-four graduate students and 1956 undergraduates have enrolled in

Cumberland College this fall, an increase of 11.9 percent. According to Taylor, Cumberland "tries to maintain its cost in keeping with the Baptist constituency." Cumberland boasts that it is one of the least expensive private colleges in the nation.

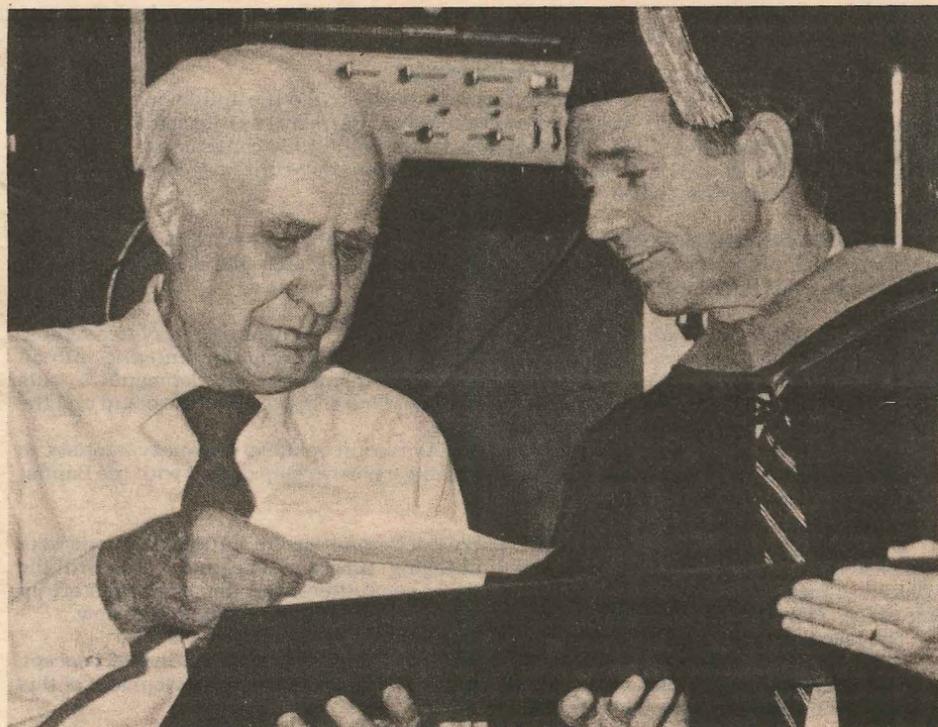
Enrolment at Campbellsville College is 732, up 30 from last fall. This includes 618 full time and 114 part time students. Registrar Jaclyn Coleman says contacts with interested students contributed to the increase.

Clear Creek Baptist School's enrolment is 214, of which 64 are new students.

Also, enrolment is up at Oneida Baptist Institute, with an additional 17 students, a four percent increase.



Students have gone to school in increasing numbers this fall, giving rise to enrolment figures in Baptist institutions in Kentucky.



Ervin G. Houchens, owner and founder of Houchens Industries Inc. of Bowling Green, was presented an honorary doctorate from Campbellsville College in a surprise ceremony Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, at Houchens Park in Glasgow. W. R. Davenport, president and academic vice president Robert S. Clark made the presentation during the annual Houchens employees' picnic at the site of the first Houchens food store which is now a museum. Religious life and counseling vice president Dan Flanagan also helped with the presentation. Houchens is a former member of the college's board of trustees. Over a quarter of a century ago, Houchens founded a charitable corporation known as Houchens Foundation Inc. Each year a percentage of the company's earnings are placed in the Houchens Foundation for charitable purposes, such as gifts to churches of all denominations, Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and others.

### Clear Creek announces fall faculty/staff changes

Nine new members have joined the faculty/staff this fall at Clear Creek Baptist School, and three resignations were accepted, according to an announcement by president Leon Simpson. A new assistant to the president for public relations was named to fill the position formerly held by T. D. Hooker. Hooker assumed duties this year as assistant to the president in development and alumni affairs and part time professor of pastoral care.

Coming to Clear Creek as assistant to the president for public relations and professor of local church ministries is Charles Rice, who was associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tenn., for the past three years. He is a graduate of Cumberland College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Rice (Marita) will serve as comptroller for the school. She attended Bluefield (Va.) and Cumberland Colleges.

Newly named music faculty members are Ron and Sherry Goodwin and Mrs. Sue McGee. Goodwin is full time professor of church music ministries; Mrs.

Goodwin, part time instructor, will also assist in the public relations department. He is a graduate of the Naval School of Music and also studied at Western Kentucky University and Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Mrs. Goodwin attended Harrisburg (Pa.) Area Community College and Union University.

Mrs. Sue McGee is serving as adjunct professor of piano and organ, coming from Central Baptist Church in Corbin two days per week. Two student wives are serving as assistant instructors in the music department: Mrs. Lynita Brown and Mrs. Donna Edwards.

Mr. Ted Wilson, a 1982 graduate, is serving a year's internship as graduate assistant to the president before entering seminary.

Mr. Charlie Ivey, 1967 alumnus, has returned to complete his fourth year and has been named supervisor of Kelly Hall.

Mrs. Patricia Hooker, who came on staff in 1982, has been named director of news services.

Resignations accepted were: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dick from the public relations department and Miss Marilyn Huffman as professor of religious education.

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Eugene Ward of Prospect, Ky., installs Campbellsville College's first pipe organ, which he also re-leathered, in the music annex. The three-rank Mohler organ was purchased from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in spring 1983. It is being used for teaching purposes, student recitals and chamber recitals. Ward is an organ technician who does repair and maintenance work.



Horton



Neathamer

## BSU summer missionary ministers in Europe

Not every college student has an opportunity to spend the summer break in Aviano, Italy, with a week each in Wiesbaden, Germany, and Interlaken, Switzerland.

Such occasion came for Bardstown, Ky., native Lex Horton, a junior at Campbellsville College majoring in psychology and Christian studies.

Horton was a summer missionary through the Baptist Student Union of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 10 weeks.

After a week's orientation in Wies-

baden with 11 other summer missionaries to the European Baptist Convention, Horton moved on to his position as youth minister at Aviano Baptist Church in Aviano, Italy.

Aviano Baptist Church reaches American military personnel stationed overseas, as do all the 43 churches from the 10 countries in the European Baptist Convention.

Evaluating his summer as "excellent," Horton noted, "Every time I prayed for an opportunity to witness or just talk to someone, God gave me the chance."

He is the son of Jack and Betty Horton of Bardstown.

## Neathamer completes MCM at New Orleans

Richard Purdy Neathamer is one of more than 340 persons who made up the 1982-83 graduating class of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Drakesboro, Ky., Neathamer has completed all the requirements for the master of church music degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neathamer of Drakesboro.

## SBTS schedules annual student pastors' meeting

Preaching, inspiration and practical helps for ministry will highlight the third annual Student Pastors' Conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Oct. 17-19.

The conference is designed to provide a service to college students serving in pastoral ministry, said Bill Leonard, Southern Seminary associate professor of church history and conference coordinator.

Major features of the meeting will include preaching by Texas pastor Dan Bagby, Bible study led by theologian Wayne Ward and a series of "how-to" seminars taught by seminary faculty members.

Bagby, the featured preacher, is pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church of Waco, Tex. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary and has done post-doctoral study at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is the author or co-author of *Understanding Anger in the Church*,

*Transition and Newness and Before You Marry.*

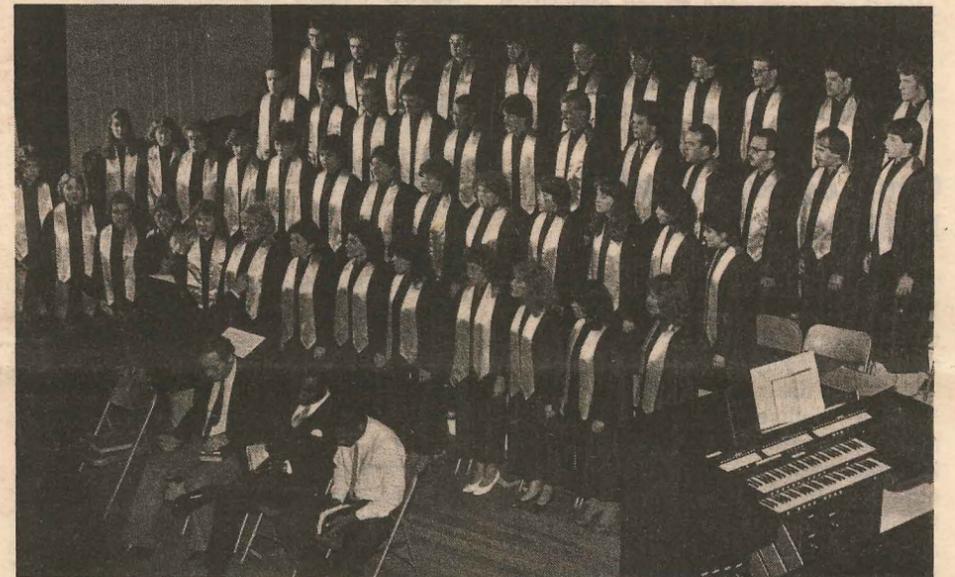
Ward, the Bible study leader, is Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology and a noted writer and lecturer.

Sessions are: Witnessing to Sects and Cults, Bryant Hicks, professor of foreign missions; How to Manage Your Time, Ralph Hardee, associate professor of church administration; How to Cultivate a Personal Spiritual Life, Timothy George, associate professor of church history;

Also, How to Reach Your Community, Robin Rogers, director of social work studies; Marriage and Shared Ministry, Les and Vicki Hollon, graduate students; How to Build a Sermon, James Cox, professor of Christian preaching.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10, which includes admission to the banquet. The seminary will provide limited housing at no cost.

To register, contact the Office of College Relations, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280; phone 800-626-5525 or 502-897-4617.



Georgetown College's varsity vocal ensemble, the A Cappella Choir, has scheduled one of its busiest fall terms in recent years, according to director Tony Whitfield. The 50 voice choir's Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec. 6. Other events scheduled for the group include appearances at the Radisson Hotel, Lexington, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to help Lexington kick off its Decade of Progress Campaign for Georgetown College; the Georgetown campus at the college's VIP Day Oct. 15 when more than 500 college candidates visit the campus; and First Baptist churches of Frankfort and Winchester on Nov. 13. Three additional mini-concerts have been scheduled for Georgetown's weekly chapel services. Dates for these campus programs are: Tuesday, Oct. 18; Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 6. The choir will make a European concert tour June 9-23, 1984. A part of their visit will be in conjunction with the 350th anniversary presentation of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

## Campbellsville pays debt on three residence halls

Gifts from individuals and churches have enabled Campbellsville College to pay off the debt on three residence halls 10 months ahead of schedule, according to W. R. Davenport, president.

"Refinancing the debt on our dorms

was a significant achievement for us a few years ago," said Davenport. "Much of the credit for this venture goes to Henry Huff, a Louisville attorney, who is chairman of trustees of Campbellsville College.

"Total payout as required on the former program was reduced by over \$1,200,000. To be able to retire the note ahead of schedule is even more gratifying.

"Without the contributions of Kentucky Baptists through their churches and the Cooperative Program, it would not have been possible. I'm grateful!"

Business vice president and treasurer J. Alvin Hardy said, "It is a dream come true for me. We can now get on to renovating some other buildings. With the library addition almost complete and the increase in enrolment this fall, Campbellsville College is entering a new era."

The residence halls, Stapp Hall, South Hall and North Hall, were built in 1966 and 1967. Stapp Hall, the women's residence, houses about 200 students. The men's residence, South Hall, has about 165 men.

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# baptist news in brief

## Women deacons ordained by Oklahoma City First

A "larger than usual" crowd was on hand at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Sept. 25 for the ordination of six deacons—three of them women.

Edna Dunn, Kathleen Nash and Sherry Lawson were elected Aug. 21 when the church elected 18 deacons from a list of 48 persons which included seven women. A fourth woman was elected but declined to serve. Twelve of those elected had been ordained previously.

The Sunday evening service concluded a process that began in March of 1981 when a committee was named to study the role of women in the church. After two years of study the group reported it found nothing in the New Testament to prevent women from becoming deacons and recommended changing the church's bylaws to allow women deacons. That recommendation passed, 232-167 last January.

Votes by the Capital Baptist Association have expressed strong opposition to the ordination of women as deacons. It is not known what action, if any, the association will take concerning the action by First Baptist Church.

## Court decides Baptist Book Store owes taxes

The Baptist Book Store in Kansas City, Mo., should not be exempt from paying taxes, according to a Sept. 20 ruling of the Missouri Supreme Court.

In a 6-1 decision, written by Justice Warren Welliver, the court said the store in downtown Kansas City was being operated in a manner similar to other retail book stores. "This book store is not substantially different from any other religious book store," Welliver wrote. "It sells to all members of the general public as well as churches and Sunday schools. The literature it sells is not purely denominational."

Officials of the Baptist Sunday School Board which owns and operates the 62-store chain said further legal action in the case is under consideration.

BSSB attorneys filed suit against Jackson County over payment of \$13,612 in merchants and manufactures taxes, business personal property taxes and property taxes during a two-year period. The merchants and manufacturers tax is levied on inventories of businesses.

In the suit, the board contended its book stores should not have to pay the taxes because of the provision in the Missouri constitution that allows property used exclusively for religious worship or for "purely charitable purposes" to be exempt from taxes.

The trial court ruled in favor of the board on the grounds that store profits were used for charitable purposes. However, Jackson County appealed the decision and the majority of the Supreme Court disagreed and reversed the lower court ruling.

## January seminar planned for telecommunications

"Telecommunications for Churches" will be the topic of a Church Program Training Center seminar to be held Jan. 25-27 at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The three-day seminar is designed for church leaders in learning more about Baptist TelNet, the board's satel-

lite telecommunications network to be launched in late spring 1984.

Seminar leaders include Morton Rose, vice president for church programs and services; Harry Jester, Broadman consumer sales representative; Dan Phillips, telecommunications consultant; and Don Fearheiley, supervisor of the CPS telecommunications unit.

A registration fee of \$45 should be mailed to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203. More information may be obtained by calling 615-251-2294.

## Black, white WMUs plan joint meetings in state

Kentucky Baptist Women—black and white—will come together for worship and education during three joint state meetings planned for November.

According to Kathryn Akridge, KBC WMU executive director, the sessions are to present the work of Kentucky Baptist women of both KBC and General Association of Baptists organizations. The meetings will be informative and innovative in presentation of goals, plans and structure of the two state WMU groups in hopes of gaining new appreciation and interpretation of each other. The theme for the sessions is "Baptist Women: United for Christ."

The meetings are scheduled for 12:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 5, 12 and 19 at First Baptist churches of Prestonsburg, Elizabethtown and Hopkinsville, respectively. Among featured speakers will be Mrs. Akridge; Lincoln Bingham, state consultant of cooperative ministries, KBC, superintendent of missions, General Association, and pastor, West End Baptist Church, Louisville; William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer; Cora Childs, president, Baptist Women's Missionary convention, Lexington; Doris Mullendore, president WMU, Bowling Green; William Rogers, Christian Life Relations, KBC; and Curtis Warf, KBC president and pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond.

## Taxpayers owe parochial school teachers nothing

Sending public school teachers into parochial schools to conduct classes at taxpayers' expense violates the constitutional separation of church and state, a federal appeals court has ruled.

Affirming a lower court decision, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled two to one that the "shared time" program in Grand Rapids, Mich. created "excessive administrative entanglement between government and religion," violating the First Amendment of the Constitution.

## Baptist men's group elects first officers

Pittsburgh layman C. E. Price, was elected the first president of the Fellowship of Baptist Men Sept. 17 by the fellowship's initial meeting at the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

Price, a retired Westinghouse executive who is presently second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will serve a three-year term along with seven other officers elected at the September meeting.

Bill Rhodes, an Atlanta attorney, was elected first vice president; Jack Knox, a transportation executive in German-

town, Tenn., recording secretary; James Smith, Brotherhood Commission president, treasurer.

## Baptist nurses organize for ministry, fellowship

Bringing Christian nurses together under the umbrella of organized fellowship and ministry is the goal of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF).

The BNF will be officially born at the November Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship (BMDF) national meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla. A steering committee of medical professionals and representatives of Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention and the BMDF met last month to plan the launching.

The stated purposes of the BNF are threefold, according to proposed bylaws: to provide nurses and nursing students opportunities for worship, witnessing and ministering through professional association; to provide education and learning experiences through Bible study, theological training, ethical study and evaluation of denominational work and professional education, and to provide members opportunities for expanded Christian service and witness through personal involvement in home and foreign mission activities and through disaster relief projects.

## Weicker gets AU award

U. S. Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) has been named recipient of the Madison-Jefferson Award, highest honor bestowed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Weicker led a successful Senate fight in the 97th Congress against efforts to restrict the jurisdiction of the federal courts on constitutional issues such as school prayer.

The award was announced at a conference Sept. 22 in Washington, D. C.

## Public affairs committee meets, discusses role

The role responsibilities and function of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee were discussed by the 15-member committee during a September meeting.

The committee is a controlling part of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies focusing on separation of church and state and religious liberty which has been involved in increasing controversy, mostly on BJCPA opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment on public school prayer.

The meeting was called by Sam Currin of Raleigh, N. C., "to talk about the Southern Baptist perspective on issues. I think the people are demanding it. Rank and file Southern Baptists want us to meet and at least give the perception we care about them and are representing them."

Currin, SBC president James T. Draper Jr. and Albert Lee Smith of Birmingham, Ala., were critical of the BJCPA. Draper noted: "I think we need a Baptist Joint Committee but the feeling is that the committee is insensitive . . . that only one viewpoint is represented."

Smith, who served one term in the U. S. Congress, said "Southern Baptists in Birmingham know Southern Baptists are putting 70 to 80 percent of the money into the Baptist Joint Committee and have a third of the member-

ship. And then the Baptist Joint Committee goes on record against voluntary prayer."

BJCPA executive director James Dunn interrupted Smith to say the BJCPA has never opposed voluntary prayer, but is opposed to state mandated prayer, which it sees the prayer amendment as being. He added the perception the BJCPA is opposed to voluntary prayer is "fostered by politicians out for a vote, preachers out for an amen and journalists out for a headline."

A controversy arising from two letters sent to the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee by PAC members also was discussed at the September meeting.

Shortly after his election, Currin sent a letter to Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S. C.) in support of the school prayer amendment. He identified himself as chairman of the PAC, said he supported the prayer amendment and included a copy of a resolution passed at the 1982 annual meeting in support of the amendment.

Almost immediately another letter to which 12 of the 14 remaining members' names were affixed was sent. The second letter said Currin spoke only for himself and the signers supported the testimony of John Baker, BJCPA general counsel, opposing the amendment. Draper declined to sign and Albert Lee Smith was unavailable.

The PAC has 15 members, 10 of whom are specified in SBC bylaws: the president of the convention, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, and the executive officer or staff representative of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Christian Life Commission, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union. In addition, at least two other agency executives may serve.

## J. C. Walters is named to Florida Baptist post

J. C. Walters Jr., pastor of Wayside Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., since 1980, has been named assistant executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention. He will assume the administrative post Oct. 15 and will be responsible for church-pastor-staff relations, as well as institutional relations and public affairs.

Prior to becoming pastor of the Miami church Walters, 57, was director of missions for Pinellas Baptist Association. He has also pastored Florida Baptist churches in Lake Worth, Lakeland and Tampa, as well as churches in Sadler and Gainesville, Tex.

He is a graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., and holds his BD degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## AU names Daley, Dunn to its board of trustees

C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor, and James Dunn, executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, were named trustees of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State at the organization's annual convention Sept. 23.

Washington, D. C. attorney Robert W. Nixon, a specialist in religious liberty affairs, was elected president.

Other board trustees include Sharon Worthing, a New York attorney; Earl Trent, a Philadelphia attorney; and Augusta Finkelstein, a New York civil liberties activist and supporter of church-state separation.



# Sunday School Lessons

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## LESSONS FOR OCT. 9, 1983

### International Series THE MOTIVE: GOD'S LOVE

**Hosea 11:1-4, 8** Out of pure grace God had chosen the people of Israel, entered into a covenant with them to the effect that he would be their God and they would be his people, and assured them they would be the object of his special love, care and blessing.

God reminded the Israelites he had chosen them, not because of any merit on their part but out of his great love for them. Out of his compassionate and redeeming love he had delivered them from bondage in Egypt, had protected them from harm, supplied their needs and brought them to the promised land.

Because of his great love for them, God had dealt with them as a loving father deals with a child who is learning to walk. The more that God expressed his love for them, the more their ungrateful hearts refused to acknowledge his manifold mercies to them. As God's demonstrations of his goodness and grace toward them increased, they plunged deeper into wickedness. The more they received from God, the more idolatrous they became.

**Hosea 14:4-7** In the opening verses of this chapter God entreated the Israelites to repent of their sins and return to him whom they had forsaken and grieved. Hosea appealed to them to return to God to whom they owed allegiance, gratitude, love and obedience. He reminded them that idols which they had been worshiping could never enable them to avert the impending judgment. Only in the God of grace and mercy could they find real help. Hosea assured the people that, if they would come to God with penitent hearts and contrite spirits, confessing their sins, God would heal their backsliding and

restore them to their former position.

**1 John 4:8-9** "God is love." It is his very nature to love. His love is righteous, just, compassionate and sacrificial. As proof of his love "God sent forth his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him." God is anxious for us to live in the devout and habitual contemplation of his infinite love. Knowing that God's love was calculated to excite the admiration, appreciation and devotion of each of his children, let us love for him by thinking about him, his will, word and way for us; by speaking lovingly about the beauty of his character, sinlessness of his life, infallibility of his teaching, efficacy of his death, triumph of his resurrection, joy of his fellowship, and hope of his return; and by obeying his commandments. Let us prove our Christian sonship by our love for others.

### Life and Work Series GOD'S COURAGEOUS CHAMPION

**1 Samuel 17:8** In keeping with the tendency of the natural man to put confidence in that which can be seen, Goliath let the Israelites know he did not have any faith in, or reliance upon, any unseen power. He was not depending on the gods of his own nation but upon his own enormous size and extraordinary physical strength. Boasting of the fact he was free from the control of anybody, Goliath sarcastically and contemptuously referred to the Israelites as "servants to Saul." He let them know unless they conquered him he would see to it they became slaves of the Philistines.

**1 Samuel 17:32-33** When no Israelites dared accept the challenge of Goliath, the giant stalked along the valley scoffing at the Israelites. Disappointed no

one accepted the challenge and with implicit faith in Jehovah, young David declared his willingness to engage in an encounter with him. When the report of David's offer reached Saul, the latter summoned him into his presence. Upon observing David's youthfulness and inexperience, Saul sought to discourage him from entering a combat with this giant who delighted to fight and was very successful at it. To courageous David, Saul said: "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

**1 Samuel 17:37** Looking beyond man to God, with implicit faith in him and complete reliance upon him for help, David reminded Saul that in previous combats with the lion and the bear, God had delivered him and he was convinced God would deliver him from the

giant also. Being impressed by what David said and in the spirit in which he said it, Saul granted him permission to go and expressed the hope God would be with him.

**1 Samuel 17:45-47** David told Goliath that whereas he was going into combat with him relying on his physical strength and the protection of his armor alone, he was doing so in reliance upon God only, believing that God's power would be adequate for his needs. What he was doing was not for personal fame, he continued, but was his part for the glory of Israel's God and on account of his love for his people. He was striving for the glory of God.

**1 Samuel 17:50** Using his sling and stone with the skill he had acquired previously, and depending upon God for victory, David was triumphant over his challenger.

## Meet Cumberland College Student



Sherry O. Inman

Cumberland College freshman Sherry O. Inman enjoys a challenge. That's why she has chosen to earn a B.S. degree in computer programming with a minor in business.

Sherry, a native of McCreary County, Kentucky, is bright-eyed and quick with a smile, and readily admits, "I like a challenge and the computers provide such an interesting challenge."

Verbal and articulate, and Sherry is quick to tell why she chose Cumberland College.

Recently, during a brief interlude from her work-study duties for the Alumni and Development Offices, Sherry shared her experiences and inspirations wrought from Cumberland College.

"I chose Cumberland College because of it's friendly people who are always ready to help each other. You are really a person, not just a number or statistic."

She further elaborates, "This closeness gives students the self-confidence they need to succeed."

Sherry enjoys Cumberland College's feeling of "one big Christian family." I think the one big family does more than explain Cumberland College because everyone is friendly and we always welcome incoming students with a smile and a "If you need any help in finding your way around or just need a friend my room number is ..."

A "Big Sister" at Cumberland College-one who aides incoming students-Sherry shares the same concepts in her home church, where she participates in plays, the choir, and in helping teach young children.

Sherry will remain at Cumberland College because of it's "Religiously good people...it's clean, Christian atmosphere, and the way our president (Jim Taylor) is beautifying Cumberland College."

She concludes, "Cumberland College has helped me realize that a Baptist school can help make you a better person and pulls you away from the temptation of a freshly life."

We at Cumberland College are proud that Sherry chose us and are more than happy to welcome others like her, who come to find a truly Christian, caring education.

Dr. Taylor,

Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Sherry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky).



## on mission together

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### ALIVE AND WELL IN THE MOUNTAINS

One of the best ways to get a pulse beat of Kentucky Baptist life at a given time is to attend a series of annual association meetings. When the "annual meeting season" is over in October, I will have touched base with 12.

Each one has been a positive experience and there are many signs that Kentucky Baptists are still alive and well.

I was particularly impressed with what the Lord is doing in Pike Association. The host, Meta Baptist Church, deserves Kentucky Baptist attention. A recitation of last year's experiences is inspiring:

1. The Brotherhood spent a week in New Jersey working on a mission church building;
2. The WMU adopted two Korean families, students at Clear Creek;
3. Their mission celebrated their first

year by doubling their membership;

4. The youth group grew from 25 to more than 60;

5. Four men were called to full time Christian ministry;

6. Completed their building program with the membership doing the majority of the work;

7. Participated in two cycles of Continuous Witness Training (CWT) and, remarkably, baptized 94 this past year! With a membership of 560, this is a baptism ratio of about 5.8 to 1 compared to an SBC average of around 35 to 1!

Pastor Ron Barnett, a Clear Creek graduate, admits that his folks are tired but they are praying for a "refreshing."

As I headed homeward on Daniel Boone Parkway early next morning, the sun played early autumn tunes across the trees. I was certain the Lord was alive and well in the mountains.



## homes for children

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### PRAYER PARTNERS

Jesus gave a solid basis for prayer partners when he said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). It is also obvious that Paul and the churches he established had a special relationship in prayer. Paul prayed much for those churches and individual Christians. Likewise, those churches held Paul up in their prayers as he went on his missionary journeys.

Down through Christian history to this hour, there have been many prayer partners. Some of them, separated by many miles, spend time in prayer at the same time each day. Others meet regularly to pray about common concerns, and others discuss their concerns and agree to pray separately for those same things.

Baptist Homes for Children has many prayer partners all across Kentucky who pray for our work with children. They pray for the staff, the children in our care and for financial support so this noble work can continue. I personally believe our greatest asset in this ministry is the prayer power of our

many prayer partners.

As these prayer partners are praying for us, we are praying for them. It is a two-way partnership. Recently our "Back-to-School" letter went out giving an opportunity to make a special gift to help us with extra costs at this time of year. The responses are varied, generous and encouraging. Many gifts are coming in response to our need and out of loving hearts.

One couple wrote to say that "we have children in school and know what it is to start them in school. It isn't much, but here is a gift to help those who need help now." Letters come saying that a companion died this year, "and now I am alone and don't have much to send. I wish it were more. Please pray for me." Still others say, "I have cancer. Please pray for me. I wish I could send a much larger gift."

Occasionally, some will write that they cannot send a gift, so remove them from the mailing list. I always ask them to stay on our list so they can keep praying for our needs. The fervent prayer of a righteous man or woman may be the greatest gift to our ministry.

Pray for our work. Pray for the upcoming Thanksgiving offering. Let us all be prayer partners!



## clear creek comments

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### I CAN HANDLE THIS ONE

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22).

The story is told of a cleaning woman, going to work in a large business office about the time most people were going home. As a result, she was alone in the elevator with the operator. Her hands showed evidence of the hard life she had lived and her wrinkled face sagged with weariness. She no doubt had already put in a day's work at home; now she would have to dust, scrub and sweep eight more hours on the job. In her arms were several large packages.

The operator closed the door and pushed the button for her passenger's floor, then turned, smiled and said, "You can put those bundles down, ma'am." She said, "The elevator will carry them."

Too many times we forget that we have a heavenly father willing to help us carry our packages or bundles we could mark as worry, disappointment, guilt, fear, anxiety. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us

that we should cast all our cares on him for he cares for us.

As a recent chapel speaker here at Clear Creek told the students, this world will do everything it can to get you to quit serving God. Too many Christians are burdened down with cares, concerns and a busy lifestyle that could be relieved if we took the time to cast our burdens on God to lighten the load.

During the recent dry spell, a visitor to Clear Creek commented on how green the trees were, and how even without rain God in his divine goodness sent the morning mist to help them maintain their beauty. He said, "Isn't that just like God—he provides for us in ways we don't expect."

Remember when you feel depressed, worn out, unloved and especially unappreciated, God sees and knows your predicament and he wants you to be sustained. He knows you have needs, and, like the elevator, is able to carry you and your burdens.

Pray, father remove from me the "I Can Handle This One Attitude."

## oneida journal

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### ONEIDA HOMECOMING THIS WEEKEND

Y'all come! Yes, YOU are invited to attend any or all of the events of our homecoming this weekend, Oct. 7-9.

The first formal event will be the dramatic production of "A Man Called Peter" at 8 p.m. Friday in our chapel.

Saturday, Oct. 8 will be filled with many events. There will be daylong receptions in Anderson Hall, our only original building, as well as in our library where an art show will be on display. There will be various sports events during the day and several campus wide tours.

There will be a large picnic lunch at noon and the annual homecoming dinner at 6 p.m. Parents of Oneida students will meet their child's teachers at a 2 p.m. reception.

One of the two principal events of the day will be the annual hymn sing at 4:30 p.m. During this service there will be a prayer of dedication for Cardinal

Hall, a new classroom building housing our middle school and donated by Methodist friends.

The second major event of the day will be an 8 p.m. performance of "An Evening With Mark Twain." In this role will be Oneida 1951 graduate, Russ Mobley, longtime professor of drama at Campbellsville College.

Sunday, Oct. 9 will feature the usual double morning worship services followed by lunch. The Oneida Choir and Band will present a homecoming concert at 2 p.m.

Yes, you are invited. All meals are free. If you stay overnight, you will need to get a motel room in Manchester, London, Corbin, Hyden or Hazard, all within an hour of Oneida.

David Hensley, minister of music of Winchester First Baptist Church more than 10 years and orchestra director for the Clark County school system, will

lead the hymn service. David is a fine musician and the fourth of five children of Omer "Blue" and Sophia Hensley.

"Blue" and "Soph" have parented a most remarkable Christian family. He is a '29 Oneida graduate and great grandson of "Big Henry" Hensley, the first donor to Oneida. For eight years "Blue" taught music on our campus and also served as coach, having once played on the Mountaineer squad himself. Before leaving Oneida he worked for 20 years until retirement for the East Kentucky Rural Electric Corp., whose president was Hugh Spurlock, a 1927 Oneida graduate and former OBI principal for 15 years. During this time Mrs. Hensley worked as a doctor's office nurse and for 14 years was in charge of the Winchester hospital medical records.

Oldest of their children is Betty Gene (organist in her church, and husband Jimmy Dan, both graduates of our 1954 class. Their parents had graduated 25 years before in our '29 class. They have a very successful furniture store, two sons and two daughters.

Oldest son is Carl Omer, an OBI '57 graduate, former Navy man, and an IBM employe. His wife, Juanita, graduated with me in 1958 and was salutatorian. We celebrate our 25th anniversary this weekend. Juanita is a vice

president with Delta Gas Co. and she and Carl have two daughters, one at UK and the other a high school senior. Carl is a deacon.

Hunter Cam has a masters degree in music from UK and is longtime minister of music at Lexington's Central Baptist Church. He and his wife have three daughters.

Joey lives in El Paso and travels 48 weeks of the year in concert with his own country and western music band named "Joey Carmon and the Crossbows." They will perform at our 1984 homecoming.

Yes, Blue and Soph, the smiling two, have a treasure in their children. Anyone could well use them as models in the training of their children to be happy adults and joyful servants of Christ.

All of the "roots" of the many mentioned in this article go very deep in Oneida training and tradition. Many will be back this weekend to celebrate their heritage.

Why don't you come be a part of this celebration? You are a part of our family if you love the Lord for that makes you our brother and sister.

Come hear David and these other Hensleys sing. That is something to hear. Come see Russ as Mark Twain. That is something to experience.



## campbellsville college today

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### VOLUNTEERS

What an army of volunteers there is to carry on so much of the work of any phase of God's program! Certainly this

is the case with Christian education, not only at Campbellsville College but at every college. Alumni, friends, trustees, workers in financial development . . . the list goes on.

On the Campbellsville campus last week we experienced one of the most gratifying of these groups. The Campbellsville College church relations council met in its annual session. Pastors, laymen and ladies, going beyond the call of duty to encourage and strengthen a cause to which they have a commitment.

Campbellsville College has a commitment—to be true to God's Word and to be responsive to the churches. Working through the church relations council helps us keep that commitment and to be effective as a viable Baptist college. These volunteers on the council provide a channel of communication that is useful and productive. Those of us at the college can hear from, and respond to,

those from "out where the action is." Remaining a church-connected college becomes a reality.

Who is busier or carries more responsibility than a committed pastor of an active church? Why should these men add to their burdens by volunteering to help a college grow, develop and stay strong?

Because they know the consequences, that's why. Consider the values to the leaders of tomorrow when their preparation days can be guided by Christian professors and counselors. These kids are preparing to take over! We had better be interested in how they prepare. Consider where we would be going without our Christian colleges! Praise God for faithful volunteers.

# Moving with the times

## Apartment ministry keeps up with housing trends

by Carol Rathbun

Few people would term recent government cutbacks in social services a blessing. But for Lake Washington Baptist Church in Seattle, Wash., cutbacks have opened the door to an unusual community ministry.

Vince DePalma, a man who says he was "simply at the right place at the right time," was passing through Seattle around Thanksgiving of last year on his way to seminary when he stopped to visit a few days with the Lake Washington church.

He discovered the Seattle Housing Authority had lost its funding for youth and social activity programs and full time "community workers" who had run community centers at several of the public housing complexes had been released.

DePalma made contact with the manager of one of the housing complexes in the area. He offered to bring a number of social programs such as tutoring, youth recreation and youth outings into the public housing projects for free.

The manager and her supervisor were both very receptive and gave him keys to three housing complexes within a few miles of the church. Other mem-

bers of the church began to get involved and in early February another full time worker, Larry Trowbridge, was recruited.

Each housing complex consists of a small high rise building for the elderly and townhouse apartments for low income families. A community center equipped with an office, kitchen, ping-pong table and other recreational resources is also located in each complex.

By opening the community center after school and staying to talk and play with the youth, they began to gain the confidence and trust of those they were trying to minister to.

DePalma and Trowbridge have taken groups on outings to the mountains, signed youth up to participate in the United Way Campership Program, involved some in the church's softball team and brought movies into the community center.

Plans are being made to form a basketball league and to start a tutoring program in the fall, using families in the Lake Washington church.

The community centers open and close each time with prayer and a time for prayer requests. Three of the youth went with Trowbridge and DePalma to the Billy Graham Crusade in Tacoma

last May, and others are going to the Lake Washington church on Sundays.

This summer, backyard Bible clubs and a missions Sunday school were organized at two of the three apartment complexes with an average of 40 children in attendance between them. Two summer missionaries assigned to the Puget Sound Association helped in these activities.

The real need continues to be more workers. DePalma left in June to attend Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Cal., and the summer missionaries left in August. Trowbridge, unable to supervise all the community centers alone, has sought and expects to receive help this coming year from the University of Washington BSU and from other churches in the area.

"Besides people," Trowbridge said, "we could use money to buy more recreational equipment or repair broken equipment we already have. We could also use donations such as active participation games or used bicycles, that kind of thing."

He related a story in which the youth at one of the apartment complexes had wanted a pool table for their community center. He started to pray for one and, not long after, he discovered his

boss had an old one in his garage.

Trowbridge asked if he could have it to take to the complex and his boss said he could. "That was a real breaking point in the ministry," he said. "The kids saw there is power in prayer and in God."

The door to ministering to the youth's parents is also beginning to crack open. "There are a lot of working single parents in the complexes," DePalma explained, "and a lot of them have problem kids they don't know what to do with."

Recognizing the need to encourage apartment ministries such as the one DePalma and Trowbridge have been involved in, the Home Mission Board, along with the Puget Sound Association, is studying the possibility of planting an inner city worker through the HMB Christian social ministries department in the Lake Washington church.

The person in the full time position would spend half his time in Christian social ministries and half as apartment ministry director.

"More and more people are moving from homes to apartments and we've got to move along with them," DePalma said.

## Doing his part: businessman funnels \$100,000 into worldwide missions

by Marty Croll

Seven years ago Tom Jones was working in a glass business when, distraught over a lack of direction, he called out to God.

"You get me another business like I had, and I'll start doing something about what I'm supposed to be doing for you."

Jones recalled those words recently

**There's so many things each one of us is supposed to be doing. I've got a long way to go. I may be off here or flunking there, but I have picked up on this one area, this one thing—tithing.**

from the tiny office of a thriving business he bought just months after he spoke them. Since he opened, his business has been the source of more than \$100,000 funneled directly into worldwide missions through the Foreign Mission Board.

Jones is not his real name. The soft-spoken man whose words reflect his love of the Bible asked he not be identified, saying the right hand of the body of Christ should not know what the left is doing.

Jones was not a Christian when he made his bargain. But three weeks later a stranger, who had gotten Jones' name from an equipment salesman in Richmond, Va., called from Virginia and told him he was selling out. "Three months and I had my business," Jones said.

Since then God has directed him to reach those who have never heard the Word of God, Jones said. After a life-

changing decision, it was gradually revealed to Jones he should use his business as a faucet to flow money into specific soul-winning projects.

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him a religious book.

"I didn't read books or anything," Jones said. "But I actually stopped what I was doing and started reading." It was only a matter of time before he found a Bible, wiped the dust off of it, and started reading that, too. "That's the way I woke up," he said.

"After I accepted Christ, I began to realize we're supposed to be down here doing something. It's going to get done one way or the other, but the Holy Spirit said to me, 'You do this and I'll do that.' I just took him at his Word."

Since Jones took that step many doors have opened to him and last year he became personally involved in a Philippine boat ministry he sponsored.

Through the Foreign Mission Board, Jones sought out Oscar Fortuna, a preacher he considered to be "burnt up with the gospel," and spent time with Fortuna to learn of his ministry in Davao City on the Philippine island of Mindanao.

Jones has returned to the Philippines twice. On his first trip back, he took part in overseeing the construction of a 40-foot boat Fortuna and volunteers

a-half crusade using the boat. Teams from Fortuna's church visited people during the day and preached at night.

Jones saw poverty like he never knew existed. He also saw God's work in progress. Regardless of how worn out the evangelism teams were, all they needed to do was preach the Word, and islanders would make decisions for Christ.

"You would average 50 to 60 a night who would come forward. It was unbelievable," he said. "I've seen the tears and I've seen it all. And I know there was response. Even though I couldn't understand the language, I know people were moved to come forward. When you see it, you know the Lord did it."

Jones was fascinated at how God used the money he put into the project. "Just in two or three operations, you're talking about thousands hearing the word. And thousands came forward. I figure for one dollar a head, one accepts Jesus. You can just count them."

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preacher, Jones stayed in the background during the island crusades.

"My job is to take the money (from his business) and send it up there," he says. "Each of us has our part to do. And the more the body (of Christ) is united, the more work is going to get done."

Later he returned for a month-and-

# Through it all

Josephine Pile Broaddus claims she's lost track of how many times she's been 'reorganized and remodeled' in her 39-year tenure in youth work with the Sunday School Board

*"Josephine's relationship with the Lord is the secret of success she has experienced as a leader of youth and of youth workers."*

by Linda Lawson

When Josephine Pile Broaddus retired Sept. 30 after 39 years of editing Baptist Sunday School Board materials, employees said goodbye to a coworker who is a source of both knowledge about the total work of the board and of humorous stories about people who have worked there.

She went to the board in 1944 from her native Dallas, Tex., and worked for five years as an editorial assistant for adult and young people's periodicals. She has spent the last 34 years editing Sunday school materials for youth.

At retirement, Josephine was senior design editor for youth life and work materials. She was honored for her contributions in 1973 when she became only the second employe to receive career professional employe recognition. She married Bower Broaddus Nov. 20, 1982.

Josephine is well known for her genuine interest and concern for coworkers and for her capacity to see humor even in difficult situations.

She cites among her mentors retired editors such as Clifton J. Allen, Howard P. Colson and Annie Ward Byrd. She has also been a model to countless editors whom she has affirmed, encouraged and helped to learn their jobs.

The Sunday School Board is well known for periodic reorganization and Josephine maintains she has lost track of "how many times I've been reorganized and remodeled.

"Twice I've had the ceilings torn out and the walls torn down around me," she recalled with a smile. Another time, "They sandblasted the Frost Building



Bower and Josephine Broaddus anticipate more time together when she retires.

with us in it."

Looking back on experiences that have brought the greatest sense of professional fulfillment, Josephine cites

her work on Upward magazine for youth and her participation in the restructuring of youth Sunday school work in the late 1960's.

When she became Upward editor in 1949, it had a monthly circulation of 13,000. During her tenure as editor circulation climbed to 123,000.

Calling the redesign of youth Sunday school materials "hard, hard work, but very creative," Josephine contributed the concept of temporary study groupings, a concept that is still in use and now called "project approach to the unit."

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention Josephine had a nationwide network of coworkers and friends among the hundreds who have written for her.

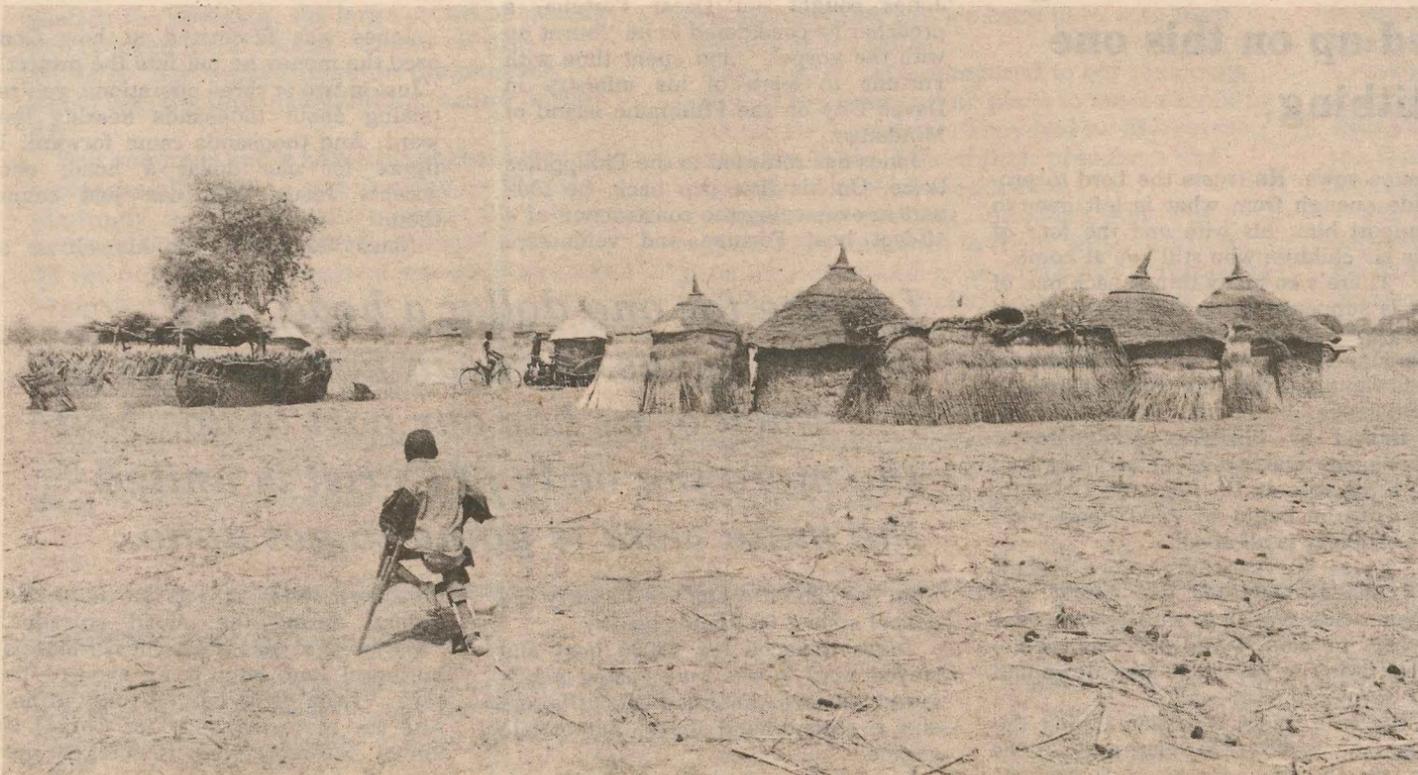
David Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gilmer, Tex., and a regular writer of youth Sunday school materials, calls working with Josephine "one of the most valuable learning experiences of my life. Her devotion to helping youth grow spiritually along with her unwavering enthusiasm has provided a constant source of inspiration for me."

Annie Ward Byrd, a retired Sunday School Board editorial director who met Josephine at the train station when she arrived for her job interview in 1944, said, "Josephine's relationship with the Lord is the secret of success she has experienced as a leader of youth and of youth workers. Back of her knowledge of the Bible is her love for the Bible and for the Savior portrayed in its pages."

Josephine has taught a 10th grade girls Sunday school class at First Baptist Church for many years and is now teaching daughters of women she taught years earlier.

"Having stayed in the same church I've had the privilege of seeing the development of a lot of people," she said. An added benefit has been the opportunity to use the materials she edits in a church setting.

For the future she plans continued involvement in Nashville's First Baptist Church, travel and "enjoying being a full time homemaker for the first time since I hold the record for being the latest to marry."



## First Step Toward Hope

**WALKING NOW**—For seven years Yise Youghare, a polio victim in Upper Volta, had been forced to crawl whenever he wanted to move around. But Tennessee volunteers working in the West Africa country made a simple brace for his withered leg, encouraged him in his attempts to learn to walk and showed his older brother how to exercise the leg muscles to increase their strength. Now Yise is able to go anywhere he wants without dragging himself by his hands across the hot, Sanwabo plains.