



Quinn Pugh elected NY Baptist leader

R. Quinton Pugh, executive director of Metropolitan New York Baptist Association since 1979, has been elected executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York.

Pugh, 54, will replace interim director-treasurer Roy D. Gresham, former executive of the Baptist convention in Maryland, Feb. 1, 1984. Gresham took the position last year after the resignation of Jack P. Lowndes.

The population of the tri-state convention area is 28 million. BCNY churches in New York state, southern Connecticut and northern New Jersey worship each Sunday in 17 languages including Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, English and Portuguese.

Pugh came to New York City in 1962 and participated in the formation of both Metropolitan New York Baptist Association and the Baptist Convention of New York. He was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Belair, Md., six years. He has served churches in New Jersey, Georgia, Kentucky and Louisiana.

The native Texan earned a DMin degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also has degrees from East Texas Baptist College, Marshall; Oglethorpe University, Atlanta; and Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta. He and his wife, Norma, have two children.



Award winner

Jack Norris of the Radio and Television Commission is producer of "On Track," which recently won a Gabriel Award as the top nationally syndicated entertainment program for 1983. Norris is pictured with the Gabriel Award presented the RTVC in 1974 for "Country Crossroads."

'I'm against tuition tax credits,' gubernatorial candidate affirms

State Sen. Jim Bunning, Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky, has responded to questions related to church state separation issues. The questions were submitted to him by representatives of Americans United, a national organization dedicated to preservation of religious liberty through separation of church and state.

A request for an interview to discuss church state issues was directed to Sen. Bunning Aug. 19. Upon receiving no response for several weeks, a letter was addressed to the senator Oct. 12 requesting answers to six specific questions related to church state issues.

Oct. 21 a staff member of Sen. Bunning's organization called Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley, one of those originally requesting the interview, to apologize for a late response and to offer to make arrangements for an interview. Due to the short time before the election and the time required to publicize his views, editor Daley suggested Sen. Bunning send for publication a written response to the questions submitted in the Oct. 12 letter. Here are the questions:

If elected governor would you —

1. Favor any plan for granting state tuition tax credits to parents of children attending private or parochial elementary and high schools?
2. Favor any plan for granting state tuition tax credits to parents of public and parochial elementary and high school children?
3. Favor a voucher system for Kentucky school age children for the purchase of education in whatever schools they choose?
4. Favor calling a constitutional convention to amend the Kentucky constitution?
5. Favor amending the Kentucky constitution to remove or modify the present constitutional prohibition of using tax funds for religious or sectarian purposes?
6. Favor a Kentucky constitutional amendment increasing the amount of tax free property for churches to use in worship, religious education, church recreation and other church activities?

Here is Mr. Bunning's response:

"In response to your six questions, please accept this statement which addresses the issues which are of primary concern to you. I believe strongly in the separation of church and state, and as governor, will work to preserve this distinction.

"I am against any plan for granting state tuition tax credits to parents of children attending private or public parochial elementary and high schools. As the parent of nine children, I know the cost of parochial education can be prohibitive to many of Kentucky's families. I firmly believe it is every parent's right to choose where to send his children, but it is not the state's responsibility to subsidize the cost of that choice.

On the subject of a voucher system for the purchase of education, I believe this proposal deserves further consideration. As I have said, I do believe in the parents' right to choose the school for their children. Perhaps a voucher system could work in Kentucky.

"In light of recent revenue misprojections and shortfalls in new money for the state budget, I do not think a con-



Jim Bunning

stitutional convention would be financially responsible for any purpose. My wife and I are active in our church in Northern Kentucky and we both know the importance of religious education and church recreation. However, I would not favor amending the constitution to remove or modify the present constitutional prohibition of using tax funds for religious or sectarian purposes. I also would not favor a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of tax free property for churches."

For an editorial evaluation of moral issues in the current campaign, see page 2 in this issue.

Speaking against mom, Murray says petition 2493 is a 'fake'

by Bob E. Matthews

Atheists keep alive the RM 2493 petition rumor to make Christians look foolish, according to William J. Murray.

Murray, the son of America's best known atheist, Madelyn Murray O'Hair, is now a Christian and a Dallas minister.

He was in Oklahoma City recently and distributed a pamphlet, "Please Sign Here . . . The Great 2493 Fraud."

In it he says the American Atheist Center in Austin, Tex. continues to circulate a petition addressed to the Federal Communications Commission.

Murray alleges the fake petitions, which ask the FCC to deny an effort by Mrs. O'Hair to ban all religious radio and television broadcasts, are printed by the atheists and circulated primarily in Baptist and Assembly of God churches and lately in Catholic churches as well.

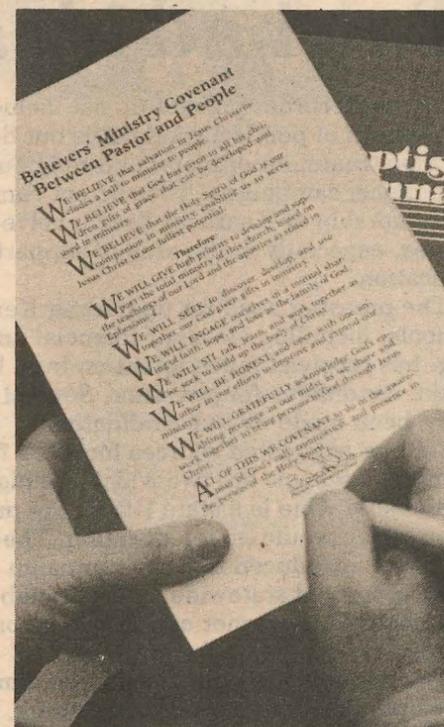
Since 1975 more than 22 million of the fake petitions have been sent to the FCC even though the federal agency says Mrs. O'Hair has never asked it to remove religious broadcasts from the air waves.

He says the tactic is planned to make Christians "look foolish before the FCC" which must approve applications for Christian radio and TV stations and "to get even more free radio and TV time" for atheists.

Murray says, in reality, his mother does not want religious broadcasting off the air. "If it were removed, she could not demand free equal time," he said. The American Atheist Center has radio programs broadcast free throughout the nation, he noted.

"In addition, Mrs. O'Hair follows the religious leaders such as myself around the nation demanding free TV time from stations which broadcast our message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ," Murray noted.

Murray gives this advice: "Never sign any petition which does not have the name and address of the individual or group who sponsors it. None of the petitions titled '2493' has a name or address, just further proof that these are the work of the atheist groups."



This we believe

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C. R. Daley

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Now it can be told. It's the story of Mrs. Ray H. Colville, one of the most beautiful and most fragrant blossoms in the rose garden of God. For a long time it appeared I would never get to tell her story because she absolutely forbade it while she was living and she lived until a few weeks ago having spent 98 fruitful years on this earth.

I first met Mrs. Colville many years ago on my first visit to Cloverport Baptist Church. Her modesty and humility made her appear as just another one of the faithful women in the church though her long ministry of teaching and encouraging Cloverport young people was extraordinary and, as I learned from other sources, the Cloverport beautiful sanctuary was made possible by her unusual generosity.

I came to know her really only several years later when I was with pastor Paul Whitler and the Cloverport congregation for a revival. I was a week long guest in her home. My upstairs bedroom in her beautiful old home which overlooked the Ohio River reminded me of George Washington's Mt. Vernon bedroom overlooking the Potomac. The gentle bend in the beautiful Ohio flowing by Cloverport makes for an indescribably beautiful view for long distances up and down the river.

Mary and Martha of Bethany could not have been more attentive to every need of their guest than Mrs. Colville was of mine. In our hours of heavenly fellowship around her table and among the flowers of her yard I sensed the depth of her commitment, the strength of her character and the generosity of her heart.

I was not surprised a few years later when she asked her former pastor, Paul Whitler, to bring

Grady Randolph, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, to see her and to talk about the ultimate disposition of her estate since she had no children nor close relatives. From the time of this first visit she leaned heavily on Randolph who along with Truman Johnson, her pastor, carefully looked after all her needs including the conducting of her very simple funeral on Oct. 1.

Mrs. Colville was wealthy in this world's materials as well as rich in good works. Her own estate approached a million dollars and she was also the beneficiary of income from another million dollar or more trust fund as long as she lived.

She did not fight time but grew old gracefully. Approaching the time she could not care for herself, she sold her lovely home along with its large collection of priceless silver, china, lamps, linens and other antiques and moved into a retirement home in Cincinnati. From there she continued to keep up with Baptist missionary enterprises and other Christian ministries and made generous contributions to them.

Mrs. Colville loved her many admirers and friends but she was more sensible than sentimental when it came to giving away her wealth. Long before her death she gave her pastors generous expressions of her appreciation and remembered her church in her will but she always contended her friends did not need her money. Besides, she always insisted, it was not hers but the Lord's and she wanted it to advance his kingdom. She gave to many causes but the one absolute condition of every gift was that her name was not to be mentioned.

Mrs. Colville's gift to the Kentucky Baptist

Foundation several years ago was valued at \$772,121. It consisted mainly of stocks and bonds so on today's market the value would be much higher. She named those causes which would receive shares of the income from her gift.

The income from her gift within a relatively few years has amounted to \$358,875 according to Foundation secretary Randolph and the principle will continue to earn money for Christian causes as long as the world stands.

Mrs. Colville had the most wholesome attitude toward material wealth of any person I have ever known. She was generous but never wasted a penny. She appreciated the value of materials but valued many things above money. Among these were her church, her friends and, above all, her Bible.

Devotion to the teachings in the Bible surely accounted for her sense of values. As she grew older the Bible became a closer and closer companion. There were marks on almost every page and literally hundreds of verses were underlined. She also wrote sayings that appealed to her from many sources in the margins.

Near the front of her Bible was one of these nuggets which Grady Randolph used in the brief graveside memorial service. It probably provides the best insight into her inner heart. She had written it in purple ink. "Greatness is not what one can get but what one can give." She was an incarnation of that truth.

My only frustration in our meaningful friendship was she would never let me tell or even hint at the extent of her generosity. I'm glad I lived long enough to tell part of it though I have a feeling she's frowning at me from heaven.

Two bad ideas for aid to education

Western Recorder policies do not include endorsement of political candidates but does include treatment of moral and religious issues in political campaigns. The current campaign for governorship of Kentucky does involve such issues, especially in the area of support for education.

The pressing need for upgrading Kentucky schools, including stronger financial undergirding, has received much attention from both major candidates for governor. Several proposals have been made by the candidates.

Among suggested sources for more funds for Kentucky schools are two which are highly objectionable. One is a state lottery the profits from which would go to education. The lottery idea was introduced into the campaign and has been promoted statewide by the Republican candidate for governor and also is favored by a third party candidate for governor.

Though obviously not considered a moral issue by Republican candidate Jim Bunning, any lottery is considered gambling by many Kentuckians including this writer and thus is immoral. No worthy cause—not even education—

should look to an immoral means for support. If more money is required for upgrading education in Kentucky there are several more honorable ways to obtain it than legalizing gambling which is surely compulsive and addictive for some and harmful to all who yield to the gambling urge.

The other objectionable source of aid to education which already has been resorted to in some other states is a tuition tax credit plan or voucher plan. The tuition tax credit plan allows parents sending their children to private or parochial schools to deduct at least part of the tuition paid these schools from their federal and/or state income tax. The voucher plan would provide students with vouchers to be used to pay for tuition in private, parochial and in some instances public schools of their choice.

Either of these plans would violate church state separation provisions in the federal and the Kentucky constitutions, would reduce state revenue which already is suffering serious shortfalls and would divert much needed funds from public schools to private and parochial schools.

In responding to questions from representa-

tives of Americans United, a national organization dedicated to religious liberty through separation of church and state, both major candidates for governor expressed opposition to any state tuition tax credit plan for Kentucky at this time. The Republican candidate did express interest in a voucher plan. (See Western Recorder front page article in this and Oct. 19 issues.)

However, according to press reports of positions stated in a Lexington Catholic high school appearance Oct. 24, while saying as governor he would not recommend such a plan because of lack of funds, Mr. Bunning characterized federal tuition tax credits as "very, very positive." This seems to indicate Mr. Bunning philosophically favors tuition tax credits but is not recommending such a plan in Kentucky at this time.

Mr. Bunning has spoken clearly on the issue of a state lottery. A forthright "yes" or "no" on his part to any plan of tuition tax credits now or ever in Kentucky would be helpful to Kentucky voters.

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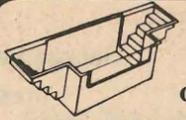
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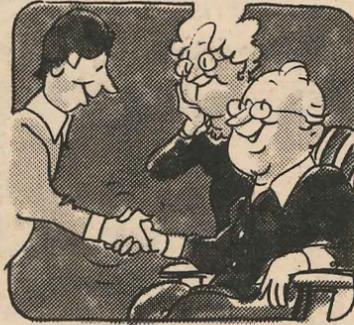
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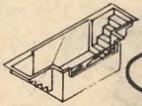
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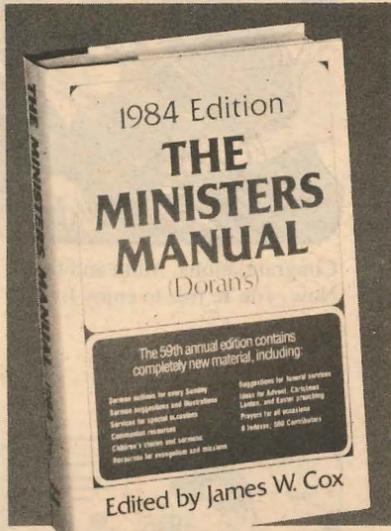
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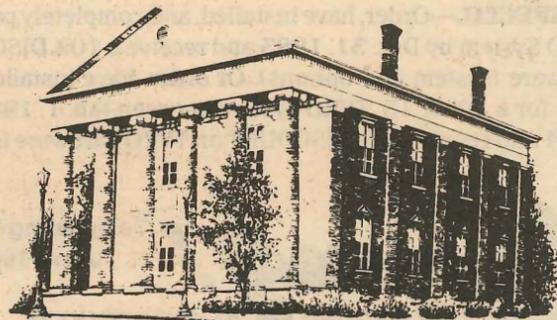
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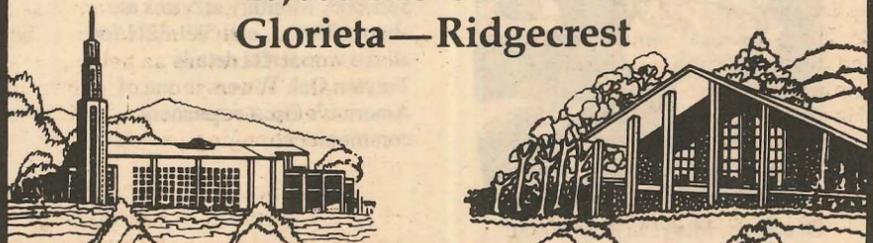


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Singleness of purpose

This pulpit committee searched unto the ends of the earth, then returned home to discover a most unusual minister

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Bobby Vassar is 30.
Not unusual.
He's pastor of a Baptist church.
Not unusual.
As Baptist churches go, this one is medium sized—with 1566 members.
Not unusual.
The pulpit committee that called Bobby took many trips looking for him.
Not unusual.
They found him living in their own town, serving on their own church staff.
Unusual.
He is also single.
Unusually unusual.

Milas Robert Vassar Jr. was called by First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, this past Sept. 11 as pastor. He had been associate pastor with responsibilities for youth ministries for the Shelby County congregation since June 1, 1977. And ever since Jim Highland resigned last December, Vassar had "filled in" at the pulpit, handling other pastoral duties as requested.

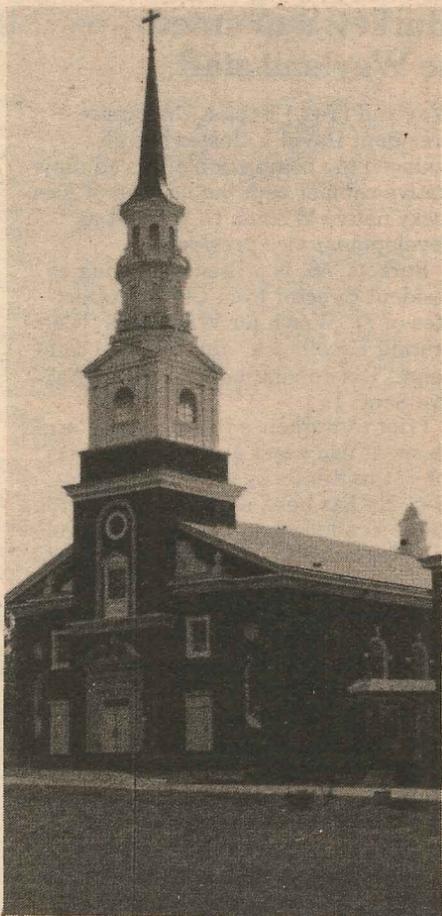
He wanted to be sure that the pulpit committee felt no constraints, however, so he agreed to preach only during January and February 1983 to allow them to have plenty of opportunity to do "whatever," he says.

At that point, he was asked to continue preaching while the committee searched diligently for a new pastor, seeking the Lord's will as they proceeded. Vassar, no stranger to the pulpit, felt comfortable with his increased assignments during this time. He regularly preached every six weeks or two months anyway before Highland resigned, so this was nothing new to him.

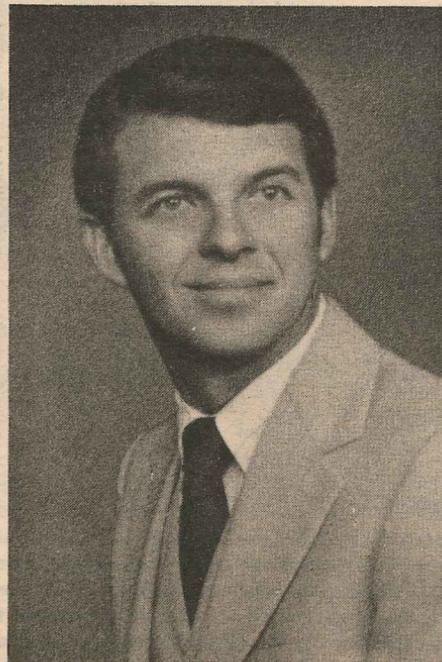
In the course of its work, the pulpit committee felt impressed to seriously consider several potential pastors. But for one reason or another, nothing panned out.

But by the end of May, the committee was literally covered with pleas that they "please stay home" and "listen to what was going on" there.

The committee did so, they liked



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Bobby Vassar

what they heard, they liked what the members were saying to them and the call was issued at summer's end.

A young man with six years' experience on their staff, never married, became their pastor.

Reviewing the questions

Bobby Vassar thinks pensively about some of the crucial questions which confronted the congregation in their choice of him as their pastor.

"Some people seemed to hold back based on my lack of experience as a pastor instead of marital status or age," he says.

"Age was the least problem to a majority," he feels.

He laughs as he recalls little rhymes and other sayings he heard repeated often as consideration was given. One he remembers well went: "If you mark out 30 and single, you leave out Jesus and Paul."

Through it all, Vassar saw people "sharing with each other."

On the question of singleness, Vassar claims he is single because he does not feel God has led him to "a particular person" to share his life with yet. He does "definitely think" he will marry "some day." He also believes there are "particular women" who have "the gifts required" to be a minister's wife.

He's handled baptisms, funerals, the ordinances and other duties required of Baptist pastors, in addition to preaching. These include counseling, and a good deal of marriage counseling.

How does he relate to it?

He counsels about marriage "not from experience" but from a "biblical understanding" of marriage and relationships, and using "modern material from the Christian perspective."

Getting ready to preach

Born in Huntsville, Ala., Bobby Vassar attended and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in that city in 1971.

After attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville for a semester and a

half, he went on to Birmingham's Samford University, where he graduated with the B.A. degree in religion in 1975.

At the age of 19 Vassar felt the call into religious work in his home church, Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church, at a point when he was majoring in accounting in his second year of college. He was not sure what his call meant—pastoral, youth, education, teaching or what. But he changed schools, moving to a senior Baptist college, and that was a turning point in his life's direction.

In the summer of 1974 he returned to Huntsville to be summer youth director at Heritage Baptist Church. From 1974-76 he was minister of youth at Ruhama Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Feeling a tug toward theological training, he resigned that position to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1976. He was interviewed by Jim Highland in May 1977 for a part time position in Shelbyville, and called by the church later that same month.

In May 1980, upon receiving the MDiv degree from Southern, he went full time at the church. It's his hope to begin work on a DMin degree at Southern sometime in the future.

Bobby Vassar today

Vassar, whose only family includes mother and father in Huntsville and a brother living in Dallas, Tex., occupies his free time with a "large scope" of activities "for relaxation."

He especially loves tennis, golf, motorcycle riding, softball and stereo music.

Having lived in an apartment the last few years, he's grown weary of it and is presently buying a house. He cooks but likes "the simple things," and says he cooks "merely for the purpose of staying alive." He sees cooking as terribly time consuming.

His eyes twinkle as he considers First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, today and where it may be tomorrow.

He cites "strong spiritual people of all ages" as one of the church's greatest strengths. Other assets include "strong drives in evangelism" and congregational "warmth and caring."

He is convinced a church grows and reaches and develops people for Christ primarily "through its Sunday school."

Says Vassar, "As the Sunday school goes, so goes the life of the church, including giving, attendance, worship, training and everything else."

His first objective is to provide the church with an efficient Sunday school program—trained leaders, emphasis upon God's word as a text, using Southern Baptist literature as helping material. "When you accomplish that, you develop a supernatural spirit which results in changing people's lives," he affirms.

He will encourage and support the church's visitation and evangelistic efforts, too, through the Sunday school.

Vassar also says support of and involvement in the association, state and SBC will continue at First Baptist Church.

Finally, he commends staff members Bill Miller, minister of music, and David Kolb, minister of education, and the three staff secretaries for their many contributions to the ongoing success of kingdom work there.

If you mark out 30 and single, you leave out Jesus and Paul.

Fortunately, neither has been crossed out.

And Shelbyville First members are glad their pulpit committee didn't cross out Bobby Vassar, either.

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Georgetown associates to meet this weekend

The Georgetown College Associates, a major support group of the school, will hold a meeting Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5, on the campus, according to Don Cawthorne, coordinator of the eight-year-old group.

The associates, composed of 90 men and women representing 11 states, are committed to developing present and future academic programs and facilities at Georgetown.

The two day meeting will open with a luncheon Friday in the Lee E. Cralle Student Center. Cralle is a charter member of the organization.

The afternoon agenda includes a period of classroom visitation and the regular business meeting to be held in the Gheens Room of Giddings Hall.

The associates will reconvene Saturday morning to complete a business session before dismissing for lunch and attendance at the Georgetown College-Valparaiso University football game at 1:30 p.m. at Henry Clay High School football field in Lexington.

Brown is evangelist for Cumberland revival

Joe B. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Whitesburg, was the evangelist for Cumberland College's week-long revival, as over 150 students made life changing decisions. An average of 400 students attended each of the eight revival meetings.

Constitutional Studies relocated at Mercer

The Center for Constitutional Studies, which has been at the University of Notre Dame, has relocated at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

The center provides basic legal scholarship and selected advocacy activities in support of religiously affiliated and other independent higher education. With its broadly based national constituency, the center has become a widely respected voice in legal scholarship, especially in the areas of religion and higher education law.

Newton Moore, formerly general counsel at Mercer, has been appointed executive director of the Center for Constitutional Studies and also chairman of the John Adams Sibley Institute for Public Affairs.

The center's advisory board, in the spring of 1983, desiring to stress the fact the center is not tied narrowly to the denominational self-interest of any one religious group, chose to relocate at Baptist-related Mercer. Mercer was selected from among 20 other institutions related to various churches or religious bodies, including Catholic University of America and DePaul.

Georgetown College holds homecoming weekend

The annual Georgetown College homecoming weekend was held Oct. 21-22. Included in the scheduled activities were meetings of the board of trustees and the alumni advisory board.

The classes of 1964, '69, '74 and '79 observed special celebrations and reunions. For the first time, the homecoming song fest was held on the steps of the John L. Hill Chapel.



Ground breaking ceremonies were held recently for a new men's residence hall at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. Those participating in the ceremonies were [l-r] William R. Johnson, architect; Charles Osborne, trustee; Charles Buhl, trustee; Bill Hacker, trustee; J. Donald Faulkner, trustee; Edgar Croley, alumni board representative; Paul Estes, trustee, chairman of the board; Roy Boatwright, chairman of church relations board; and J. M. Boswell, president emeritus.

Dallas College receives gift to pay off debt

Dallas Baptist College has received an anonymous gift of land and cash that will provide \$2.5 million over nine years to pay off a debt to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Several other institutions, including the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board, also will benefit, said Lynn Craft, president of the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

The gift will enable Dallas Baptist College to retire its debt to the Texas convention and help it avoid interest payments. The convention loaned the college \$2.5 million for 10 years in 1982 with the stipulation the first five years would be interest free and the second five years also interest free if the school could raise \$5 million in endowment.

McLain concert highlights Cumberland homecoming

Several events, including a mountain music concert by the McLain Family, highlighted Cumberland College's homecoming '83, Oct. 28-29, according to college president Jim Taylor.

Events began Friday when Floyd Price, pastor of Hardinsburg Baptist Church, addressed a joint convocation of students and faculty.

Graham evangelist to speak at Southern

Nationally-known evangelists Leighton Ford and George Beverly Shea will be featured guests during the second Congress on Southern Baptist Evangelism Dec. 5-7 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The national conference, inaugurated last year by evangelist Billy Graham, will focus on pastoral evangelism. Pastors and vocational evangelists from around the country are expected to attend.

As associate evangelist and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Ford has preached to revival and crusade audiences on every continent. He is heard weekly on "Hour of Decision," a radio broadcast carried by about 900 radio stations around the world.

Shea has been soloist for the Graham Association since 1947. His baritone voice has been recorded on 53 albums

by RCA and Word Records.

Other preachers for plenary sessions will be John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Louis Drummond, the Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary; Robie Ellis, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil; Kenneth Hemphill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., and Fred Wolfe, pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

Wolfe and Rick Scarborough, evangelist from Houston, Tex., are co-conveners of the congress.

The three-day conference also will include 11 seminars on evangelism subjects such as evangelistic preaching, follow-up and discipleship, theology of conversion and redemption, the evangelistic church, the wife of an evangelist or pastor, and international evangelism.

The conference is made possible by the Lizette Kimbrough McCall Foundation for World Evangelism. Registration is \$40.

Burkett appointed to Wayland staff

Wayland (Tex.) Baptist University president David L. Jester has announced the completion of his administrative cabinet with the naming of Kentucky native William G. Burkett as development vice president.

Burkett, 58, is presently serving as resident director from Cargill Associates of Ft. Worth for Wayland's "Celebrating Excellence" fund-raising campaign. His appointment became effective Sept. 1.

Prior to Burkett's joining with Cargill he spent two years as associate director of the Kentucky Cancer Commission. He has been a pastor in numerous states in addition to being an evangelist and singer for the Bill Burkett Evangelistic Association. He holds the BD, ThM and ThD degrees, having attended Texas A&M, Georgetown (Ky.) College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Humorist Stivers will be alumni banquet speaker

Campbellsville College's annual alumni banquet will feature Louisville humorist Tim Stivers on homecoming Saturday, Nov. 19. The banquet is at 5 p.m. in the dining hall.

Stivers has been active in barbershop

quartet singing and sang bass and was court jester for the comedy quartet, The Club House Four. His first record, "Picture This," was made with them. Then followed a solo comedy album, "This Old Boy," which has sold out two pressings.

His latest album, "Is There Life Outside the South?," may contain the finest regional humor ever recorded.

Campbellsville College alumni and friends are invited to the banquet. Reservations, which are required, must be in before Nov. 11 by calling the alumni office at (502) 465-8158, ext. 213.

Alumni art exhibit opens at Georgetown

Georgetown College's fifth annual alumni art exhibit opened Oct. 22 at the college gallery. This year's alumni exhibit featured Scott County graduates known to the art department.

Artists included Judy Apple, Betsy Behm, Pam Taylor Burkich, Micki Burd, Steve Hockensmith, Ed Horn, Jim McCormick, David Minton, John Travis and Carol Williams.

Art forms include crafts, photography, oils, acrylics and graphics.

The exhibit continues through Nov. 6.

Samford to inaugurate 17th president Nov. 9

Gerhard Claas, Baptist World Alliance general secretary, will deliver the major address at Samford University, Birmingham, inaugurates Thomas E. Corts as its new president Nov. 9.

Representatives of the Baptist denomination will join delegates from numerous universities and learned societies in the inauguration proceedings.

Claas, a native of Wetter, Germany, was elected general secretary of BWA at the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, Canada, in 1980. The Alliance is a worldwide fellowship of 127 conventions and unions from 90 countries dedicated to strengthening international cooperation among its 30 million members.

Corts, former president of Wingate College, North Carolina, took office at Samford Sept. 1. The inauguration will mark his formal installation as Samford's 17th president.

Boyce School overseers choose board officers

Overseers of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Boyce Bible School have approved a revitalized diploma program, accepted a \$100,000 gift to fund the school's first endowed professorship, and elected two Kentuckians as officers.

Kentuckians elected to office on the board are A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, vice chairman; and Russell Bennett, director of Long Run Association in Louisville, secretary.

In addition to the two Kentucky officers, Richard Stephenson, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, was elected chairman of the board.

The board of overseers approved a new structure for the diploma in advanced ministry studies, reducing requirements from 40 to 28 academic hours. The advanced diploma program

is open to recipients of Boyce's diploma in Christian ministry or diploma in educational ministry.

The advanced program will give students an opportunity to focus on study of the Bible, as well as missions, church history, evangelism, pastoral ministries, church administration and religious education, reported David Q. Byrd, director of Boyce Bible School.

Boyce overseers also learned that an anonymous donor has committed \$100,000 to begin a Harold J. Purdy Professorship at the school. The professorship is the first to be established in Boyce's nine-year history. Seminary officials hope an ultimate goal of \$600,000 can be secured for the Purdy chair.

Kentuckians among 45 scholarship recipients

Kentuckians Larry Baker, Russellville, and William Pyle, Mayfield, were among 45 students to receive scholarships for 1983-84 at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Baker, a graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield, is a recipient of the George W. Shirley Memorial scholarship. Prior to attending Midwestern, he served as associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Pyle also attended Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College. A missions volunteer, Pyle received the V. Lavell Seats scholarship.

Southwestern revival overflows three rooms

Students overflowed Truett Auditorium into two other rooms during the annual fall revival meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., recently.

Dan Yearly, pastor of University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Fla., preached to the students, faculty and administration filling the 1200 seats in the auditorium and in two overflow rooms.

Yearly said, "The world is dying and we're playing intramurals," and Satan has moved into Southern Baptist fellowship and divided them with a whole lot of catchwords that are "absolutely of the devil."

"I can't just justify my existence if I don't bring people to Jesus," he explained. "I don't care what my philosophy is or what my theological hangups are."

Challenge gift presented Cumberland for facilities

Roy Boatwright, Louisville, presented Cumberland College president Jim Taylor a challenge gift of \$250 toward the construction of a convocation-physical education complex during a recent church relations advisory board meeting.

The unusual challenge gift—\$250 in quarters—was presented to Taylor in a bucket in response to his remarks referring to the poor condition of the present overcrowded facility; he stated, "I don't know which to do next, repair the roof or buy more buckets."

Boatwright, president of the church relations advisory board of the college, commented, "We hope this gift will inspire and challenge all the churches in Kentucky and in other states influenced by the college to follow the leadership

of these pastors and to help Cumberland College construct this much needed convocation complex."

More than 160 pastors and their wives gathered on Cumberland's campus for the recent meeting. Herbert C. Gabhart, chancellor of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., and Brian Shoemaker, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student and a Cumberland College alumnus, were featured speakers.

Southern Seminary sets fall revival Nov. 8-11

Southern Baptists throughout Indiana and Kentucky have been invited to join students, faculty and staff of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for fall revival services at 10 a.m., Nov. 8-11, in Alumni Chapel.

Preacher will be Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. Music leader will be Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music at Southern Seminary.

Southern slates annual preview conference

Prospective seminarians from across the country will visit the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus Nov. 17-18 for the annual Student Preview Conference.

The conference, designed to give persons considering seminary a close-up view of Southern, will provide opportunities to meet with members of the administration, faculty and student body of the seminary.

Registration fee for the two-day conference is \$10. The seminary will provide complimentary accommodations and meals. For more information, contact the Office of College Relations at Southern Seminary. Call toll free (800) 626-5525 outside Kentucky; in Kentucky, call (502) 897-4617.

Julian Bond to speak at Georgetown College

Julian Bond, Georgia state senator, political activist and national syndicated columnist, will be the featured speaker in a program sponsored by the Georgetown College Student Government Association at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8, in the John L. Hill Chapel.

Bond has been a leader in American politics since gaining national prominence during the 1968 Democratic national convention in Chicago. It was during that convention that he became the first black nominated for vice president.

Bond was recently named to Time Magazine's 200 Leaders List. His speeches, articles and poems have been widely published. Bond's lecture is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Mid-Continent receives bulk of private library

William Dodson, vice president, Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board's Endowment Department, has given the bulk of his 7000 volume library to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, according to an announcement by the school's president, Raymond Lawrence.

The first shipment of books has already arrived on the Mayfield campus.

Lyndon Baptist helps Zimbabwe MK project

Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, made a \$250 contribution for the newly established Chip Corley Memorial Scholarship Fund for students attending the Baptist Theological Seminary in Gweru, Zimbabwe.

The scholarship, begun by Southern Baptist missionary kids (MKs) in Zimbabwe, is in memory of 12-year-old Chip Corley, son of missionaries Charles and Gayla Corley of Texas, who died in a bicycle-car accident last February in Zimbabwe.

"Chip loved God's word and we believe the scholarship would please him," missionary Pam Parker of Sanayi, Zimbabwe wrote on behalf of Chip's MK friends. "The MKs felt this would be an excellent way to establish a living memorial in the land they all love so much."

The MKs raised funds for an initial \$125 contribution by selling popcorn at Zimbabwe mission's annual meeting. Another \$395, including Lyndon Baptist's \$250 donation, was also received for the scholarship.

Ties between the Louisville church and Zimbabwe mission began when Lyndon Baptist Church members Margie and Paul Bowling worked there as volunteers.



Three Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary women reversed traditional roles when they moved to Ft. Worth, Tex. with their husbands so they could attend seminary. The three are currently religious education students and their husbands work secular jobs. Becky Stout, seated, is from Lancaster, S. C.; Cecilia Gray [l] is from Hopkinsville, Ky. and Cathy Carlgren is from Wichita, Kan.

Southwestern trustees hold busy annual meeting

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary elected Denver, Colo., pastor Davis L. Cooper, as board chairman and filled two vice presidential posts during their annual meeting on campus recently.

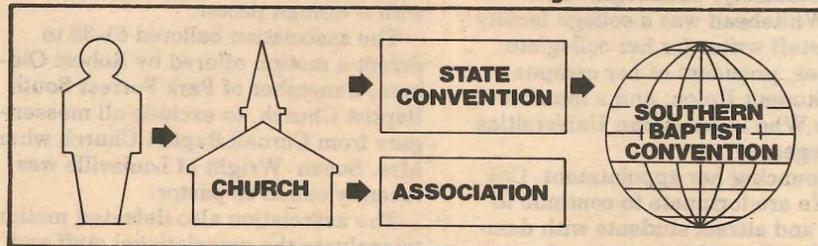
W. J. Smith, Charlotte, N. C., was elected vice chairman, and John P. McNaughton, Ft. Worth, Tex., was re-elected secretary.

The trustees also elected registrar

Jeter Basden and business manager Hubert Martin as vice president; established a Chair of Prayer and Spiritual Formation; added a financial consultant to the president; approved sabbatical study leave for certain officers and administrators; added two degree plans and approved 17 course additions.

L. Jack Gray, professor of missions since 1956, was named the first occupant of the new Chair of Prayer and Spiritual Formation. It combines the 19 current courses offered at Southwestern with another dozen on spirituality, prayer and worship in the Bible being planned.

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Kim Whitehead named to Kentucky paper staff



Kim M. Whitehead

Alabama native Kim M. Whitehead has been named to a journalism internship at Western Recorder effective Dec. 1, James H. Cox, associate editor, announced.

Miss Whitehead, 22, is enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in pursuit of the MDiv degree. Like her 28 predecessors appointed to a student staff writer post at Western Recorder, she feels called to a ministry in religious communications.

She holds the BA degree from Jacksonville (Ala.) State University where she received a double major in English and political science. She graduated with special honors and distinction last April. She graduated from Douglas (Ala.) High School in 1980.

A reporter for one year with The Jacksonville (Ala.) News, she was later editor of The Mimosa, her college yearbook. During the summer of 1983 she was public relations intern for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, serving in a newswriting and photography capacity at Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, Talladega, Ala.

Miss Whitehead was a college faculty scholar, staff writer for her collegiate newspaper, president of her campus Baptist Student Union, and a member of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

In announcing her appointment, Cox said, "We are fortunate to continue to discover and attract students with demonstrated skills and interests such as Kim Whitehead possesses. She joins a long line of young people who have made contributions to Southern Baptist communications in this country and others."

Kim Whitehead will succeed Susan Shaw, who graduates from Southern Seminary in December. Other current Western Recorder interns include Cindy Bradley, Darrell R. Monroe and Charlie Wilson.

Wyoming officially organizes convention

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention practiced multiplication by division at its 35th annual meeting Oct. 19-20 when Wyoming, one of the four states in the convention, officially organized to become a separate convention effective Jan. 1. Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention will be the 35th state convention cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

John Thomason, area director for Wyoming the past 18 months, was elected executive director of the Wyoming convention. Five other employees transferred from Northern Plains to Wyoming and two additional staff people have been hired for the new convention.

The Wyoming convention has 11,500 members in 60 churches.

North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana will continue to work together in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention until each has sufficient numerical and financial strength to support separate state organizations.

Rabbi urges Baptists to leave Israel alone

A top official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged Southern Baptists to "leave Jews alone" in Israel and send their missionaries instead to Africa or "anyplace in the world where people need the word of the Lord."

"I don't think we need you (missionaries) in Israel," said Rabbi Howard Singer, director of interreligious affairs for the ADL, during a Jewish-Baptist colloquium at Wildacres Retreat in the Blue Ridge (N. C.) mountains.

Singer said he resented Baptists' efforts to convert Jews to Christianity, stressing "I don't think Jews need Christianity—they need Judaism."

In the dialog that followed, Baptist participants in the conference told Singer frankly and honestly he had overreacted and "come on too strong."

Singer apologized for possibly offending the Baptist participants at the conference but observed the exchange did help to generate understanding among Baptists of how Jews feel.

Chicago Baptists keep church with woman pastor

The Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, in a tense annual meeting, defeated a move to exclude a church with a woman pastor.

The association balloted 61-38 to defeat a motion offered by Robert Oldham, a member of Park Forrest South Baptist Church, to exclude all messengers from Cornell Baptist Church where Mrs. Susan Wright of Louisville was recently called as pastor.

The association also defeated motions to evaluate the associational staff and their ministry and to appoint a committee to study dividing into two or more associations.

Oldham, a professor at Moody Bible Institute, said he opposed seating the Cornell messengers because he believes women should not serve as pastors, citing both scriptural and traditional grounds.

"I see no place in the Bible where it speaks of ordaining women," Oldham said, and referred to Paul's writing to Timothy that men should desire the office of pastor and a deacon will be the husband of one wife.

Lee Gallman, pastor of Crawford Avenue Baptist Church in Skokie, opposed Oldham's motion and said, in Timothy, Paul was dealing with a local situation in which there were no females in the pastoral ministry.

However, in other places Paul uses more inclusive generic terms and does talk of women involved in ministry.

Mrs. Wright said she anticipates the possibility of a move not to seat Cornell messengers at the state meeting at Mt.

Vernon in early November.

She said, "The church (Cornell) and I knew the association might withdraw fellowship, and we would have shaken the dust from our feet and moved on."

Campcraft session set at Cedarmore Nov. 3-5

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department is sponsoring an Adult Campcraft Training Session Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 3-5 at Cedarmore.

The three-day event will be an "hands on experience" in overnight camping techniques for RA leaders.

The Basic Adult Campcraft training session previously scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5 has been canceled.

California association expels three churches

Messengers from three churches were refused seating as a disagreement over ordination of women came to a head at the annual meeting of the Redwood Empire Baptist Association in northern California.

Bill Ryan, associational missionary, told California Southern Baptist the vote was about "84-54" not to seat the messengers of the three churches because they had ordained women and it "would cause fellowship problems" in the association.

According to Ryan the motion also contained wording which put the three churches in a special watchcare status for a one-year probationary period at which time they would be "restored to the fellowship if they ceased their non-biblical practice."

Tiburon Baptist Church—attended by many people from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley—has two ordained women deacons, including one serving as chairman of deacons. The Napa church lists an ordained husband and wife as associate pastors, and the Sonoma church ordained a husband and wife who have since gone on to North Dakota as Home Mission Board church planters.

Missionaries safe after troops land in Grenada

A Southern Baptist missionary couple watched international forces land on the Caribbean island of Grenada Oct. 25 from their home about two miles away.

Like many Grenadians, Carter and Charlotte Davis saw paratroopers, large army helicopters and amphibious landings early that morning as international forces from the United States, Britain, and several Caribbean nations landed on the island following a coup and continuing unrest there.

A second Southern Baptist couple, Mike and Robin Eberhardt, saw the troops land from the British consulate where they had taken refuge.

Reports on the missionaries came from Fred Day, Foreign Mission Board associate, stationed in Puerto Rico. Day said the Davises had been unable to contact the Hervin Greens, Jamaican Baptist missionaries who live in the same part of the island but have no telephone.

In a news conference President Ronald Reagan said U.S. troops participated in the invasion to insure the con-

tinuing safety of 800 to 1000 Americans living on the island. Most of those are students, faculty and staff at St. George's University School of Medicine, a school catering to Americans.

The Grenadian army took over the island Oct. 16 and deposed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, who died later in the week. Conflicting reports indicate he was either killed when soldiers fired on a crowd or injured then but executed later with other active and former cabinet ministers.

Louisiana court upholds teaching creation too

The Louisiana Supreme Court upheld the legislature's right to order the teaching of creation-science when evolution-science is taught in public elementary and secondary schools.

The 4-3 decision overturns a November 1982 ruling by U. S. District Judge Adrian Duplatier of New Orleans that the state's constitution provides for the state board of elementary and secondary education to ultimately decide what curricula will be taught.

Louisiana Baptists, at the 1982 state convention, passed a resolution to "reject attempts by any school to teach as fact any theory of creation and take action when the opportunity arises to oppose the teaching of any religious dogma, favored or opposed by Louisiana Baptists, in our classrooms."

Louisiana's attorney general, William Guste, contended the legislature did not violate the Louisiana Constitution when it passed the law mandating equal treatment of the two theories of man's existence.

Guste said the legislature was not requiring either theory to be taught, but merely mandated that "balanced treatment" be given both theories when one was introduced into the classroom.

Brotherhood Commission adopts national program

Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission adopted a new Brotherhood statement of philosophy, approved a national speakout program for Royal Ambassadors and elected new officers during the commission's semiannual meeting in Memphis Oct. 20-22.

Helping churches involve men and boys in missions is the purpose presently expressed in missions activities, missions study, missions support, personal experience in witness and ministry, and giving and praying to support persons involved in missions.

Southern Baptist comedian Jerry Clower has endorsed the RA speakout program. One RA each year will receive the RA missions speakout national Jerry Clower award. The award will be given to the RA judged to have written and presented the best RA speech of the year.

The national winner will be given an expense paid trip to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, a \$500 scholarship funded personally by Brotherhood Commission trustees, an expense paid trip to the Grand Ole Opry as a guest of Jerry Clower, a blazer with an RA emblem and a plaque.

The trustees also elected new officers at the meeting. They are Don Greene, attorney, Hickory, N. C., chairman; Morris Stampley, engineer, Jackson, Miss., vice chairman; and Dennis Daniel, pastor, Phoenix, Ariz., recording secretary.



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LESSONS FOR NOV. 6, 1983

Life and Work Series
MINISTERING TO HANDICAPPED

2 Samuel 9:1-3 In his position of prominence and surrounded by the distinctions of royalty, David thought of Jonathan, now deceased, upon whose throne he was sitting. As he reminisced, he decided to call his servant Ziba, who had been an official in Saul's court also, and asked him: "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" When David allayed any fears of Ziba as to his intent, his servant told him Jonathan had a living son, Mephibosheth, who was lame in his feet. When Mephibosheth was a small child, his nurse had dropped him as she fled with him upon hearing of the death of Saul and of Jonathan.

2 Samuel 9:6-7 Learning of Mephibosheth's whereabouts, David instructed his servant to bring Jonathan's son into his presence. All the means necessary for his being brought into the presence of the king were provided. Not knowing much about the king, Mephibosheth was fearful of the consequences of his appearance in the presence of David. Knowing he had the power to slay him if he so desired, as well as to confiscate the possessions Saul had left, Mephibosheth fell on his face before David and did him reverence. He did so to let David know he was no threat to him. He was actually pleading for mercy. His statement, "Behold thy servant," was actually a sincere pledge of his personal allegiance and loyalty. Gazing into the face of that cripple, David saw the face of his father, Jonathan, whom he had loved dearly. Out of love and gratitude for the mercy of his devoted friend who had helped him so much in the time of his great need, David assured his son that, instead of doing him any harm, he wanted to demonstrate kindness toward him and to bestow upon him a distinguished honor. David then restored

to him all he had lost in possessions and announced that henceforth he would be a regular and permanent guest at the king's table. David made it clear his action was not intended as a deed of charity, but was meant as an expression of his love and gratitude for what his deceased father had done for him.

2 Samuel 9:9-10, 13 After assuring Mephibosheth that henceforth he would be regarded "as one of the king's sons," and amply provided for, David appointed Ziba as manager of Mephibosheth's estate and informed him that he and his 15 sons and 20 servants would be responsible for doing the best job possible of caring for the estate of Mephibosheth.

International Series
GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

Psalm 103:1-5 Among the great blessings enumerated in these verses is the forgiveness of sins, which is the greatest need of every sinner. Life's greatest blessing, the forgiveness of sins, was procured for the sinner by Christ on the cross, is proclaimed in the gospel, is received by faith and is experienced and appreciated by the believer. Forgiveness is the source of liberty, the spring of joy and the starting point of victorious Christian living. Let us join the psalmist in praising God because he forgiveth, healeth, redeemeth, crowneth, satisfieth and reneweth.

Psalm 103:6-12 These verses mark the transition in thought from God's countless benefits or blessings to his gracious and merciful nature. God's righteousness is manifested in his dealings with men, all of which are just. He always does what is right.

God's mercy is infinite. Mercy is the desire to save the wretched and undeserving. God is far more interested in extending mercy than he is in pronouncing judgment. It is only through the grace and mercy of God our transgressions are forgiven and we are re-

leased from the penalty of sin, the power of sin and eventually the presence of sin. God not only loved us prior to our being saved, but he also has a special love and compassion for us since we have become his children. As there arises within us the sense of awe that God has been so merciful to us, let us thank and praise him for his numerous and wonderful provisions for us.

Ephesians 1:5-10 In Ephesians we find a hymn of praise for the trinity for the definite and distinct part which each—the father, the son and the Holy Spirit—had in our redemption. According to verses four to six, the father's part in our redemption was threefold. First, it was election to holiness (verse four); second, foreordination to sonship (verse five); and third, acceptance in the beloved (verse six).

Verses seven to 12 contain an explanation of the son's part in our redemption. To Christ the son we are indebted for forgiveness (verse seven), enrichment (verse eight), enlightenment (verses nine and 10), and inheritance (verses 11 and 12). Through his death on the cross Christ released us from the guilt of sin, the curse of the law and the judgment toward which we were traveling. Possessing the peace and blessedness which he imparted to us, we now live in his presence and he provides for us the wisdom which we need to solve correctly the problems of daily life. In Christ we have a glorious future in prospect and for this we should praise him. Because of what Christ has done for us we can approach God with a happy trust and a perfect courage for our future is truly bright with immortal hope.



on mission together

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CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

A few weeks ago, Alice and I were presented to the annual Kentucky Baptist Student Union convention meeting on the campus of Southern Seminary. Precisely 10 years ago in that same place I had been the speaker for the BSU convention that year. At the same BSU convention in 1973 Don Blaylock was introduced as the new director of the Kentucky Baptist Student Department, succeeding J. Chester Durham.

A recitation of this past decade of progress under Don Blaylock's direction is deserved. And so I share this with you as a fitting tribute to the past 10 years of ministry:

In 1973, there were 27 BSUs in Kentucky. By 1983, there are 43.

In 1973, 6000 students were reached through BSU programs; in 1983, over

18,000.

The 1973 student offering goal for summer missions was \$12,000 and 14 students were sent. By 1983, 58 student missionaries were sent out and the goal of \$54,000 was exceeded.

There were 14 full time and part time campus ministers in 1973. Today there are 42, including full time, part time, interns and volunteers.

This coming summer the Kentucky BSU will sponsor a student team to Chile and Argentina—a "first" of its kind overseas.

We can all celebrate with Don, Ralph Hopkins and all the present and former campus ministers, this remarkable decade just past. My own touches with this student generation assure me that the future is in good hands!

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PRAYER TIME

This is Thanksgiving month. Our thoughts will be turning toward our blessings. As we count these many blessings, we will want to thank God for his goodness to us. Invariably, when we consider our blessings and offer thanks, we are reminded there are many people less fortunate than ourselves. Instinctively, the Christian thinks about sharing with others. This is one of the finest ways to truly show we are thankful.

Baptist Homes for Children is thankful we not only have a fine board of trustees giving us direction, but we are also blessed with a wonderful women's advisory board. This group of 40 women from all across Kentucky creates a network of concerned helpers. Their purpose is to share information about our child care ministry, find ways to strengthen our support and pray for our work.

This network of support is further enhanced with a corp of associational child care representatives in most associations. These representatives in turn attempt to enlist a child care representative in each church. This tremendous network of caring people is what makes the September food round-

up so successful. In fact, they promote a monthly emphasis throughout the year.

This year they decided to encourage a week of prayer for the Thanksgiving offering. I rejoice in this emphasis because I believe in prayer. In fact, everywhere I go I urge people to pray for this ministry. Our greatest need is for the prayers of God's people. Our next greatest need is for money to pay our bills. However, I believe that if God's people fervently pray for this work God will open pocketbooks and provide us with the resources to do his work in the lives of children.

It is especially fitting that the women are leading in a week of prayer for the Thanksgiving offering, because that offering is so vital to our existence. The Thanksgiving offering will provide funds to operate our ministry for four months. Without that offering, we could not continue. Therefore, I urge every Baptist and every church to unite in prayer that this offering goal of \$675,000 will be met. The goal is realistic and we can do it. It only calls for a nine percent increase over 1982.

The time to pray is the week of Nov. 7-13. There are no extra meetings and no special programs—just pray for the Thanksgiving offering.



clear creek comments

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WHAT WE MOST SURELY BELIEVE

In introducing his gospel, Luke mentions "those things which are most surely believed among us" (Luke 1:1). As Clear Creek presents its annual report to Kentucky Baptists, it is appropriate to question whether we merit your support. Is Clear Creek a strong Baptist school which graduates strong Baptist pastors?

In response, let me list for you some things we 'most surely believe' at Clear Creek. First, be assured we believe in 'the book, the blood and the blessed hope.' The Bible is regarded as absolutely reliable, trustworthy and authoritative at Clear Creek. It is 'truth without mixture of error.' Salvation by God's grace through faith in Christ is not an option at Clear Creek.

The blood Christ shed at Calvary is indispensable and totally sufficient for our salvation. And the promise of his coming, though seemingly delayed, is sure.

Clear Creek is also a Baptist school.

We believe every believer is competent to be his own priest unto God and we believe in the autonomy of every local church.

And we are proud to be an agency of Kentucky Baptist churches. Our men respond to God's call in local Baptist churches, come to Clear Creek from local Baptist churches and graduate to pastor local Baptist churches. We believe in the evangelistic and missionary outreach of the gospel and participate in the Cooperative Program of world missions.

Finally, we believe there is a need for a practical, Bible centered school where men and their families can come to be trained to serve God in full time Christian service. Clear Creek is not a liberal arts college nor is it a graduate seminary. But we believe there is not a better school in America for training men called of God for the ministry.

These are some of the things we most surely believe. Clear Creek merits your continuing support.



oneida journal

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SHOVELING COW MANURE

I wrote last week of the potatoes, corn, other vegetables, beef and pork raised on our farm. I also noted that our greatest farm crop is BOYS.

Why not girls? Why don't girls work on the Oneida farm? I am often asked that question. While girls never have done so, our reason is not one of tradition. Nor are we being sexist.

I really wish our girls could work on our farm. Many would like to. But reality and practicality and a sense of responsibility dictate otherwise. We can send long-legged, long-eared boys to the farm and not have to worry about them. But if we also sent girls, there would be much to worry about and, probably, much less work.

Of even more concern would be the fact, almost certainly, many a country boy would suddenly develop an interest in our farm and perhaps the boys from

the seven adjoining counties as well! We simply do not have enough supervision to spare for such an undertaking.

Until the early '70s it was always part of our girls' work to do their own laundry as well as to help do the boys' laundry in a central place. I put a stop to that in 1974. That spring we got washers and dryers for our boys' dorms and our boys began to do their own laundry. Most come here knowing nothing of that but they soon learn.

Also, until recent years, it was strictly the work of our girls to help in the kitchen, to wash dishes and silverware, and to clean the dining room. Today, as many boys work in these areas as girls. The supervision problem is not nearly so great as would be entailed in the half-mile walk back and forth to our farm.

Not only do we have our regular farm crews and regular farm chores, we also

have special crews. These latter are made up of boys suspended from school for a day up to two weeks for disciplinary reasons, the length of time depending on the offense and whether the offender has been on the farm before for reason of discipline.

We try many different tacts, except for one or two offenses, before expelling a boy or girl. We do not accept students to expel them, but to train them. We cannot train someone we have expelled. Of course, we are eventually forced to expel some despite our best efforts.

We have found that closely supervised work on our farm or in our kitchen or dining room is one of the most beneficial ways we have to help a boy or girl get back on the right track.

It is a far superior approach to "suspending" a student to his home. Normally one suspended home is an added worry for the parents who must work and cannot be at home to supervise. So their child runs the streets for the period suspended, considers it all a lark and a vacation, and returns to brag about how much he "partied" while home. Getting "suspended" under such circumstances actually looks inviting!

We take the fun out of it by keeping the student here under the eyes of their peers. Digging a ditch, shoveling cow

manure (something needful yet not necessarily a desired job for a lifetime), does not seem like fun after awhile. Nor does it appear to be fun to those observing.

Peeling potatoes in the kitchen, scrubbing the dining room floors, washing trays and pots and pans has never been very romantic work either for girls or boys. Nor is it here.

Many a boy or girl on a discipline detail at such for days or several weeks is delighted to get back to the classroom. Many are never in need of suspension again.

The value of education has been highlighted by seeing what one might spend a lifetime doing without education.

Lessons of obedience, a job well done for the first time, respect for lawful authority, good citizenship, the worth of honest labor, and learning to enjoy a job well done are valuable lessons taught and learned for a lifetime.

Most schools have no such tool with which to teach young people. But we are preparing young people to live a life, not just receive a diploma. Work is a part of life.

It doesn't matter how much education one has. If a person is too sorry to work, the education will not amount to much. We try not to have a sorry product. Character before career.

NOVEMBER

4-6 International Student Conference. Kenlake State Resort Park. Sponsor: Student Dept., KBC

5 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek. 9 a.m. to early afternoon. Same meeting Cedarmore, Oct. 28-29

6-12 Royal Ambassador Week. Suggestions from Brotherhood Builder and Brotherhood Dept., KBC

13 American Bible Society Day. Suggestions available from The American Bible Society, Box 5656, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017

14-17 Kentucky Baptist Convention. Paducah, First Baptist Church

14—Executive Board Meeting and Religious Education Association

14-15—Pastors' Conference; and Music Association Meeting

15-17—Convention in session
20 Child Care Day. Suggestions from Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown 40243

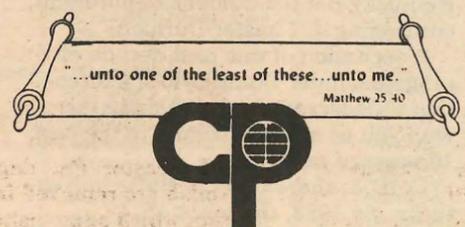
20-23 Foreign Missions Study. Books available from Baptist Book Store

24 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering

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“Simplify, simplify, simplify.”

Thoreau's maxim expresses the basic theology of Amish.

For them, simplicity is not an option; it's a way of life.

(Editor's note: This article is an explanation of Amish beliefs and customs by Gary Leazer, Home Mission Board assistant director of interfaith witness specializing in sects and new religious movements.)



An outmoded carriage in Lancaster, Pa., depicts life for the Amish, a religious sect with Anabaptist roots. Amish are removed from modern day stress by strict adherence to their tradition which admonishes, “The old is best, and the new is of the devil.”

Barn-raising, black buggies and beards are the order of the day around Lancaster, Pa., as are blacksmiths, sewing bees and Bibles. This southeastern Pennsylvania county is home to the world's largest concentration of Amish.

Although there are settlements in 18 states, with large concentrations in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, Lancaster, Pa. is the Amish “Garden of Eden.” Their old fashioned way of life in settlements like Paradise, Bird-in-hand and Blue Bell attract thousands of tourists annually.

The Amish trace their ancestry to the turmoil of the anabaptist movement in 16th century Switzerland. The Anabaptists defied the established state church by insisting upon the primacy of scripture, separation of church and state and adult baptism. Labeled a dissenting sect, they were persecuted by the established church and state authorities. Many were executed, but some fled to Holland and other more tolerant lands.

Since their immigration to the United States in the 1700s, the Amish have maintained their distinctives. Often called Pennsylvania “Plain” people, the Amish wear common black dress and reject many modern “necessities”: radios, photographs, insurance, home central heating and automobiles. As basis for their strict ways, the Amish cite Rom. 12:2, “Be not conformed to this world.”

Broad interpretation of scripture has given rise to several Amish sects. The Old Order Amish, the most strict, forbids use of farm tractors and electrical equipment. “A horse reproduces itself, a tractor produces nothing but debts” is one of their sayings, along with, “Electricity is not in the Bible.”

SOME AMISH, HOWEVER, HAVE COMPROMISED. A few have gas operated food freezers and, although home telephones are not permitted, pay phones may be used.

The Amish reject war and their strong commitment to pacifism is reflected in their dress. Married men wear beards but not mustaches, which were at one time the “military fashion” in Europe. Very strict men use hooks and eyes on their coats because buttons are worn as ornaments by the military.

Amish rules require a man to limit his occupation to farming or related activity such as operating a saw mill or blacksmith shop. A woman's work is around the house: cooking, sewing, gardening and milking the cows. Caring for the children is her principal task. Because they do not believe in birth control, the Amish typically have large families. Formal education beyond elementary grades is believed unnecessary and many communities operate their own schools.

Baptism is required before a person may be married in an Amish church. A married son may take over the family farm with the parents moving into a “grandfather” house by the main house. The aged Amish, who do not believe in or accept Social Security, are respected for the wisdom of their years.

Young people do not become official members of the church until they are baptized, usually around the age of 16. Baptism, by pouring water over the head, is initiation into adulthood and

requires a vow to follow the “rules and order” of the church.

The basic social unit of the Amish community is the “church district.” A small unit, it consists of all Amish households within horse-and-buggy distance. Since the Old Order Amish do not have church buildings, religious services are rotated from home to home (the practice began in Europe during periods of persecution). After the service, lunch is served by the host family.

Each district selects its own ordained officials from married males nominated by the congregation. These officials receive no formal training and serve on a lifetime, nonsalaried basis. The bishop, chief administrator and leader, holds the “keys of the kingdom of heaven” and has ultimate authority over the congregation. Two preachers assist the bishop. They dispense charities and negotiate disputes among members.

Sexually segregated preaching services, conducted in German, are held every second Sunday and may last for three hours. Obedience to parents is one of the favorite themes; Old Testament stories of God's judgments on the wicked are often told. Amish hymns resemble slow chants and are sung without instruments.

Sunday school is not conducted by the church; parents have responsibility for their children's religious education. Sundays with no services are observed by staying home or visiting relatives.

THE AMISH HOLD A DUALISTIC WORLD VIEW: there is a divine spiritual kingdom of God and a satanic kingdom which dominates the present world. As God's chosen remnants, the Amish are to separate themselves: marriage to nonAmish is forbidden, as are swearing an oath, holding public office and bearing arms. Their not-of-this-world doctrine is reflected in a lack of concern for societal improvement.

They believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God, personal Lord and savior. They reject the doctrines of predestination and salvation. The Amish say “to know I am saved” or “call myself a Christian” is prideful and, therefore, sin. Strict lifelong adherence to the sect's approved behavior is the essential requirement of Amish faith and salvation. Only at the last judgment is salvation assured.

The Amish make no effort to evangelize or proselytize nonAmish persons. Perpetuation of the church is biological.

In the view of more “typical” Americans Amish life may seem unnecessarily difficult but it is, in reality, simple and pleasant. The clock of Amish existence ticks at a different rate from the modern world's. Their “fun” comes from taffy pulls and summer picnics, weddings and church services, well kept farms and visiting neighbors.

The Amish provide a link with America's rural past. But what about their future? The world is making itself felt in Amish life. Thirty percent of Amish youth leave the fellowship. Economic necessity sometimes causes Amish men to “go English” — against Amish rules — and seek nontraditional employment. In order to use tractors or autos, a few Old Order Amish join less strict groups.

Under growing pressure, many Amish may adopt less strict lifestyles. But as long as families continue, there will be Old Order Amish.



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