



Kentucky Baptists are here

Hosting their 146th annual meeting this week [Nov. 15-17], First Baptist Church, Paducah, was anticipating 2000 or more messengers and visitors as their brothers and sisters from more than 2200 congregations gathered along the banks of the Ohio River. The present facility was occupied in 1965.

Women back in Grenada again— and there's more help on the way

Two Southern Baptist missionaries who evacuated Grenada in the wake of the international invasion Oct. 25 returned to the Caribbean island two weeks later knowing more help was on the way.

Charlotte Davis and Robin Everhardt will rejoin their husbands for continued ministry on the Caribbean island to be followed soon by two volunteer dentists from Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Everhardt and 11-year-old David Everhardt left the U. S. Nov. 9 to fly to Barbados. Missionaries Phil and Elva Womack were trying to make arrangements for them to return to Grenada.

The Womacks reported that Grenadian commercial airlines resumed flights Nov. 7, but were serving customers only on a first come, first served basis, said Mrs. Davis. The airline would not take reservations, so many people were trying to get to the island, she added.

Mrs. Davis had talked briefly by ham

radio with her husband Nov. 5 for the first time since the women left. He reported the U. S. State Department had supplied emergency food to the people within 24 hours after the women left the island, and water and electricity had been restored.

He said the people, "our church people," were around and their spirits were good, and he felt "optimistic things for Grenada," she said.

It was reported that the Cubans had left the island of 110,000 people with very little medical care. Davis and a Grenadian in private practice had been the only non-Cuban dentists on the island.

Davis requested volunteer dentists immediately and expects to request physicians as soon as he can work out arrangements with medical officials in Grenada.

Jack Fuson, an oral surgeon who had worked with Davis before, and William Davis, a dentist, expected to go to Grenada as soon as they could make arrangements, possibly as soon as Nov. 12.

Fuson has made 11 previous volunteer trips to the Caribbean for the Foreign Mission Board, working twice in Grenada.

Carter Davis expects the two to work in Grenadian government clinics that were formerly staffed by Cubans. In addition to operating the Baptist dental clinic, Davis works one day a week in a government clinic. He has requested other volunteers to follow Fuson and Davis.

Although Mrs. Davis had talked only once with her husband while in the states, she did read an article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel reporting that American paratroopers had stayed at the Baptist dental clinic and Davis and Everhardt had bought a three-day supply of rice, milk, flour and sugar for 35 homeless families.

Charlotte Davis said she knew nothing about that purchase, but did know that the men had been asked by the State Department to help distribute food and provide it on the island.

Lines of communication opened as black and white women dialog

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kathryn Jasper Akridge called it "a new day in cooperation," one that has "never even been attempted" before.

She referred to a series of meetings on the first three Saturday afternoons of November which are bringing together for the first time "for serious dialog and discussion" black and white Baptist women from across the state.

The events were jointly planned and programed by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (which is predominately black) and the Kentucky Baptist Convention (predominately white).

Mrs. Akridge, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Middletown, said the meetings were an opportunity for members of both groups "to be united" in their efforts to "tell others about Christ."

The settings for the series of three meetings have been just as diverse as the programs themselves. Two white churches and a black church are hosting the Saturday afternoon events. First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, was host Nov. 5; First Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, was host Nov. 12; and First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, will be host Nov. 19.

At the meeting this past Saturday at

the predominantly black First Church of E'town, Mrs. Lillian Goatley of Eminence, treasurer of the Baptist Women's Missionary Convention (black), hoped "we will be able to say how good it was for brethren to dwell together in the house of the Lord."

Lincoln Bingham, state consultant of cooperative ministries of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and superintendent of missions of the General Association, said, "There's room enough for everybody in the family of God."

He said "we ought to respect" what others are doing to bring men and women to Jesus Christ. "They may do it a little bit differently than we do," he went on, "but their purpose is the same."

Kentucky Baptists' executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall declared there was "no way to do God's work" but to do it "together."

He noted that over a million Kentucky Baptists of all kinds were represented in that meeting of more than 500 persons at E'town. He said his observation was that 75% of all active Baptists are women and one out of four persons in Kentucky is Baptist, giving Baptists—and particularly Baptist women—"unparalleled opportunities" for service.

"As God leads us we are going to follow him in ways we never dreamed possible," Marshall concluded.

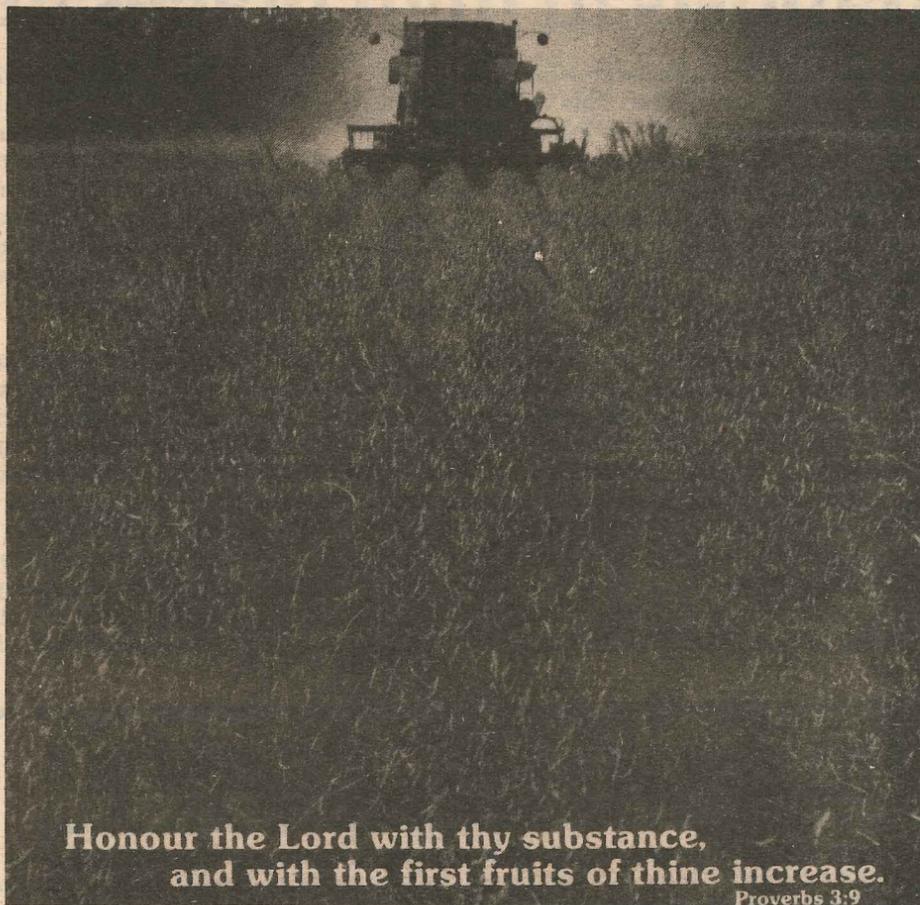
Verlin C. Kruschwitz, assistant director of Louisville's Boyce Bible School, asserted in his devotional message, "You left your chores and made your way to E'town because you believe God has no lips but your lips, no hands but your hands, no feet but your feet."

Presentations by the black and white women's groups, and a solo, "Till We Meet Again," ended the two-hour celebration.

Next Saturday's meeting begins at Hopkinsville at 12:30 with fellowship, and program at 1:30, concluding at 3:30.

A very special 'extra'

They're all here this week. Every agency and institution supported by the Kentucky Baptist Convention is featured in this unusually thick edition of your state Baptist paper. Some 1500 copies will find their way into messengers' hands at the annual state meeting Nov. 15-16 at Paducah. It's Western Recorder's once-a-year opportunity to recognize every one of the children supported by Kentucky Baptists through their Cooperative Program.



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The proof is in the product

For nearly 27 years I have spoken in churches, associational meetings, state conventions and other meetings trying to convince Kentucky Baptists that Western Recorder is worthy of their trust and support. For longer than that I have listened to representatives from Kentucky Baptist schools, colleges, hospitals and child care institutions speak in the same meetings trying to convince Kentucky Baptists of the worth of their institutions.

That these efforts have been somewhat successful is demonstrated by the continuing high level of moral and material support for these ministries. At times, however, I have questioned the effectiveness of these speeches which for some listeners have come to be considered more public relations than actual reporting.

It occurs to me there's another and even more effective way to convince Kentucky Baptists

their institutions are really fulfilling their intended roles. This is simply to point to the products of these denominational institutions.

This week in Paducah offers a dramatic illustration. The convention president is Curtis Warf. The preacher of the annual sermon is Bob Jones. Both are products of Kentucky Baptist churches and Baptist denominational institutions. Curtis is a product of Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Bob is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Paducah convention will be more meaningful to me than usual because I had Curtis and Bob in my classes at Georgetown. I am as proud of them as I am of John Dunaway and Bill Jagers, former Kentucky convention presidents, whom I also had the privilege of teaching. I can understand the tears in Cumberland College

former president Jim Boswell's eyes at the 1979 Kentucky Baptist Convention as Billy Hurt, a Cumberland College graduate, delivered the convention sermon.

Baptist colleges and especially Southern Baptist seminaries have been the target of too much criticism in recent years. Unfortunately such criticism raises questions in the minds of too many sincere Baptists. These questions can be honestly answered in speeches but a far more convincing answer is in Curtis Warf, Bob Jones, John Dunaway, Bill Jagers and legions more products of Baptist schools and seminaries.

Let us never be misled by irresponsible criticism of Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist denominational institutions. As long as they provide leaders like those in Kentucky Baptist churches and denominational life today, we can be proud of them and support them unreservedly.

Let us give thanks as Kentucky Baptists

The meeting of Kentucky Baptists this year just prior to the annual Thanksgiving observance is altogether appropriate. It could provide a new dimension for our Thanksgiving season this year. Next week individuals, families, churches and other groups will be giving thanks to God for manifold blessings. Why not make it also a Kentucky Baptist thanksgiving?

No people of God have more reason to be grateful to God than Kentucky Baptists. The Lord's guidance has been evident from the earliest days of Baptists in Kentucky. It was no less than a miracle that the small, struggling, ruggedly independent and doctrinally diverse Baptist churches got together soon after arriving in Kentucky, called themselves United Baptists and began to work together.

Through the agonies of antissionism, Campbellism and other controversies Baptists

have not only prevailed but prospered in Kentucky. There is no way to explain this apart from the patience, mercy and grace of God. The only appropriate response is gratitude to God.

Kentucky Baptists of no era have had more to be grateful for than this generation has. Among the greatest of these blessings is the great host of sincere and conscientious Baptists who give themselves along with their resources to keep their churches strong and to undergird the missionary activities of the denomination.

Confidence and trust in denominational programs and leaders on the part of the masses of Baptists are precious possessions. They require years to build but can be destroyed overnight. May we thank God for them and always treat them as sacred trusts.

Kentucky Baptists have been and are uniquely blessed with denominational leadership. The

choice of Bill Marshall as our leader was wise at the time and appears to be wiser with every passing day.

The present controversy within the Southern Baptist Convention necessarily adversely affects all Southern Baptists but it has not created factions in Kentucky Baptist life. Let us thank God and see that it doesn't.

The condition of our Kentucky Baptist institutions is the best in years. Our colleges are prospering in trying times for denominational schools and, best of all, there is a sweet spirit of unity and cooperation among the administrators of our schools.

The list of Kentucky Baptists' blessings could go on and on but these are sufficient to inspire our hearts to song and our spirits to prayer. Let's make Thanksgiving 1983 a Kentucky Baptist Thanksgiving.

Baptists in high places need prayers

Our Lord taught that those to whom much is given, much is demanded. This certainly applies to Baptists in Kentucky who have filled the offices of governor and lieutenant governor in Kentucky for the last four years and will occupy the same office the next four years.

Governor-elect Martha Layne Collins and lieutenant governor-elect Steven Beshear are both Baptists. They do not parade their religion but are serious in trying to live their faith.

Fortunately religious bigotry was not a factor in the recent campaign though it tried to raise its ugly head at least once. The major opponent of Mrs. Collins is a Roman Catholic and there was a time when a Baptist-Roman Catholic face-off in Kentucky would have been bitter. Hopefully the day is gone when Baptists fear Catholic political candidates and Catholics don't trust Baptists in public office.

Her performance in office will have to be outstanding to match Mrs. Collins' success as a

candidate. She did nearly the impossible in overcoming the gender issue in a state considered to be traditional and conservative.

And she did it without creating the image of a feminist. She insisted on being judged only on the basis of her qualifications and performances which is the way it should be. A solid performance as governor by Mrs. Collins will do more for the status of women than all the crusading of feminists.

Mrs. Collins' candidacy must have caused much heart searching on the part of her fellow Kentucky Baptists. Obviously many of them voted for her though, until a few years ago and even now in some instances, Mrs. Collins would not be allowed to speak in a church business meeting, make a WMU report in an associational meeting or be recognized as a messenger in a meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Now she occupies the highest office in Kentucky.

Steven Beshear has already proven his cour-

age as Kentucky's attorney general. He risked his popularity several times by taking some right but unpopular stands on constitutional issues. Hopefully his level of performance as lieutenant governor will be just as commendable.

Joining Mrs. Collins and Mr. Beshear in Kentucky state government will be many more Baptists. In fact, enough Baptists are in high places in Kentucky government that we have most responsibility for justice and morality in our state.

All these fellow Baptists and others in state government need our prayers more than ever. It is one thing to be solidly committed to noble resolves as a candidate but it's another thing to withstand the pressure once in high office. The strong temptation will be to compromise, to succumb to the spoils system and to practice politics as usual.

May it not be so with our fellow Baptists in Kentucky government.

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. — Jude 3

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glory of Jesus Christ proclaimed at one place at one time.

Right now we must hold chapel on Monday bringing one-third of the student body together, on Wednesday bringing another one-third of the student body together, and on Friday finally bringing the other one-third together. We have no one place which is large enough in which to bring the students and staff together in one place at one time each week for services. Our current chapel houses only 700 seats and we have almost 2,000 students.

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We want to pay for the entire chapel portion of the new building with gifts from friends so that it will be dedicated debt-free to the glory of God for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ on the Cumberland College Campus.

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"He that plants trees loves others besides himself"
Thomas Fuller—1732

*President's address to KBC, Paducah
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The voice of the church in today's world

According to the U. S. News and World Report magazine, America's religious pulse seems to be quickening. They say 38 percent of adults believe religion is increasing in its influence compared to 14 percent in 1970. Nine out of 10 have a religious preference. Forty-one percent attend worship in a typical week. One in three regularly watches a religious program on television. One out of six reads the Bible daily.

Also, I read where the divorce rate is down. All of this is well and good but I also read that the total Christian community adds approximately 23 million new believers per year. But at the rate of the population growth, we must win 45 million to stay even. This means our world is less Christian this week than it was last week.

The voice of the church is being muffled or either the world is not listening to us. We must have the attention of the world before it is too late.

Paul, in writing to Titus about the appearance of the grace of God for the salvation of all men and that this grace would teach us how to live and look for the return of Christ, said, "Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you" (Titus 2:15). Disregard can be translated ignore you, look down on you, or think around you.

The world may not agree with us, but it must know we're here and that we have something to say.

Our voice to the world must be like God said to Ezekiel relative to his witness in Israel, "I send you to Israel and you shall say unto them, 'Thus saith the Lord,' and whether they hear or refuse to hear for they are a rebellious people, they will know there has been a prophet among them" (Ezek. 2:5).

We are to echo the words of Jeremiah when King Zedekiah had him brought from the dungeon and say, "There is a word from the Lord."

Our actions must duplicate the statement of Paul made about the church at Thessalonica, "You have sounded forth the gospel" (1 Thess. 1:8). I understand that "sound forth the gospel" has the same idea as a blast from a trumpet. He was saying, they were God's trumpets. Even so, God wants us to be his trumpets and the trumpet must not give an uncertain sound. Paul told Titus to do it with authority? Where did they get their authority? Where do we get our authority? Our authority is at the right hand of God. Hear Jesus again when he said, "All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This authority was given by Jesus to the church.

I believe in the work of the local association, of the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, but I also believe that their work is to amplify the voice of the church. The church is the organization of Christendom in the world.

WHAT IS A CHURCH SUPPOSED TO BE SAYING TO THE WORLD IN OUR DAY? We must be willing, without any embarrassment or hesitation, to address ourselves to every issue that faces humanity in our time.

Just a casual reading of the prophets will reveal that they faced squarely the

issues of their day and sought to apply the message of God to bring order out of chaos. For us to do less in our time could mean disaster to a large portion of our civilization as we now know it.

We must, for instance, speak up about hunger and poverty, and be willing to use our resources to relieve the suffering caused thereby. However, I have detected that it is sometimes easier to get people worked up over "alien immersion" than it is to get them disturbed about those who are immersed in the black night of poverty with no way out. It is often easier to start an argument about "closed communion" at the Lord's table than to create interest about those who are starving.

It is true that the hunger problem is extremely complicated. But isn't it a fact that if the resources of this world were used wisely not one person would starve to death today? We all know much poverty could be prevented if preparation for wars would cease. Will our world continue to spend itself poor in a mad arms race?

The late President Eisenhower said in 1953, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children . . . this is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the cloud of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron."

IT HAS NOW BEEN 40 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST CONTROLLED NUCLEAR CHAIN REACTION. At that moment man was elated with the hope of unlimited energy but, at the same time, overshadowed with the prospect of unlimited destruction. It is a frightening thing to realize the good hoped for from atomic energy is growing dimmer each day as we see the rapid buildup of more and more sophisticated atomic weapons.

Did you know that in World War I five million people lost their lives? In World War II, 50 million lost their lives. It has been estimated that in case of another war between the super powers, within a few hours 500 million people might die.

Our only hope is the intervening hand of God. He brought this whole thing into existence and he can sustain it if he so desires.

In addressing these and other issues he does not want us just to be prophets of doom. Rather, he wants us to be prophets of hope.

HOW DOES A CHURCH GO ABOUT BEING GOD'S PROPHETS and addressing such issues as war, poverty, crime and all the rest? It may sound trite but I believe the answer is to preach the gospel. It is the power of the gospel that changes people and people change society.

One of our greatest needs is for the gospel to be proclaimed by the way we live at work and at play, as well as at church on Sunday. For Christians to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, Christian principles must be inculcated into all that we do. We must hear Paul, as he admonished the Philip-

pian, "Our manner of life must be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 2:27). Christian principles must be practiced in the home, in the classroom, in the market place and among our public officials if we pass on to the coming generations the kind of country that our forefathers passed on to us.

It is reported that at the constitutional convention, when the meeting seemed to be deadlocked, Benjamin Franklin rose to his feet and said, "Gentlemen, if a sparrow cannot fall from the air without God knowing it, then I am convinced that a great nation cannot be built without God having a hand in it." Then he called them to prayer and the result was the Constitution of the United States.

If it is true a great nation cannot be built without God's hand, it must be true that a great nation cannot survive without his help.

During the Watergate crisis in our country one of our Congressmen said in an interview, "We should encourage our young people to stay clear of politics because of its evil." With our system of government this is not what we need to be saying. Rather, we should be saying we want people with Christian principles at every level of our government. Why not encourage and support people with these kinds of principles to run our government. It is people, not politics, that are evil.

Yes, I believe it to be a part of our task to help saturate every phase of our life in America with Christian principles. However, our primary function in the world is to proclaim the gospel in such a way people will come to know Jesus Christ as lord and savior. The church is the only organization charged with this responsibility.

BOLD MISSION THRUST, WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA! Think of it. Presenting the gospel to every person by the year 2000. It can be done if we will work together—"If we stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." The greatest danger we face, relative to our Bold Mission Thrust, is the divisive spirit that too often appears in our midst, which is nothing less than the work of the devil. I have yet to see a church that really steps out on faith to follow God but what the devil will double his efforts to hinder it. Will he do less for a great convention that is endeavoring to reach the world for Christ?

The urgency of the task demands that we march together as one mighty army. But if we permit ourselves to become fragmented the results will be disastrous. The future of Bold Mission Thrust and all we stand for as Southern Baptists depends upon our willingness to cooperate and work together. This does not mean, however, that we have to agree on every jot and tittle. But it does mean that we recognize that that which unites us is greater than that which would divide us. The unifying spirit among us is Jesus Christ. Like Simon Peter, if we take our eyes off Jesus we will sink into the depths of the sea and God will use someone else to receive the blessings that rightly belonged to us.

We must not let the world think around us or ignore us. How can we get the world to listen? Will our "bigness" get attention? Will our magnificent buildings? Aren't they beautiful? They should be, they are dedicated to God. Have you considered recently how much money we have invested in brick and mortar? Have you observed, as have I, how much easier it is to raise money to build buildings than it is to

get money to carry out programs in these buildings? Do you suppose some of us may have taken the easy route? I can't help but wonder sometimes if our buildings that are often used such a small part of the week are built well enough to stand in the day of judgment.

HOW CAN WE KEEP THE WORLD FROM IGNORING US? What will make them sit up and listen? Will we gain attention by fighting over the proper interpretation of Genesis, closed communion, alien immersion, apostasy or the inerrancy of the Bible? All of these have their place. But broken, hurting, guilt ridden humanity will not hear us when we talk only like that. They want to know, will your God help me with the burdens of this life? If so, tell me about him.

I believe the world is hungry for the message that God wants the church to proclaim. Our message is to echo the words of Jesus when he said, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captive and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk. 4:18-19).

The world will not listen to our message until we demonstrate what Christian love is. That demonstration must begin by showing the world that we love each other. "The world shall know that you are my disciples, said Jesus, by the way you love each other." Then we must demonstrate to the people of this world that we love them if they never do turn to God. At that point they will begin to see we are different and will begin to listen.

We may be as straight as an arrow in our theology. We may out orthodox all the scribes and pharisees, but unless we have love, our message will be as the sounding of brass and the tinkling of cymbals.

There must be hundreds out in this old world of ours who are asking does anybody love me for who I am, just like I am? God has sent us to the kingdom for this hour to say from the mountain peaks and the valleys, so people can understand, "Yes, God loves you and we love you for who you are and just like you are."

IF WE CAN CONVINCE THE WORLD OF OUR LOVE we will get a hearing and this will bring a revival. I believe God wants to send a sweeping revival. He may want to start it in Kentucky—why not?

I know these are dangerous and troublesome days in which we find ourselves, however, the opportunities are unequalled. God has opened the door wide for us to reach the world with the gospel.

I am told the Chinese character for crisis is a combination of the characters for danger and opportunity. There is danger. There may be a crisis, but also there is opportunity; and I believe God wants us to focus upon the opportunities he has laid before us.

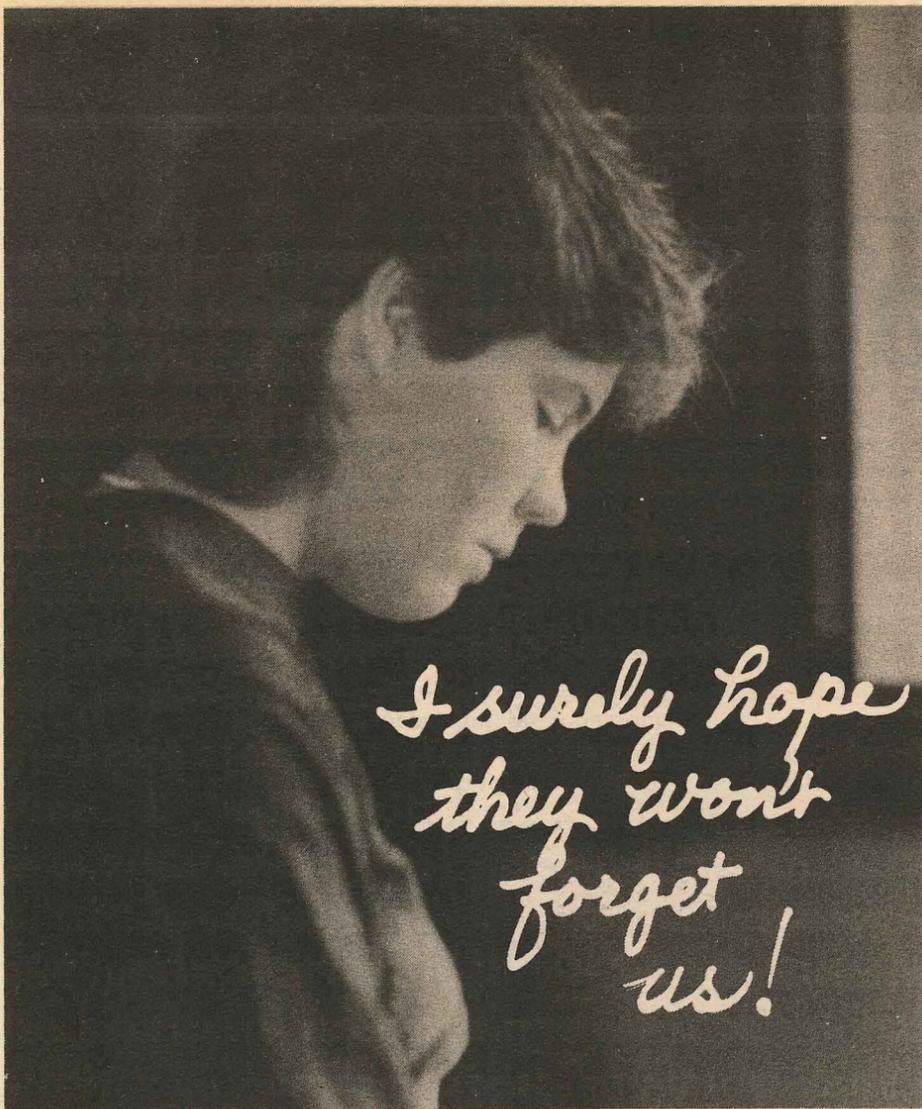
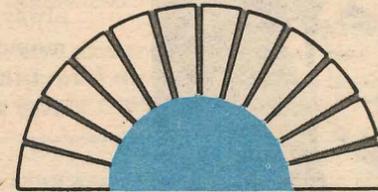
We have the best methods, best equipment, best trained staff, most money with which to work and communication possibilities that our forefathers never dreamed would be possible. Let us not forget to whom much is given, much shall be required.

I challenge Kentucky Baptists to bring all of our talents and opportunities and lay them at the foot of the cross, asking God for an infilling of the power of the Holy Spirit in order that Bold Mission Thrust may become a reality.

A THEOLOGY OF CHILD CARE
by Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas

(A theology of child care as viewed by Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas)

"Of late there has been some real re-thinking what being a Christian means. There has been developing a theology of child care. It is a theology of concern, of redemption, and of humility. It sees the church moving out, not to serve the most promising children, the good families, of whom Christ said that they had no need of a physician, but those who need it most. This has often meant giving up various forms of pride—pride in our children's good behavior, pride in our product, pride in our program as much better than their own parents can provide. It has meant being ourselves Christian, instead of telling our children to be so. It has recognized that the problem for so many children today is not that they have not heard the Good News, but that their experiences have been such that they cannot really believe it—and will not, until we can show them in our stumbling human way what love and forgiveness and mercy feel like. Then perhaps, then they can believe."



I surely hope they won't forget us!

The Challenge:

One of the greatest challenges facing society is the well-being of the family and the wholesome development of children.

Changes are taking place in our society which bring anxiety and overwhelming pressures on the family. Many families are breaking under the strain of change—from an industrialized to a service oriented society, the unsettling threat of war, the constant movement of people, and an ever increasing secularism. Out of these conditions are coming increasing numbers of unwanted, undisciplined, unloved, and disillusioned children who need help.

Response to the Challenge:

Kentucky Baptists have the advantage of 114 years of experience upon which to build a ministry to homeless, troubled, and neglected children.

The ministry to children of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children includes: group living on campuses in Middletown (Spring Meadows) and Glendale (Glen Dale); foster home services across the state; case work services for individuals and families; ministry to unwed mothers; adoptive services; temporary shelters (Dixon and Elizabethtown); as well as continuing education for college or vocational training; and referral services.

Under the guidance of Baptist houseparents, the children take part in planning and preparing meals as well as doing household chores. With gentle but meaningful discipline, houseparents guide their children—help them build the strength, understanding, and self-discipline they will need one day to stand alone. With confidence they can pursue God's will for their lives.

Consider:

—that the cost of providing care and services for troubled and needy youngsters is rising sharply.

—that in order to maintain effective programs and services, your help is vital and needed now.

A Ministry of the Local Church:

The Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is a ministry of your local church. Thanksgiving time is your opportunity to give. The Thanksgiving Offering represents about one-third of the support of this ministry for one full year.

Please prayerfully consider giving at least a day's pay or more. With rising costs and the improvement of services, we must have a large increase in the Thanksgiving Offering. The state-wide goal is \$675,000.

Giving With a Purpose:

"My purpose," said Jesus, "is to give life in all its fulness." (John 10:10 The Living Bible)

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So, I know you will do as I have done for years -- urge your people to make this year's Thanksgiving offering the best yet.

Sincerely,

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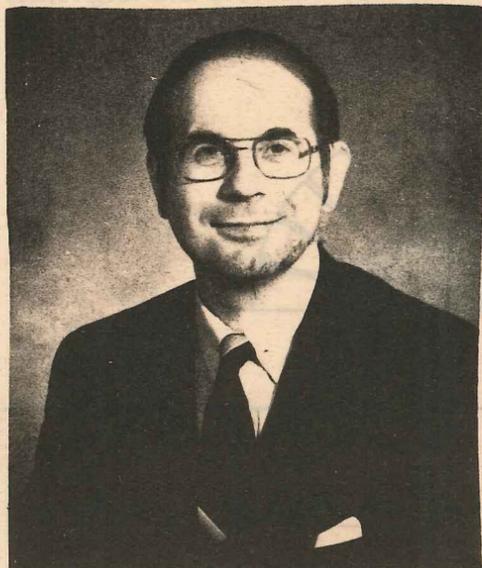
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Dr. Leon D. Simpson

We are enjoying the colors of autumn at Clear Creek. Mountainsides of uniform green have given way to beautiful gold and orange and red colors which are indescribable. The mountains are telling the glory of God!

I love the four season which we enjoy in Kentucky. I would not want to live where the weather was always the same. The seasons change and this reminds us that life also is filled with change. I, for one, would not want it to be otherwise.

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Clear Creek offers a basic three-year course in Christian Ministry. Also, students with a high school degree or equivalent may pursue the four-year baccalaureate degree program with various majors.

On the occasion of my succession to the presidency of Clear Creek someone asked me, "Are you going to change Clear Creek?" My immediate response was, "Do you want our school to always remain the same?" After thinking for a moment, he replied, "Well, yes and no!"

I think that all of us face the changes in our lives with this same ambivalence (Elaine Dick-

son has written a book entitled *Say Yes, Say No to Change*). As one sage has observed, "Everybody wants progress—nobody wants change!"

We are a lot like the Kentucky mountains at Clear Creek—we change and we don't change! Our school was founded for the purpose of training God's men for the gospel ministry. We will fulfill this holy purpose until Jesus comes!

Artist's portrayal of proposed Family Life Center at Clear Creek Baptist School unveiled at "Fulfilling Our Dream" dinner. Pictured left to right: President Leon D. Simpson, Dr. and Mrs. Dudley T. Pomeroy. [Painting by Mrs. Sherry Goodwin, CCBS faculty member.]



New Family Life Center

On March 1, 1983, President Leon Simpson assembled the faculty and staff of Clear Creek Baptist School to announce the receipt of a challenge gift to the school for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling a dream which had originated several years ago. An anonymous couple offered the gift contingent upon the abilities of the trustees, faculty, staff, and students to raise a matching amount; and the school's alumni also an additional like amount.

The entire "Clear Creek family" responded positively to this opportunity. To date, more than \$50,000.00 has been received in gifts toward the erection of a Family Life Center.

With a little persuasion, Dr. Simpson has gained permission to reveal the identity of the dear couple who presented the challenge to Clear Creek.

When Dr. and Mrs. Dudley T. Pomeroy returned to Pineville eight years ago to serve at

Clear Creek Baptist School, they soon realized that there was no place available for children to play during that long, cold winter outside their small homes and no place for that lonely, tired wife and mother to get out of the house for fellowship with other ladies; no place for the student to relax.

The burden on their hearts and the dream for such a facility was shared with the faculty and staff, but no decision was ever made to carry that dream forward. Finally, in the summer of 1982, a new leader came to Clear Creek and brought with him a vision and a dream—not only to train young ministers of the Gospel, but to minister to the whole man.

The Pomeroy's shared their dream with this new president and he was thrilled with the desires of this precious couple. The challenge gift was made and the Family Life Center campaign is now underway.

New Curriculum...New Catalog

A completely new curriculum has been developed at Clear Creek and became effective with the fall semester of 1983. Under this new curriculum every student is required to major in Bible. In addition, each student chooses one of five possible majors to prepare him for ministry in the local Southern Baptist church:

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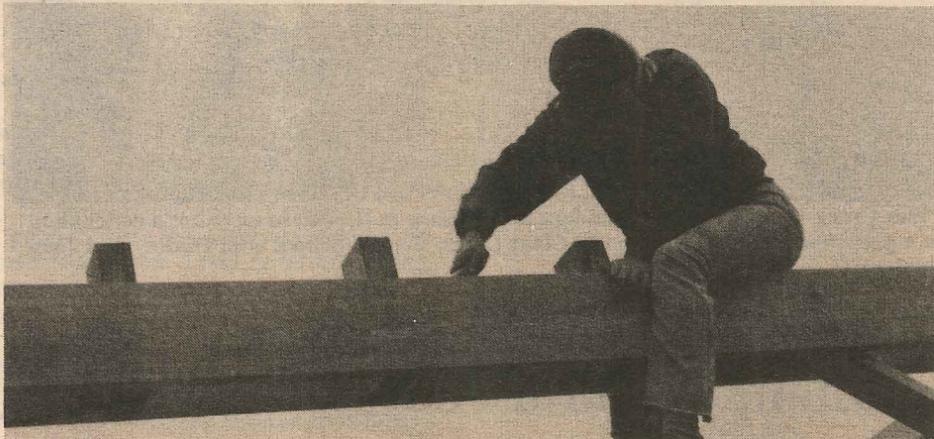
Training Adults For Ministry

DR. LEON D. SIMPSON, PRESIDENT

PINEVILLE, KY

The building's going up but the cost is coming down

Northern Kentucky association depends on volunteers at Bullittsburg



Joe Boone, Bullittsburg Assembly camp director, frames a new building

by Suzanne Darland,
State Correspondent

In the early 1950s Northern Kentucky Baptist Association built a nursing home by borrowing money and hiring a contractor.

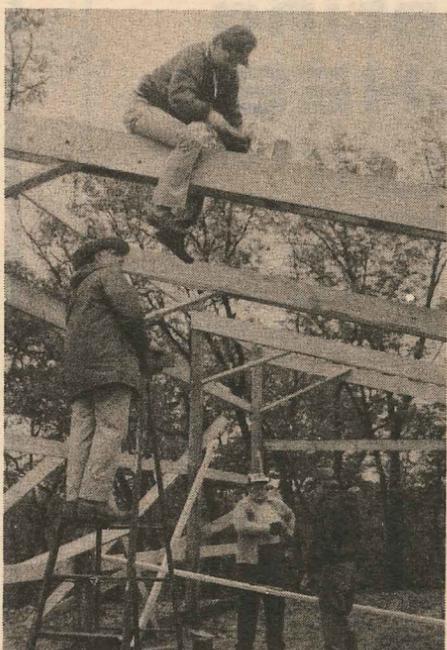
In 1983 it's embarking on a million dollar building program at Bullittsburg Baptist Assembly by going slowly and depending upon the likes of Bob Cooper.

Cooper, a deacon at Wilmington Baptist Church, drew up the plans for a lodge that will sleep 120 and a 60-by-18 foot equipment shed presently being built at the camp. Without charge.

And he's joined a small army of volunteers who will wield the hammers and man the paint brushes as the buildings go up.

Donated services and labor will make the lodge and a swimming pool a reality.

"With the economy and building costs now," explains Joe Boone, camp program director and religious education consultant for the association, "we



Joe Boone, Bullittsburg Assembly camp director [on beam]; George Jones, Northern Kentucky Association executive director-secretary [on ladder]; Mike Smith, pastor of Oak Island Baptist Church [CBC hat]; and Bob Cooper, volunteer their labors.

can cut what we do by a third, from the architect up to the finished product.

"We're at a point where that's good stewardship."

Boone says the association has a good mix of management and labor to draw on for its volunteer work force.

"And that's the key to the development of this camp," he added.

Also, by only building as funds become available, the association avoids costly borrowing.

"Ninety percent (of the cost) will come from the monthly contributions of the churches," explained George A. Jones, executive director-treasurer of the association.

Money set aside for capital improvements will be funneled into the camp addition, as will increases in church giving. Of 61 churches, Jones points out, 45 have increased their giving as a result of the Bullittsburg project.

Improvements to the 157-acre grounds that boast a rolling terrain studded with trees began with paving the entrance road this past summer.

Camp patrons good-naturedly complained about needing a four-wheel drive jeep to get to Bullittsburg. Once off I-275, the visitor travels several miles of an unpaved, one-lane road along a stream bed to get to Bullittsburg. The county road remains unpaved, but a mile of fresh asphalt has been laid on the worst stretch of the once rock-strewn road leading to the assembly grounds.

Now work has begun on an equipment building that will double as a workshop. Jones estimates its cost to be only \$6000, with volunteer labor.

A swimming pool is in the plans for next summer. The \$800,000 lodge, to be built in three stages, will have private bed rooms and 2-4 conference rooms.

The one meeting building on the 12-year-old assembly grounds has a dining room, kitchen, two conference rooms and a resident manager's apartment.

In addition, six cabins, built by various churches, are nestled in the trees behind the dining hall.

Jones looks forward to more use of the campgrounds with the new construction.

"It's booked solid now," he explained. Up to 10,000 took advantage of the camp's facilities last year through associational camps, church picnics and

meetings. Jones said some Ohio churches use the grounds as well.

Boone plans a hiking program for senior high school youth in addition to music, youth, children's, Girls in Action and Royal Ambassador camps next summer.

Christian High Adventure, combining life in the outdoors with spiritual emphasis, will begin at the campground

"and end somewhere on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia," he hinted.

When the lodge is built, perhaps next year, Boone added that the camp could potentially handle four different conferences on a given weekend. User fees will help bring the \$25,000-a-year operating cost down, he added.

"We hope someday it will be self-sufficient," he mused.

Ah, wilderness

RAs and counselors learn camping skills



Randy Miller, RA director for Russell Creek Association, instructs a group of his RAs from Pleasant Ridge Church in how to build an open fire pit.

by L. D. Kennedy,
State Correspondent

Developing outdoor living skills was the emphasis of a regional RA camporee, Oct. 14-15, at Columbia, Ky.

Forty-one Royal Ambassadors and 12 counselors attended the meetings held at Columbia Baptist Church Christian life center.

As the RA's developed their own camping skills, the counselors underwent 24 hours of training that qualified them for certification in basic RA campcraft. They are now eligible to teach the Hiker and Camper levels of the program.

Leading the training was Bob Keeney from Cincinnati. Keeney has been approved as an advanced SBC campcraft instructor. Presently enrolled in the master of religious education program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he plans to go into full time Brotherhood work upon graduation.

Assisting Bob was 18-year-old Russell Kiner, an approved SBC campcraft instructor. A freshman at Campbellsville College, Russell is one of the RA counselors at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Eight different church groups were enrolled at the camporee: South Greensburg, Macedonia, Bethlehem, Pleasant Ridge and Columbia from Russell Creek Association; Pleasant Hill from Taylor County Association; Somerset's First Baptist from Pulaski County Association; and Mt. Zion from Severns Valley Associa-

tion.

RAs and counselors from 11 central Kentucky associations had been invited, according to pastor Mike Watts of Columbia Baptist Church.

Watts emphasized the regional camporee was not in competition with the state camporee held at Camp Rabro earlier in the summer.

"Many from this region couldn't go," Watts explained, "so I asked Robb Carr (associate in the Brotherhood Department, KBC) about having a regional camporee here with a licensed instructor." Carr approved the idea and helped in setting up the plans.

A distinguishing feature of the regional camporee was that the men and boys received their training simultaneously. At Cedarmore's Camp Rabro, the RAs and their counselors are trained at separate times.

Twelve skills were taught in the basic program at Columbia: trip planning, equipment and shelter, rope craft, tool craft, fire craft, cooking, first aid, safety and sanitation, map and compass, nature study, conservation, and fun and worship.

"I like to encourage boys to use camping skills in mission projects," Keeney pointed out.

At the conclusion of the camporee, the RAs and counselors were awarded their well-earned patches. They look forward with confidence to exciting camping experiences in the future.

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Clear Creek Baptist School president Leon Simpson [1] shares an artist's conception of a proposed family life center at Clear Creek Baptist School with Dudley and Jean Pomeroy.

Clear Creek school receives challenge gift for center

Leon Simpson, Clear Creek Baptist School president, has announced receipt of a challenge gift to the school for the purpose of constructing a family life center.

The gift, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Dudley T. Pomeroy, Pineville, is contingent upon abilities of the trustees, faculty, staff, students and school alumni to raise matching amounts.

Simpson expressed faith and optimism on behalf of the "Clear Creek family." He stated, "If the Lord opens

a door, only the fearful are afraid to go in."

The dream of a family life center was born in Dudley and Jean Pomeroy eight years ago when he left the pastorate to serve at Clear Creek. They are quick to assert that "... God has blessed us through the Asher Coal Company; we feel the blessing so great on our lives that we want to make this challenge gift and hope to inspire other Bell Countians, and others who love Clear Creek, to do likewise."

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Campbellsville begins investors income fund

Campbellsville College is involved in a new pooled income fund which can provide income for investors while helping deserving students at the college.

"The pooled income fund is basically a deferred gift, whereby an individual can give an amount of money to the college but retain use of it for the rest of his life and that of his spouse if he so desires," explained Kenneth H. Pope, advancement vice president of the college.

Pope explained that the fund is designed for persons 55 years of age and older and there is a minimum investment of \$1000.

He said an individual's gift is "pooled" with the others received and invested in such a way as to obtain high earnings with safety and a significant amount of growth.

Pope said the current interest rate is 12-13 percent.

He added that the fund provides tax advantages with the Internal Revenue

Service as it allows a person to take a sizeable charitable contribution deduction on his tax return the year he makes the donation.

People participating in the fund do not have to give cash. Pope explained that the pooled income fund is a way to shift investments without paying a penalty capital gains tax. One can donate low yielding appreciated assets and these will be sold—without tax obligation. The proceeds will then be reinvested in high yielding assets, thus giving greater lifetime income.

Pope said there are other advantages to participating in the fund. He said one can arrange for the income from a contribution to provide for another person, perhaps a family member. The pooled income fund ensures that at one's death the money will be distributed according to the participant's desire.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the pooled income fund can contact Pope by writing Campbellsville College, 200 College St., West, Campbellsville, KY 42718, or calling (502) 465-8158, ext. 211.



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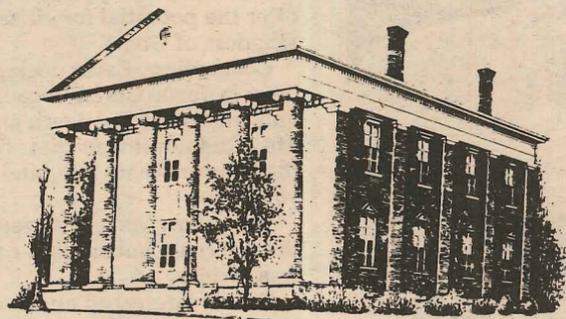
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These 150 young people who are currently studying on college and university campuses all over Kentucky blended together their diverse backgrounds into common purposes at Kentucky Baptists' annual international student conference Nov. 4-6.

Held at a different state resort park each year somewhere in Kentucky, this year's meeting was hosted by Kenlake park, in Calloway County on the banks of Kentucky Lake.

Student assessment at the close of the weekend was as encouraging as Kentucky Baptists, who provided \$14,000 for the event through the Eliza Broadus state missions offering in September, would want to hear.

Reflecting on his third such experience, Solomon Rufael, an Ethiopian currently enrolled at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, said, "I've enjoyed it. It's a good refreshment for us." He said that once a year he met his friends from other lands who attend other schools in the state and who attend the international conference.

Udomchai Hemstapat, of Thailand, a Western Kentucky University student, said he particularly enjoyed "learning about the school life of students from other nations." This was his first international conference.

A Moslem in the crowd, one of many of other religions, expressed his opinion. "I am so impressed that the Baptist convention would do this thing for the foreign students," Kazi R. Ahmed, of Bangladesh, a Kentucky State University student attending his second international conference, declared. He said the Baptist campus minister at his school influenced him to participate in the conference originally.

Meanwhile, American Lisa Lochman, a Murray State University student from Paducah, indicated she had learned how to truly "build bridges"—theme of the weekend—as the result of her experiences. She noted it had been a "wonderful experience," and she had begun to "build bridges in my own life" with other peoples of the world.

An adult who came with one group, Hannah Sanderson, of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute, called it a "profitable experience" of learning other cultures, and "how to understand God more."

THE SENTIMENTS OF STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES ALIKE reflected the positive feelings of Don Blaylock, director of the Student Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. Blaylock's department has sponsored the international conference each year since it became a separate Kentucky event in 1975. In previous years, Kentucky and Tennessee internationals had gathered during the Thanksgiving holidays at Gatlinburg, Tenn., for a joint conclave.

"We split it up because it was getting too large," Blaylock recalls, "and because we wanted our internationals to have the opportunity to experience Thanksgiving with American families at home."

Thus, the first weekend in November was designated as the traditional weekend for the conference, and the WMU began to help with finances for it. By 1979, the conference was underwritten entirely by the Eliza Broadus offering. This means, according to Blaylock, "no student has to spend anything to come here." He said transportation, lodging and meals were provided from the allot-

A world of difference

Kentucky Baptists foot the bill for their gathering, and the outcome could have global consequences

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

ment in the Eliza Broadus offering budget.

A state park setting is used, said Blaylock, because "internationals like the state parks, where it is neutral ground for them." He said many, if not most, would refuse to attend if the meeting were held at a Baptist assembly or church or other location with obvious ties to Baptists.

At a park, "they can talk about their faith," he declared. "And we can let our message sink in." He said the park officials had been most kind and courteous to the group in the past, giving the group—who literally rent out most or all of the facilities on the grounds for the weekend—a substantial "price break" which "you might not find in some other states."

Blaylock added, "Even if we know of no decision that has been made among these students, we feel we've planted a seed here that may result in life changing experiences in the future."

WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE, then, of the international student conferences?

"It's our way of introducing internationals to Christ without the hard sell," Blaylock replied. "After planting a seed we permit the Holy Spirit to harvest that seed, for our international program continues on throughout the school year back on the local campuses.

"I'm convinced this is some of the best money we spend as far as mission outreach is concerned. We have seen students come to know Christ as personal savior as a direct result of it," Blaylock continued.

Baptist campus ministers at the various state, private and denominational schools across Kentucky enlist internationals on their campuses to attend the annual event. The retreat is explained to each one before he comes. Internationals are asked to attend all sessions and to be courteous and respectful to all persons there. That's all that is required.

Blaylock is pleased to report there has never been a major episode of harrassment, theft or property damage at any of the conferences to date.

He said that, in addition to Christianity, there are those in attendance each year who practice all of the world's leading religions, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Taoism and atheism.

After the retreat in 1982, a young atheist from the University of Louisville accepted Christ as his savior. A Buddhist, in 1981, said he found in the Christian faith "more love and consideration" than in his own faith, and he decided to follow Christianity. Still another young man from Rhodesia "decided to be baptized," turning from the religion of his own culture.

Two students from Cumberland College made professions of faith following the conference and follow-up counseling with their campus minister, Jim Wilson, last year. Results of the 1983 experience will hopefully be even greater statewide, but it's early to

report now.

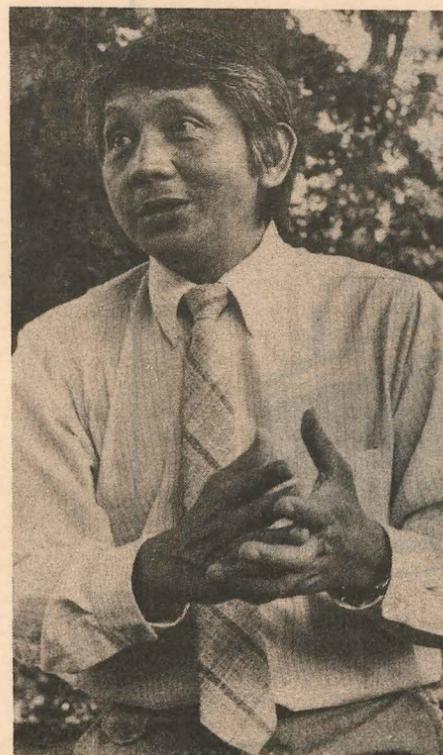
Blaylock remembers that the very weekend Iranians captured Americans as hostages four years ago, the international students were in session at Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Pineville. The reaction of Iranians present was absolutely fear and terror, and they were afraid to return to their own dormitories on their respective campuses following the weekend.

"We saw American students calm their fears, and link their arms around the Iranians," Blaylock recalls, "in a most emotional experience. It showed we were 'one in the bond of love' around the world," no matter what political leaders did.

THE PROGRAM FOR A TYPICAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE is fairly loose and open. There are plenary sessions Friday night and Saturday morning and again Sunday morning. This was supplemented at Kenlake park this year by three small group periods, in which an average of eight or 10 students met with a leader to discuss issues and perspectives on various topics.

Saturday afternoons are always left open for recreation, and Saturday evening is designated for an international talent show each year. At Kenlake, the crowd witnessed the antics of Blaylock mimicking former pop recordings, a solo love song and harvest dance from India, a South American rumba, a contemporary American Christian song done by a soloist, a Chinese proverb reading, an action story by a Woman's Missionary Union leader, a Brazilian lass singing and accompanying herself on guitar, an Ethiopian song done in the native language, a solo by a young man from Israel sung in his native tongue, and a cultural dance by an Ethiopian group.

Welcoming the group on the opening night at Kenlake, Mrs. Anna Mary Byrdwell, state Baptist Women direc-



tor, explained that Southern Baptists now had missionaries in 101 of the world's countries. She said the weekend would be a time "for us to share fellowship with you and what Jesus Christ means to us."

Music for the weekend was under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Kerr, of Lexington, a homemaker and former Baptist campus minister at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights. On opening night she led the group in several choruses, then sang "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love."

The program was coordinated by Dwight K. Lyon, metropolitan campus minister in Louisville.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER FOR THE WEEKEND, delivering three addresses before it concluded, was Louisville pastor Joseph R. Estes, of Beechwood Baptist Church.

His theme Friday evening was "What Is Man?" Saturday morning's topic was "Man's Religious Nature." He completed the trilogy Sunday morning on the subject "Why I Am A Christian."

In his first outing, Estes asked the question, "Is it inappropriate for us to ask, 'Is man after all the crown of creation'? What is man in relation to his fellow man?"

He cited that there are 450 million persons in the world today who are starving to death. "So long as that exists," said Estes, "the truest humanity of man has not been reached. Our truest humanity is expressed when we touch on the needs of others."

Saturday morning Estes declared that the Jews "are the most secularized people on the face of the earth today." He cited the fact that New York City, with six million Jews, has more Jews than all of Israel. He said Miami Beach is 97 percent Jewish, "the most Jewish city in the world, much moreso than Jerusalem."

He stirred thinking when he added, "God is not our private property and he isn't necessarily interested in our national destiny."

Giving his personal testimony Sunday morning capped the weekend and tied many of the loose ends together, according to observers. "It was the right thing at the right time and place," said one.

"I believe there is one God," Estes intoned. "God remains shrouded in mystery. We who are Christians say if we know God at all we know him through Jesus. I say with all respect, if God isn't like Jesus, he ought to be. For Jesus reached out to the poor, the old, the weak, the sick, the unloved, the underdog—and let them know that they mattered.

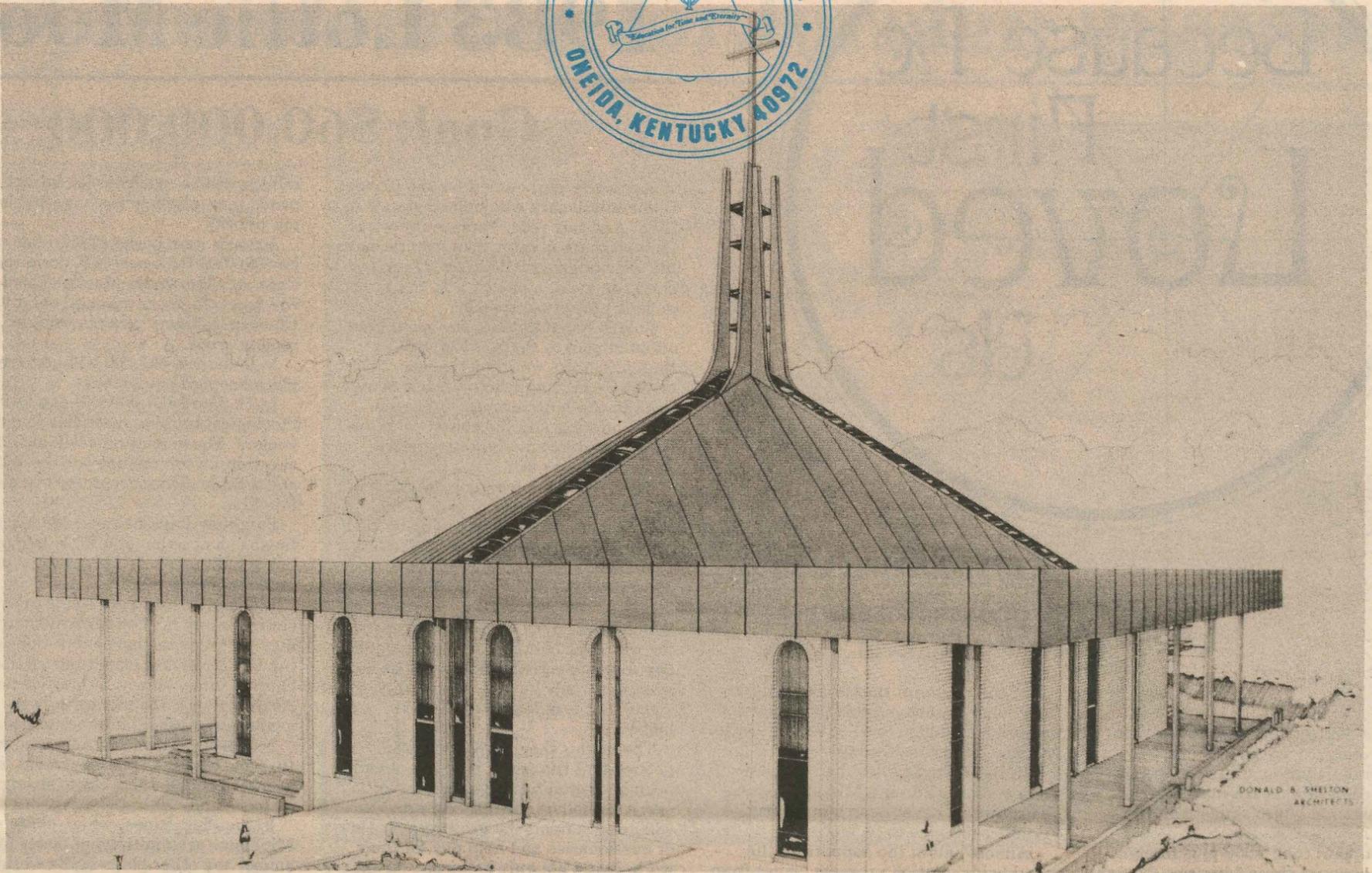
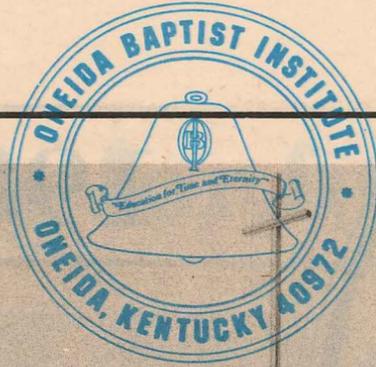
"Jesus associated with outcasts," Estes went on. "He saw in those with what outwardly appeared the least to offer the potential for citizenship in the kingdom of God."

Concluding, Estes declared, "I believe in Jesus Christ because he is the only answer to my death and my future life. I did not invent that, God did. It's the answer for my life, and I believe for yours, too."

With that, the seeds were sown, and the international student conference was history.

But an interested observer, a WMU lady who did not attend, attested her belief that "this (the conference) is some of the best money spent in the Eliza Broadus offering." Blaylock and his campus ministers and the students seem to be saying that, too.

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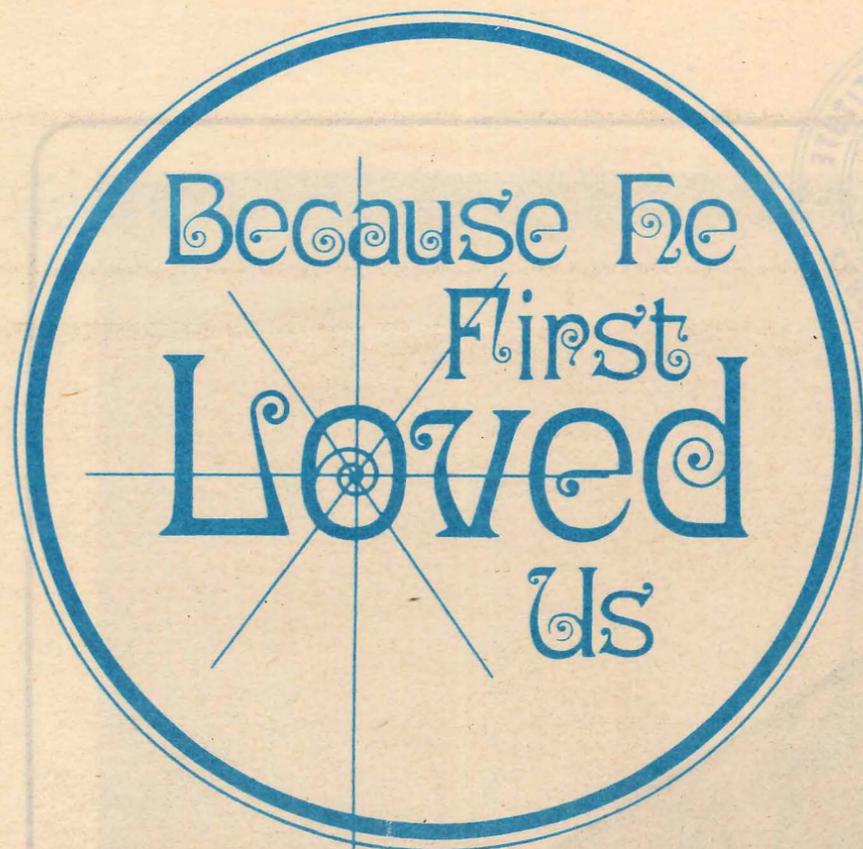
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Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions December 4-11, 1983

Lottie's family is growing faster than her income.

With the addition of five countries this year her funds are reaching into 100 countries where almost half the world's population lives.

To support their 3300-plus foreign missionaries in these countries, church-

es of the Southern Baptist Convention are being challenged this year to give a record \$60 million to their annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

R. Keith Parks, president of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, says there's never been a more crucial time for the goal to be met.

Almost half of the support for the worldwide mission program comes from

Is that a fact?

A look at the significance of the week of prayer for foreign missions

For the 92nd consecutive year, Southern Baptists prepare to observe the week of prayer for foreign missions.

Dec. 4-11 will be a time of cooperative learning about and studying for missions, in addition to giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Churches across the convention will set individual goals to do their part in helping reach the national \$60,000,000 offering goal.

The theme for this year's week of prayer is "Because He First Loved Us." These familiar words, however, become more than just a catch phrase when heard in conjunction with some important missions facts:

In the 223 nations on earth today, 32.6 percent of the 4.5 billion people are Christians. The total Christian community is adding new believers at the rate of approximately 23 million a year.

Churches must win new persons at the rate of 45 million every year between now and A.D. 2000 just to stay even with population growth.

In 1982, the Foreign Mission Board appointed 406 new Southern Baptist missionaries, a 2.58 percent increase. In order to keep up with the Bold Mission Thrust goal of having 5000 missionaries overseas by the turn of the century, a three percent annual personnel gain is necessary for this decade.

During 1982, Southern Baptists channeled \$110.2 million through the Foreign Mission Board to enable people across the world to hear the gospel. Of

this total, 41.8 percent was given through the Cooperative Program and 46.5 percent through the Lottie Moon

The Baptist bodies to which Southern Baptist missionaries related established 700 new churches last year, an average of 13 per week.

Last year, more than 94 million people heard the gospel by means of local Baptist radio broadcasts and telecasts produced and aired across the world.

Approximately 170 medical missionaries, working alongside nationals, ministered to 143,000 inpatients and 1.4 million outpatients in 20 hospitals and 114 clinics during 1982.

Baptist Hospital, Kediri, Indonesia, reported an average of 20 persons trusting Christ each month last year and staff involvement in 14 Bible study groups.

By A.D. 2000 the world's 10 largest cities will be in Asia (6) and Latin America (3), with Mexico City the largest and New York the only North American city represented. Probably none will be found in Europe or Africa.

Strange Forest Baptist Church in the Philippines is one of the fastest growing churches with which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries work. In 1979, the congregation baptized 2500. Missionary Calvin Fox says, "Growth has slowed because this church has now most of the people in their village. It will begin again when they get established in the next valley."

1983 Lottie Moon Ch

Goal: \$60,000,000

this one offering, named for the pioneer China missionary who helped start it in 1888. And this year, Parks emphasizes, the needs are greater than ever because the 1982 offering fell almost \$4 million short, delaying many church and evangelistic projects overseas.

Bold Mission Thrust, the convention-adopted plan to share the gospel throughout the world by the year 2000, cannot be accomplished without sacrificial giving both through the Lottie Moon offering and the churches' regular contributions to the Cooperative Program, Parks said.

Here's what he means by sacrificial: To reach the \$60 million goal every church must increase its giving by 11.1 percent over what it actually gave last year. That's more than double the current rate of inflation in the United States.

Board treasurer Carl Johnson says the way each church sets its goal is the key. Every congregation must look at what it actually gave last year, then set a goal that is at least 11.1 percent higher.

The money they'll give is so badly needed that the entire goal has already been budgeted for 1984. Five out of every six dollars the offering provides will go to support the growing number of missionaries and help pay for their work. Lottie not only helps pay for the missionaries' support but also provides for their children's schooling, pays their medical bills and sets up money for their retirement.

If the goal is met, the remaining \$10

million will be available for capital needs that missionaries have labeled top priority.

A major item in the Philippines will be \$330,000 for a new MK dormitory at Faith Academy near Manila. The dorm will house high school-aged children whose missionary parents work in remote areas.

In Indonesia \$65,000 will go to replace hospital equipment.

In Thailand \$20,000 will pay for basic theological training materials for church leaders. These materials will include a one-volume commentary on the Bible and a Bible dictionary, to be translated into Thai.

Paraguay Baptists need \$20,192 to finish construction of a Bible institute being built on church property in downtown Asuncion.

Frequently listed are funds to help churches buy land or construct buildings. In many instances this money is put into revolving loan funds so that churches may borrow at low interest. As they repay, the money then becomes available for other churches to use.

Indonesia, which has a 90 percent success record in this repayment, seeks another \$25,000 this year to strengthen its loan fund.

In the Philippines, where churches on Mindanao are multiplying faster than almost any other place in the world, between \$500,000 and \$600,000 has been put into the church loan fund this past year to aid struggling new congregations.

Housing and transportation for mis-

Dear Southern Baptists:

Remember when we used to memorize Shakespeare in high school? Here's what one of his characters said about mercy:

"It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

What Shakespeare said about mercy, I would say about the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. It gives blessings on both ends of the line.

Since I was a little boy I have seen blessings on the giving end. Mother was counselor of Baptist Young Women on the campus near our home. As Christmas drew near mother's college girls would collect their foreign mission offerings in "alabaster boxes."

The little boy who sneaked into their meetings observed that the boxes were really just white cardboard. But the gifts inside them came from hearts as full of love as Mary's was when she broke her alabaster box and anointed Jesus' head and feet.

As a teenage counselor I remember encouraging my Royal Ambassador to meet a Lottie Moon goal of \$5. I remember the light in those lads' eyes when their nickel-and-dime offerings totaled \$6.06.

But for the past 18 years, Betty and I have also been seeing blessings that come on the receiving end.

We have seen teenage Oke smile as he brings his buddies to church. And we thank God for the Lottie Moon automobile in which we have gone to visit Oke's family through the years.

We have seen a little girl in a Baptist hospital who now has a face with which to look to the future, rather than the deformity that was there until a missionary surgeon went to work. And we thank God for all the Lottie Moon offerings that have built, equipped and staffed that hospital.

We have seen seminary students training to reach their own people for Christ; books and quarterlies and cassettes that help spread the good news; houses that we and other missionaries live in. And we thank God for Lottie Moon offerings that have built seminaries, publishing houses, media centers and missionary residences around the world.

Our goal this year is \$60 million—well under \$5 for each of us Southern Baptists. Big deal . . . especially for dollars that are "twice blest." Why don't we double the blessings—on both ends?

William N. McElrath
Missionary in Indonesia
and Kentucky native

Christmas offering for foreign missions

sionaries still require a large part of the capital funds, but missionaries save money whenever possible by converting single-family dwellings into duplexes and by driving small and economical vehicles.

Gasoline prices overseas, in most instances, are higher than in the United States. Gasoline costs from \$2 to \$4.50 a gallon in South and Southeast Asia and up to \$7 in Ghana, West Africa.

The strength of the U. S. dollar helps missionaries get more for their operating dollars in many countries, but some nations have pegged the exchange rate artificially low. Scarcities boost prices in other areas.

Ironically, that strong U. S. dollar often costs overseas Baptists more units of their own national currency to meet expenses which must be paid for in dollars. Brazilian Baptists, for example, must give more cruzeiros to keep their own 79 missionaries at work in 16 countries. And these missionaries have taken regular salary cuts to stay on their fields.

Other examples of sacrifice aren't hard to find overseas. Many Southern Baptist missionaries dip into their own pockets to travel to their church areas when the mission travel allotment runs out.

One Brazilian woman, inspired by Texans who paid their own way to witness at her church during a partnership evangelism campaign, gave her church a ring that she had been saving to help during her retirement years.

Parks thinks Southern Baptists must demonstrate this same degree of sacrifice if all people are to have a chance to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Who is Lottie Moon?

In 1980 Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, sought to answer the question of Lottie Moon's personage with the publication of *The New Lottie Moon Story* by Catherine B. Allen. From that book has come a Foreign Mission Board movie, "Journey Home: Lottie Moon of China," which premiered at the national annual meeting of WMU, SBC, last June.

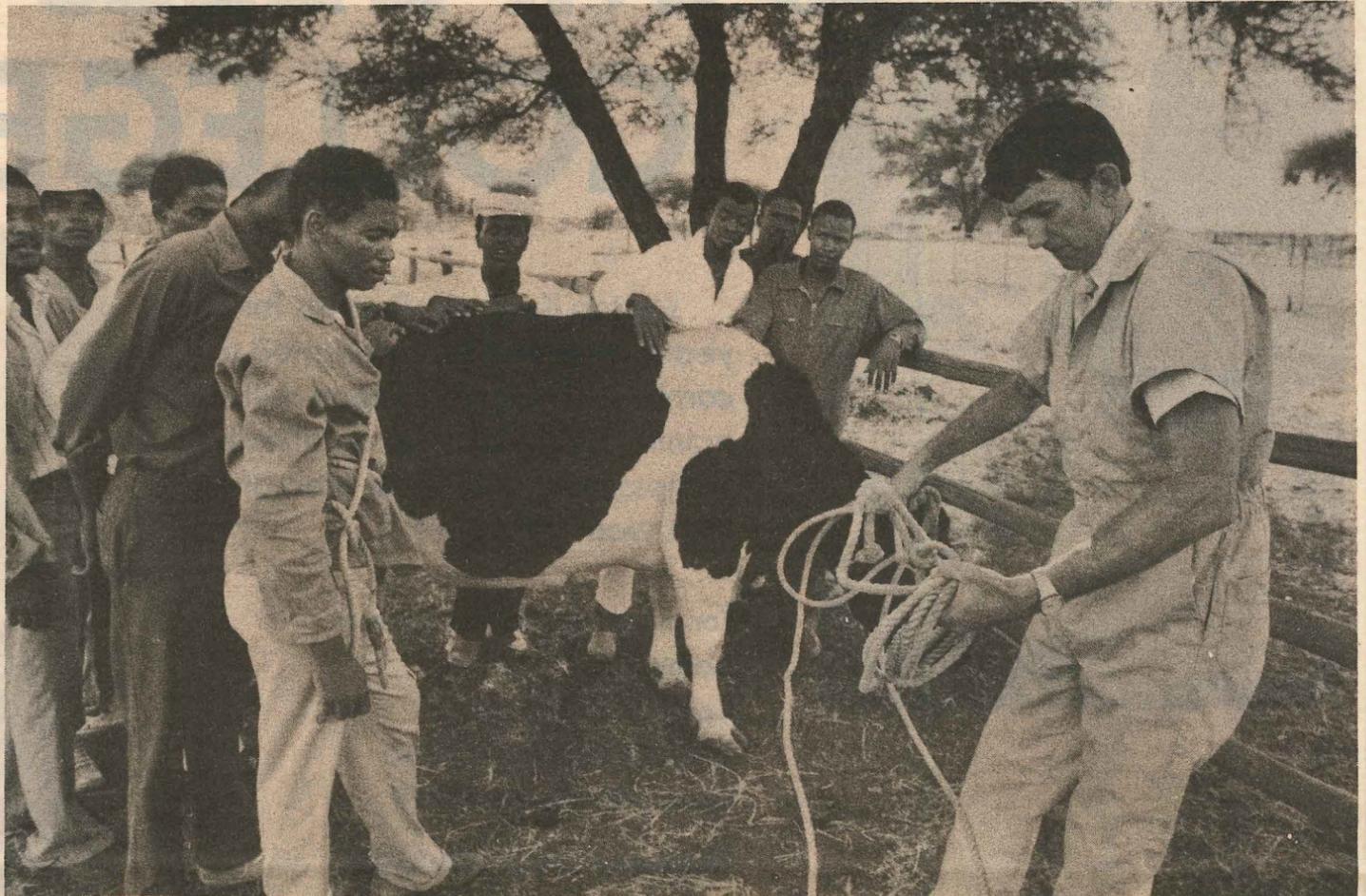
But why a book, why a movie, why the world's most lucrative offering in support of missions, all in the name of one missionary woman who died starving and without even enough money to pay for her return home to the United States?

It was Lottie Moon who asked that, in addition to prayer, Southern Baptist women give an offering at Christmas for the purpose of sending new missionaries. Woman's Missionary Union heeded both these requests and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and week of prayer for foreign missions were established.

Today the offering provides about one-half the budget of the Foreign Mission Board, an agency which was deep in debt at the time of Lottie Moon's death.

Little did Lottie Moon ever dream that in 1983 Southern Baptists would be asked to give \$60,000,000 in her name to support the ideals for which she so vivaciously lived and valiantly died.

"Journey Home: Lottie Moon of China" is available from Baptist Film Centers or through state convention SBC Video Tape Services.



THE KENTUCKY CONNECTION — Dale Beighle (r) is one of Kentucky's sons serving as a Southern Baptist missionary in Bophuthatswana. Born in Pendleton County, he is married to the former Ann Puckett of Pike County. Before being appointed in 1975 he practiced veterinary medicine in northern Kentucky. In Africa, he teaches at an agriculture school and also leads student Bible studies. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions helps to make his work possible.

Prayer requests

- Pray for Christmas programs at the Baptist student center in Bangkok, Thailand, to be effective. The Thai student ministry saw 35 students make professions of faith in Christ last year.

- Join the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe in praying for at least 10 new students to enrol in its theology programs in January. Pray for arrangements to be made to receive men from Mozambique in the Zimbabwe seminary.

- Christmas holidays lead up to the Colombian Baptist Convention annual meeting in Bogota Jan. 2-6, 1984. Pray for a spiritual awakening which will result in more people being won to Christ. The following week pastors and their wives will have a four day spiritual retreat.

- Pray the December annual meeting of the British Virgin Island Baptist Association will be a spiritual blessing. Also pray for conversions to result from the soul winning teams started in several island churches and for growth in a new church in Roadtown, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

- The Christmas prayer request from the French West Indies Baptist Mission is very specific—that God will call 12 men to be pastors of the churches on

the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique. After 19 years of work there are no national pastors. Their goal is to establish nine new churches and have 12 national pastors before 1990.

- Pray the radio and newspaper advertising of the upcoming evangelistic campaign in Lome, Togo, will attract many of the 400,000 citizens to the six Baptist churches. This six-day campaign in January will include preaching, testimonies, special music, drama and the film, "Jesus."

- Pray this Christmas the men of Benin, Africa, will begin to accept the responsibility of evangelizing the women of Benin. So far the majority of persons won are men.

- Pray for many conversions from the evangelistic crusade planned for early 1984 in the Turks and Caicos Islands near Cuba. Missionaries are training pastors who will train lay leaders. The Trinidad and Tobago Baptist Associations from islands near Venezuela also plan crusades for this time.

- Pray for the following active missionaries who will face their first Christmas after the death of their mate: Donald Smith (Venezuela), Elaine Herrin (Grenada), Marshall Duncan (Kenya), Carl Hunker (Taiwan) and Susan Thompson (Ecuador). Ask for comfort and God's direction in their future service.

- Indonesian Baptists are in the middle of a five year Sunday school development program. Pray many who attend Christmas Sunday school parties and church programs will continue with Bible study until they become believers in the Christ child.

- Pray Louisiana Baptists working as

partners in missions in Zimbabwe will significantly push forward in evangelizing Zimbabweans. Projects include starting churches, rebuilding clinics and roads, educating through literacy and agriculture, and establishing nutritional villages, a grinding mill and cooperative stores.

Sample 1983 Lottie Moon offering allocations

SOUTH BRAZIL

Missionary Housing \$240,000
Housing for missionaries is one of the greatest expenses. South Brazil has the second largest Southern Baptist missionary force.

SOUTH KOREA

Aid to Churches \$30,000
More than 100 churches—one for every seven existing ones—were started last year in South Korea. These funds will provide loans for places of worship for some of these new churches.

LIBERIA

Seminary \$90,000
Training nationals for church and convention leadership actually multiplies the effects of what Southern Baptists at home give through their offerings as these nationals then spread out in their countries and lead people to Christ.

AUSTRIA

Student Work \$9000
Ministry to students is a major part of Southern Baptist work in Austria. A coffee-house reaches many young people in Linz; Bible study groups meet in Vienna; and journeymen continue to work with students at two English language high schools and with American university students in Salzburg.

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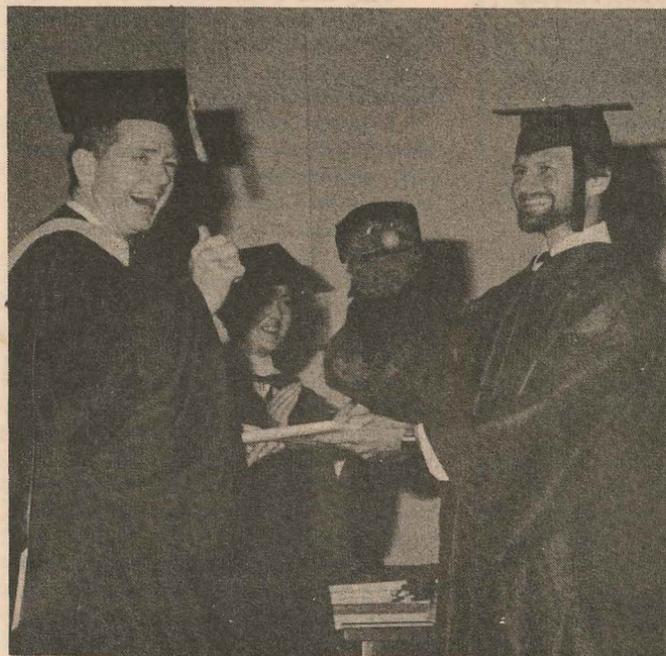
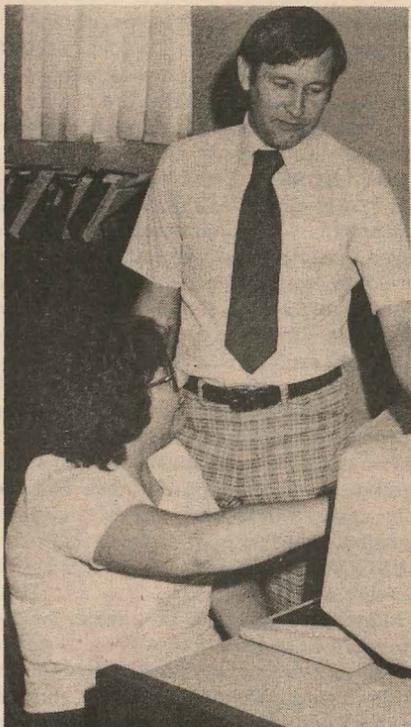
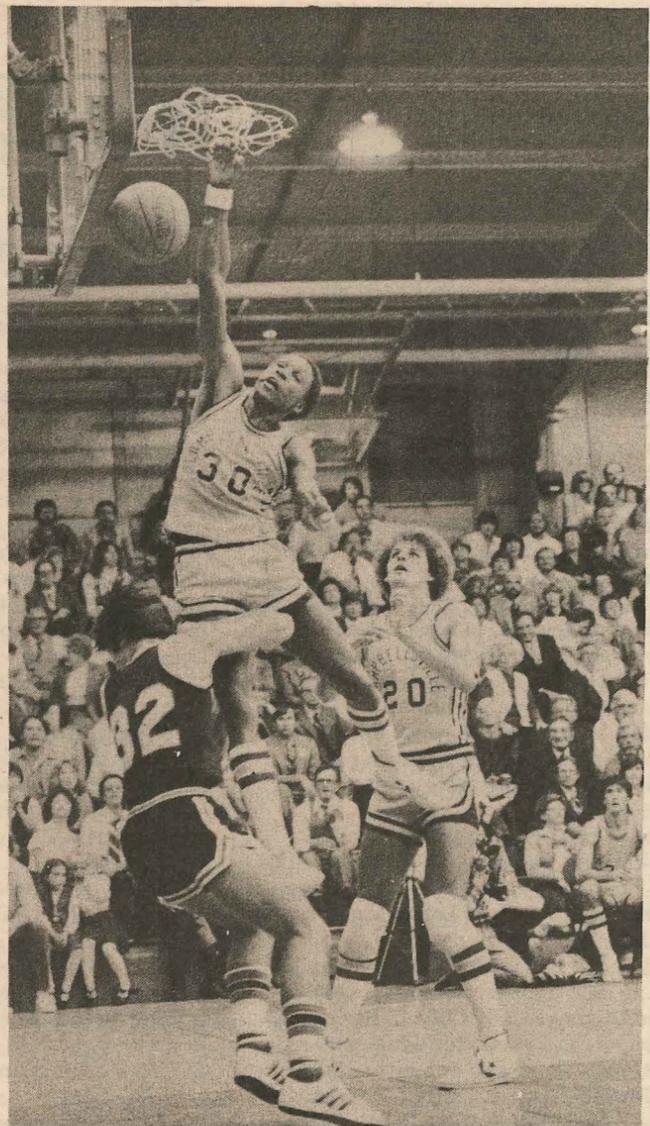
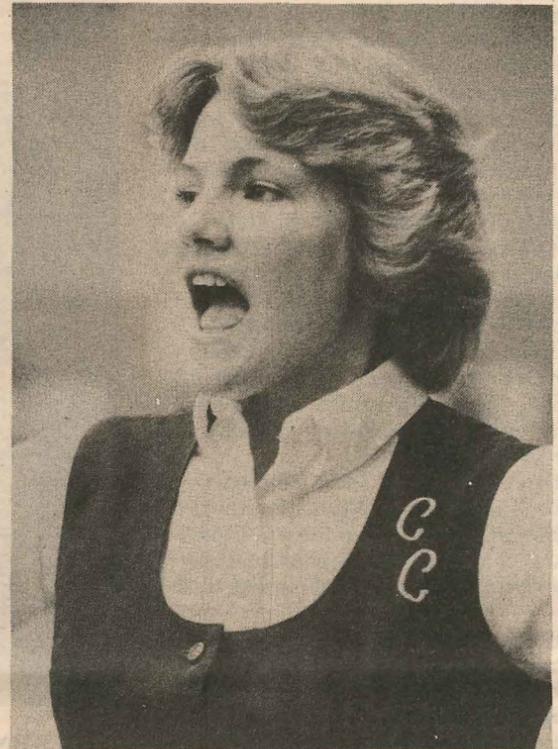


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personnel

Mike Brady has been called as minister of youth at Hopkinsville Second Baptist Church, Christian County Association. He began there Oct. 9.

Crittenden Association director of missions Leonard Harmon has announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31. An appreciation service was held for Harmon Oct. 21 at Williamstown Baptist Church.

James [Pete] Baxter is new pastor at Hellier Baptist Church, Pike Association. He and his family went to the church field from Muhlenberg County Oct. 15.

John P. Reed has been named director of the Samaritan Center in Lexington. He holds a PhD in pastoral theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Marion Stephan has assumed the position of interim director of Freedom House Ministries, Louisville. She replaces Danny Cobb, who resigned to concentrate on studies at Southern Seminary.

Miss Stephan has worked at Freedom House two years. She is also resident chaplain at Louisville's YWCA resident house.

She is a 1982 graduate of Southern Seminary.

Thomas Standridge, former pastor of Oscar Baptist Church, West Union Association, has accepted the pastorate of Iuka Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

H. B. Kuhnle, former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, has been called as interim pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Joel Felton Jones has accepted the pastorate of Sulphur Spring Baptist Church.

Jones, 25, is a native of Newnan, Ga. A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has previously held positions at Unity Baptist Church, Newnan; Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; and New Hope Baptist Church, Caneyville, Ky.

His wife, Mary Beth Benson Jones, is a native of Knoxville, Tenn. She holds the BS degree from Carson-Newman College and has attended Southern Seminary and the University of Tennessee.

The Joneses have one daughter, Bethany, seven months.

Jay Carroll Register began his ministry as minister of music and youth at Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, Oct. 2. He previously was at Advance Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Andrew M. Hall, pastor, Delray Beach (Fla.) First Baptist Church since 1970, has announced plans to retire, effective Apr. 29.

Hall is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastored churches around Owensboro and Hartford during the 1940s.

Wayne Hayes has resigned as pastor of Berean Baptist Chapel, Severns Valley Association, to take the pastorate at Cave City First Baptist Church. His resignation at Berean is effective Nov. 20.

Hayes is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently vice moderator of Severns Valley Association.

Miss Betty Morris, a second year MRE student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named minister of youth at Highland Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Miss Morris holds the BM degree from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. Upon graduation from seminary, she plans to pursue full time foreign mission work.

A. W. Walker, retiring director of missions at Sulphur Fork Association, was honored by the association Oct. 9 at Buckner Baptist Church with a reception. Walker had been at the association 11 years. A. L. Meacham replaced him there.

Indian Fork Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, has called Richard Childress as pastor. He is a first semester Southern Baptist Theological Seminary MDiv student.

He holds his BA degree in religion from Carson-Newman College.

congregations



Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, church member John Dunn takes hold of the wheel of a horse drawn grader used during ground breaking services held there in September for a \$650,000 worship center the church has planned. According to pastor Donald Zuberer, a capital stewardship campaign saw more than \$680,000 already committed to the project by Yellow Creek church members. "In faith, arise and build" was theme of the campaign.

Whitesburg First Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, raised \$19,978.67 during what church leaders called "a miracle day" to help retire the church's indebtedness.

Pastor Joe Brown stated, "All the surrounding conditions said it was impossible, but that's the kind of situation God specializes in."

Retiring the debt will enable the church to proceed with plans to add needed space," Brown added. The church is now in the process of securing plans for a new wing which has already been named Memorial Hall.

Clinton First Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, celebrated its 250th anniversary Nov. 2 with an old fashioned lamplight prayer meeting.

A historical musical drama, written by member Jeffrey Rice, was presented Nov. 3 and 5 by church members. Gary Harper assisted with the music.

Robert Long is pastor.

Beechgrove Baptist Mission, Northern Kentucky Association, reports its Co-operative Program and missions gifts totaled \$1268 for the previous year. Gary Reynolds is pastor of the Kenton Baptist Church mission.

Beechgrove Mission was mistakenly omitted from a listing of church gifts submitted earlier to Western Recorder for publication.

Red House Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, recently honored Mrs. Liza Parke and Mrs. Onalee Tracy for nearly 100 years' combined service in the church. A scholarship with \$400 contributed towards it was established in their honor for church members attending a Kentucky Baptist school.

ordinations

Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, recently elected eight deacons. Ordination services were held Oct. 30 for Ron Fuqua, Jeff Schroeder, Carl Muffett, Larry Render and Jerald Shemwell. Henry Moore, Darrol Hobgood and Eugene O'Bryan had been ordained previously.

Larry Vincent, pastor, Richland Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, and Jerry Eades, pastor, Penrod Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, were ordained to the ministry by the East Union Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

F. C. Tate Jr. and Rodney Lanham were ordained as deacons Oct. 9 at Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association.

John Howard Mullins was ordained Oct. 2 as deacon at Pikeville Baptist Church, Pike Association.

missions

Lora D. Albro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Albro, Jeffersonville, Ind., is a semester missionary in Nagasaki, Japan.

A senior at Cumberland College, Miss Albro is majoring in business administration and secondary education.

She is a member of Cumberland's Baptist Student Union.

Miss Albro will teach conversational English to Vietnamese refugees, students at Nagasaki Medical School and local Japanese residents who participate in programs offered by the various Southern Baptist missions in the area.

She will also lead Bible studies, direct choirs and assist in preparation of the only English newspaper produced in the Nagasaki area.

She will return to the States Dec. 27. Her home church is Oak Park Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Smith, Baptist representatives to Israel, may be addressed at Baptist Village, Mobile Post, Central Sharon, Israel.

He is a native of Birmingham, Ala. The former Marsha McNeely, she was born in Louisville and grew up in Spain, where her parents are Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Smiths were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Lois Calhoun, Baptist representative to Jordan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan).

A native of Kentucky, she was born in Lexington and also lived in Hazard. She was appointed by the Foreign

Mission Board in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Wilson, missionaries to Taiwan since 1960, resigned from missionary service Oct. 31.

He was a general evangelist and she was a church and home worker.

He is a native of Chillicothe, Oh., and she is the former Catherine (Kitty) Spillman of Trimble County, Ky.

They may be addressed at 1220 North Wall St., Belton, TX 76513.

Louisville native Mary Sampson was among 30 retiring missionaries recognized by the Foreign Mission Board during services in Richmond, Va. Oct. 10.

Miss Sampson was appointed by the FMB to work in China in 1945. She transferred to Taiwan in 1951 where she was a student worker and taught English and English language Bible classes at a Baptist church near the university.

She is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and holds the MRE from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary).

ASSOCIATIONS

Several Long Run Association churches have officially organized a local board for a Southern Baptist television channel in the Louisville area. Known as the Ohio Valley ACTS Board, these churches are now working to fund the best method of providing TV programming.

Elected officers are: Bill Hancock, pastor, Highview, president; Bill Tuck, pastor, St. Matthews, vice president; Larry Dipboye, pastor, Buechel Park, secretary; and Russell Bennett, executive director, Long Run Association, treasurer.

Members of the steering committee are: LaVerne Butler, pastor, Ninth and O, three year term; Charles White, pastor, Middletown First, two-year term; Jim Lewis, pastor, Westport Road, one year term.

Other board members are representatives of Carlisle Avenue, Crescent Hill, Deer Park, Hurstbourne, Walnut Street and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Liberty Association churches held a crusade Oct. 23-26 at Cave City Convention Center with evangelist Jack Stanton.

Thirty-six decisions were made during the crusade.

Bruce Maples, minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow, directed the music. R. Tommy Tucker, pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church, chaired the crusade committee.

deaths

Tom Brown, deacon at Union Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, died Oct. 17 at age 72. He was a retired major in the U. S. Air Force and had served in numerous church leadership positions.

Brown is survived by his wife and four children.

Mrs. L. B. Knight, 95, Greenville, died Apr. 26. She and her late husband were faithful and generous supporters of Kentucky Baptist churches and institutions.

Among her survivors is a daughter, Frances Knight Cisney, a member of Greenville First Baptist Church and a trustee of Georgetown College for several years.



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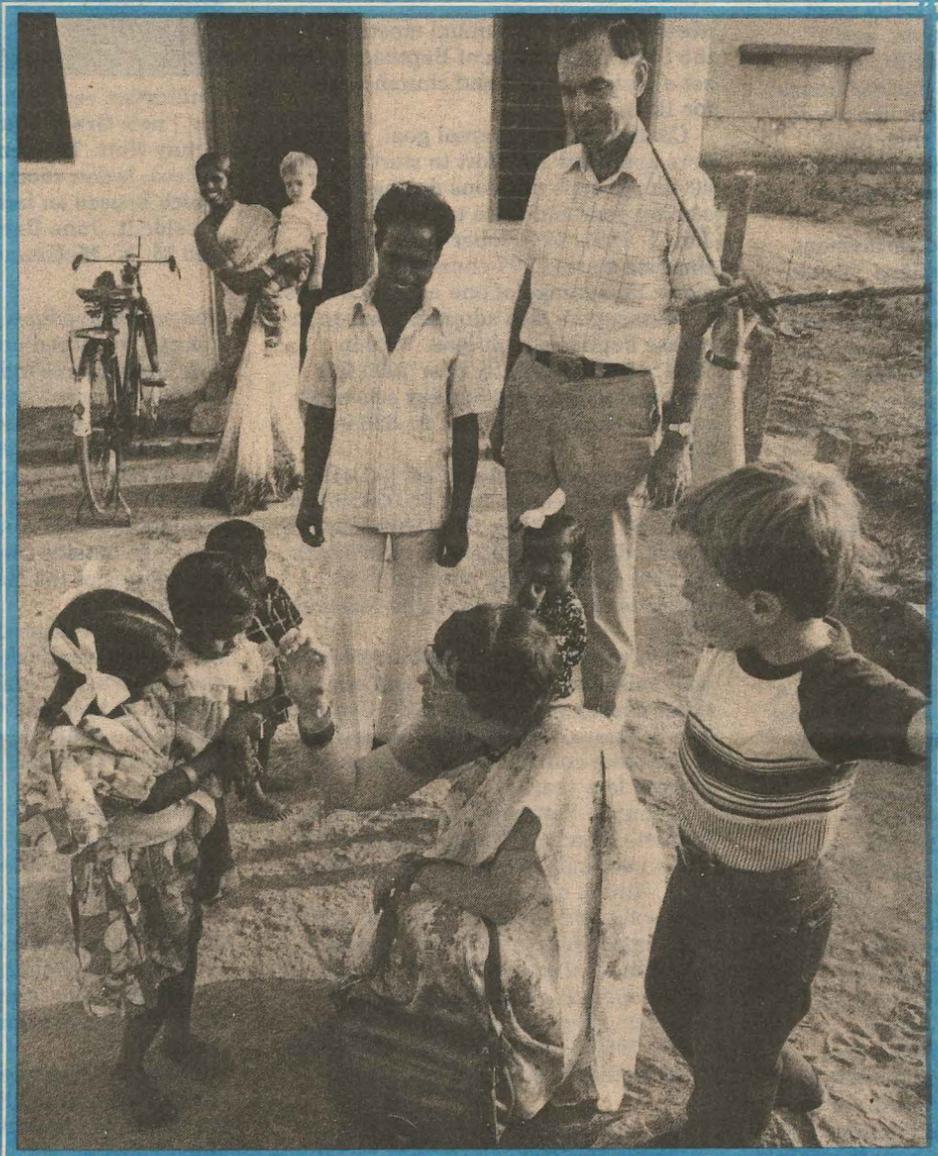
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—Bonnie Ball O'Brien



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baptist news in brief

Baptist editor, Pentagon member confer on peace

Opposing stances on the nuclear freeze were taken by two Southern Baptists at the recent lay renewal conference in Harrisburg, Pa., sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Lt. Col. Vaughn Johnson, United States Air Force, warned "we cannot expect any restraint from a godless ideology. What we can expect is oppression, grasping for power and precious little mercy."

Johnson, member of a crisis monitoring team at the Pentagon, and Walker Knight, editor of SBC Today, exchanged views on the nuclear freeze.

"The Soviets don't think like we do, no matter how much we wish for it," Johnson said. "Laying down our arms will not induce the Soviets to do the same."

Johnson said nuclear disarmament advocated by some Christians "would produce a greater evil than possessing the weapons themselves." Negotiations must continue from a position of "sufficient strength," he maintained.

"Control of weapons based on deterrence is the only things Soviets understand."

Johnson expressed concern over the involvement of the nation's clergy in the peace movement. "I don't think it's good to mix politics and religion," he said. "I do think most Christians realize we need to maintain a strong defense while we're trying to deal with enemies."

Johnson, who described himself as a "professional peacekeeper," observed "prayer and Jesus Christ are the only ways to reach the Communists."

Knight, who described himself as frightened by the possibility of a nuclear holocaust, stated, "For me, the Korean incident—the recent Soviet attack on a Korean airliner—underscored the Russians' paranoia, which all of our strongarm policy reinforces." The United States and Russia are "moving farther apart with no sign of trust on either side," he added.

Knight deplored "spending enormous sums on peacekeeping while reducing funds to cure the causes of war. God's final judgment of all nations will be based on what we do about the poor, the hungry, the sick," he said.

"Peacemaking is not an option but the vocation of every Christian," Knight continued. "It requires repudiating old values and replacing them with new ones such as going the second mile and loving enemies," he said.

"Christians either have to believe Christ was naive in teaching us to turn the other cheek or practice what he taught and put our security in him."

Illinois church severs partnership with sisters

An Illinois Southern Baptist church has decided to treat two other Southern Baptist churches in the state, "as we would a Methodist, a Presbyterian or other non-New Testament churches," over the issues of women ministers.

Lockport Missionary Baptist Church has "withdrawn fellowship" from Cornell Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago because it called a woman as pastor and from Crawford Avenue Baptist Church in Skokie because it has licensed a woman to the ministry.

James R. Mathenia, pastor of the Lockwood church, told Illinois Baptist the churches had committed scriptural heresy.

Mathenia also sent a form letter to other pastors in Illinois, encouraging them to attend the state convention of the Illinois Baptist State Association to oppose the seating of messengers from Cornell Avenue "or any other church that may have a woman as their pastor."

Cornell Avenue is believed to be the only IBSA-affiliated church with a woman pastor.

Ohio convention sets its goals for growth

Messengers to the annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio set a series of state and church goals for 1984.

Continuing a perennial goal, messengers approved an effort to start at least 40 church-type missions during the coming year and were told that from Jan. 1, 1981, to October 1983, Ohio Baptists started 107 church-type missions, an average of one every 9.3 days.

Messengers also adopted goals to increase baptisms to at least 7500 in 1984, up from slightly over 7000 this year and to increase Sunday school enrollment three percent, to 91,820 in 1984.

Messengers adopted a \$4,409,415 budget for 1984, up from \$4,033,451 in 1983. Of the budget, Ohio churches are expected to contribute \$2,544,498 with the rest coming from national SBC agencies, primarily the Home Mission Board.

Ohio will send \$1,017,800 to worldwide missions, evangelism and educational causes through the SBC Cooperative Program, representing 40 percent of the state contributions, up from 39.5 percent last year.

Arthur L. Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mason, was reelected to a second one-year term as president without opposition.

Resolutions adopted included expressions opposing pornography and the use of alcohol as a beverage, support of the Cooperative Program and statements on religious liberty and peace.

The 1984 annual meeting will be Oct. 23-25 in the Greater Cleveland area.

West Virginia opposes ordination of women

Nearly 400 messengers adopted resolutions on two often controversial topics—the ordination of women and abortion—without debate at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists recently.

Opposition was expressed only through "no" votes as majority votes gave approval to a resolution opposing ordination of women "into the gospel preaching ministry to serve as pastors" while recognizing ordination is "exclusively the prerogative of the local church" and a resolution opposing abortion on demand.

The messengers also voted a one percent increase in the convention's contribution through the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program to 23.5 percent. Last year the West Virginia convention slashed contributions to the national program from 25.5 to 22.5 percent.

The adopted budget exceeded \$1 million for the second time in convention history. Convention churches will provide \$503,600 of the \$1,216,808 with the rest coming from national Southern Baptist Convention agencies, primarily the Home Mission Board.

A rewritten constitution, designed to meet the needs of the growing conven-



Dedication ceremonies were held Oct. 29 for Alice Lloyd College's [Pippa Passes, Ky.] new Grady Nutt Athletic Center. Featured speaker for the event was Mrs. Grady Nutt. The center is a two-building complex housing a gymnasium, staff offices, locker rooms, classrooms, a child development center and the Natatorium, which houses an indoor swimming pool. Pictured are [l-r] Terry C. Davis, college president, June Buchanon, Caney Creek Community Center president, Mrs. Nutt, and M. K. McKinney, a close friend and associate of the noted humorist.

tion was also adopted. Most of the changes centered on clarifications of wording and expanded job descriptions for the executive board.

The proposed description of what constituted the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists was amended from the floor. By a 100-90 vote messengers inserted wording to allow churches outside the geographical boundaries of the state to become members.

Supporters argued any church wanting to help establish churches and missions in West Virginia should be allowed to help and the credentials committee could be trusted to check the motives of churches applying for membership.

The issue has roots in the 1982 convention when two Virginia churches, unhappy with policies of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, were voted into membership and an independent church in Kentucky, Christ Is King Baptist Church in Louisville, was accepted under "watchcare" with a final decision to be made at the 1983 meeting.

Christ Is King later notified the credentials committee it had decided to withdraw its application for membership.

Four new churches, all inside West Virginia, were received, one joining the denomination and the three newly constituted. The state office also reported 1123 baptisms in convention churches in 1982, an increase of 20.7 percent over last year.

Ronald G. Dillon, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Parkersburg, W. Va., was reelected president without opposition. He was president of the WWCBSB in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1982.

Chester B. Cooke III, pastor of White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, was elected first vice president and Ron Skidmore, pastor of Edgemont Baptist Church in Bluefield was elected second vice president. Edgemont hosted the 1983 meeting.

Indiana Baptists hold silver anniversary

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana celebrated 25 years as a convention and approved its first \$2 million budget during its annual meeting Nov. 1-3.

SBC leaders hoped to return to the site where the convention organized 25 years ago—the first Southern Baptist Church in Indianapolis—but the SBCI

had to be moved to Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis because First Southern sold its property to relocate.

For the first time, Indiana Baptists approved a budget exceeding \$2 million (\$2,012,045). The Indiana Baptists 1984 Cooperative Program goal is \$1,401,555 compared to \$1,271,246 in 1983.

Indiana Baptists will continue to share 31.5 percent of all CP gifts with the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program, a figure expected to be \$441,490.

In other action the convention approved unanimously 10 changes in the constitution. The messengers adopted the Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the SBC in 1963. They previously had adopted the 1925 BFM.

Convention president Carver Tinsley became the first president to serve a single term. He became ineligible by taking employment Nov. 15 with the state convention as a director of missions.

The record 360 messengers elected Robert Latham, pastor of the host church, president.

MWBTS trustees approve professor's teachings

Faculty matters and routine business consumed much of the semi-annual board of trustees meeting at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in October.

Trustees unanimously approved a report from their instructional committee concluding Midwestern professor G. Temp Sparkman "does not teach or advocate universalism, but rather he teaches in accordance with the seminary's statement of faith with reference to this matter."

Sparkman's doctrinal views were considered by trustees after a letter expressing concern was mailed to each trustee in June 1983 by a Kansas City layman, Dennis Sullivan.

The trustees also concluded Sparkman's emphases regarding the desirable age for a public profession of faith and believer's baptism, set forth in a recent book, are not contrary to but in accordance with the seminary's statement of faith "which does not specify and/or limit with respect to the traditional 'age of accountability' as practiced by Southern Baptists."

Sparkman, in his book, suggests the period of adolescence is the more desirable time for confronting young people with the need to make a public commitment to Jesus Christ through believer's baptism.

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Life and Work Series INJUSTICE

2 Samuel 3:24-27 When Asahel, Joab's brother, persisted in his pursuit of Abner, the latter killed him with his spear (2 Sam. 3:19-23), and that slaying provoked a feud between Joab and Abner. Joab never ceased to long for revenge against Abner. When Abner and his men went to Hebron to report to King David the result of the campaign he had led, the latter honored them at an official dinner. After Abner departed Hebron Joab returned. When Joab learned David and Abner had an interview, and perhaps some negotiations, he suspicioned Abner and accused him of treachery against David. Motivated by jealousy and revenge, Joab sent messengers to summon Abner to return to Hebron. Upon his arrival Joab was lying in wait for him inside the city gate and as he entered, slew him. The murder of Abner was due to the suspicion, jealousy, hatred and revenge in the heart of Joab. It was a heinous crime. Such revenge and injustice are totally without justification.

2 Samuel 3:31-32 David was grieved deeply over the murder of Abner. He demonstrated his sorrow because this important and influential man had been slain. Knowing his death would most likely defer the reunion of Israel and Judah, and sensing his own personal loss, David tore his clothing, lamented the tragic and unnecessary death of Abner and fasted as an expression of his deep grief. He wanted all to know the slaying of Abner was a dastardly deed which he disapproved greatly. He did not hesitate to lead the procession as Abner's body was carried through the streets of Hebron to its burial place. David wept profusely as he stood beside Abner's grave. The people were

highly pleased with the honor which the king showed their military leader.

2 Samuel 3:35-37 While others were partaking of the food which had been provided for the occasion, in keeping with the custom of that era, David declined to join them in eating and announced his intention to continue fasting until sunset—an act which convinced the people that his mourning was genuine. The people promptly expressed their approval of his action. Because of his conduct the people esteemed David highly and unhesitatingly expressed their approval and appreciation of what he did as opportunity presented itself.

In due time justice prevailed and Joab was punished for his evil deed which illustrates the fact injustice will not escape punishment. God's will is certain to be accomplished.

International Series GOD'S CALLED-OUT PEOPLE

Colossians 3:1-3 After reminding the Colossian Christians they had been raised with Christ, had come into possession of eternal life and had been placed in a new and heavenly position, Paul stressed the kind of life they were under obligation to live. He stressed that their interests, desires, motives, words and deeds should be entirely different from what they had been before they had been saved.

Paul urged the Colossian Christians to seek those things which were really worthwhile and satisfying; namely, those qualities which had been exemplified in the earthly life of Christ. Christ wants all of his followers to lift their eyes above the sordid things of earth and to set their affections on him and his work. There are three good reasons for our being heavenly-minded, namely, we are dead unto sin but alive

unto God, our lives are hid with Christ in God, and our hope is centered in future blessedness. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then we shall be manifested with him in glory. What an incentive for living the risen and higher life!

Colossians 4:5-6 In order to substantiate his profession the Christian's conduct must be consistent. The unsaved are not influenced as much by the teachings of the Bible as they are by the way in which professing Christians live. Just as successful merchants purchase scarce commodities, Christians should buy up the opportunities which are available to them to witness to the unsaved. Their speech is to be characterized by the spirit of the Lord, with the impurities of thought, motive and expression eliminated.

1 Peter 2:9-17 Peter reminded God's children they had been lifted to an exalted position. He called them "a royal priesthood," "an holy nation," and "a people for God's own possession." Whatever dignity, privilege, power and responsibility there may be in the royal priesthood, it belongs to all believers in Christ. The functions of the royal priesthood may be summarized in three words—sacrifice, intercession and benediction. We are challenged to present ourselves as a living sacrifice unto God, to enter his presence bringing our gratitude, praises and worship, and to intercede with him for others. Let us represent the Lord faithfully and convey his mind to others accurately.

It behooves us to abstain from those indulgences which are injurious to souls and dishonoring to the Lord.



on mission together

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HELP FOR THE HUNGRY

As Alice, Shawn and I enjoy the first wood fires of our Buck stove, I am made aware that the first freeze is not far away. While on the one hand the warmth of our wood fire is pleasant, the cold which necessitates the heat that most of us can provide will be the same cold that will intensify the pain of poverty.

A few months ago a staff task group began working to develop a brochure to assist churches in addressing hunger needs in their immediate locales. That brochure is now ready and will have been distributed to the messengers meeting in Paducah. In addition, a copy will be mailed to every Baptist pastor in the state. Kendale Moore (Direct Missions), Grady Randolph (Foundation) and Bill Rogers (Christian Life Relations) are to be commended for this helpful endeavor to assist Kentucky Baptists to minister to the hungry.

It may be helpful to understand that no funds are being solicited by our office to address hunger needs. Rather, we have attempted, by means of this brochure, to provide Kentucky Baptists a few "handles" in developing local hunger ministries.

In the process of developing the brochure, Kendale Moore, associate in the Direct Missions Department, has become the best informed among us and will gladly respond to any inquiries you may have on the subject.

It has been encouraging to discover how many Kentucky Baptist churches are involved already in such ministries. In addition, many other organizations and church bodies are seeking to address this problem through direct ministry.

Somehow the food that will grace our tables this Thanksgiving will taste better knowing that our churches will be seeking even more than before to "find and feed hungry people."

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Grateful to be alive, they set aside a day of feasting and prayer. More than 80 friendly Indians came bringing wild turkey and venison as their share. The people sat around tables, outdoors, like one large family, and they celebrated with prayers, sermons, songs and praise as well as feasting and fellowship.

The custom of Thanksgiving spread to other colonies. On Nov. 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. However, for many years there was no regular Thanksgiving day in the United States. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November "as a day of Thanksgiving and praise for our beneficent Father." Then in 1941 Congress named the fourth Thursday in November as

Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. It is also a time of serious religious thinking—a time when we thank God for his bountiful blessings. So Thanksgiving is giving thanks.

However, in addition to saying "thanks" for the bountiful harvest, the pilgrims shared their blessings with one another. We continue that wonderful spirit of sharing to this day.

Kentucky Baptists celebrate Thanksgiving in a marvelous way through the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Baptist Homes for Children which dates back to our first home for children established in 1869. Through the years Baptists have expressed their gratitude to God for his matchless blessings by giving a special offering for dependent/neglected children. What a marvelous way to give thanks for God's gifts to us!

As you receive this article into your home, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be meeting in Paducah. But Baptists all across Kentucky will be preparing to give their most generous Thanksgiving offering for our children's homes. This is the way we give thanks.



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Leon Simpson, President
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WITH THANKSGIVING

As I recently watched a television evangelist make fervent appeal for funds to continue his program, I thought of a phrase in Phil. 4:6 "... supplication with thanksgiving." There are so many causes throughout our land making "supplication" for help and support. Some are good causes while some are totally unworthy of our support.

Clear Creek is a school worthy of your support. 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. We believe there is a need for a practical, Bible-centered school where men and their families can come to be trained to serve the Lord in full time Christian service. Our students and their families must be dedicated and committed to Christ. They leave beautiful homes, large salaries and easy lives. But at Clear Creek the income is small and our houses and apartments are just adequate.

Yet, at this blessed Thanksgiving

season you will find some of the happiest families on the face of the earth here. I would not ask for you to pray for us and support our ministry unless we merited and deserved your support. We are training ministers for the work of the gospel. This is an important, God-no let up. There is little rest.

However, at times it is possible we make "supplication without thanksgiving" in promoting our work. So, as we approach this Thanksgiving season please know of our deepest thanksgiving to God for you. You may feel you are unknown, unloved and unsung. But God knows you and will not forget your kind and gracious acts on his behalf. And may the Lord help us at Clear Creek to remember all of you who help us along the way.

I have dedicated this bit of verse to you at this Thanksgiving season.

For the armies of the faithful,
Lives that passed and left no name;
For the glory that illumines
Patriot souls of deathless fame;
For the people's prophet-leaders,
Loyal to Thy living word,—
For all heroes of the spirit,
Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord.
William Pierson Merrill



oneida journal

Barkley Moore, President
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JUST ONE MORE CHANCE!

Being a boarding school president must surely be one of the most demanding and draining jobs in all the world. One is responsible every minute of every hour, every hour of the day, asleep or awake, on campus or a thousand miles away. What a responsibility. There is no let up. There is little rest.

"I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong."

Oneida is responsible for the physical and spiritual welfare of nearly 500 boys and girls, many of them quite helpless. For others Oneida is the best or last hope.

"I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee."

Yes, and responsible for the supervision, direction, morale and physical welfare of nearly 100 men and women staff members who have dedicated themselves to the Lord's service for little salary. Among our staff, there are several score children from babes in arms to students in colleges and universities. It is a struggle for them. I do

care.

"Thru' this world of toil and snares, if I falter Lord who cares?"

I'm beset on every hand. Every hour I must make decisions affecting the future of fellow human beings. Do we accept this one? Can we help that one? What is best? Should this one be expelled? Is that one to be allowed back?

"Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee."

A staff member has proved unfaithful to our high calling. Oh, Lord, you had your Judas. What can be done? What must be done?

"Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea."

Lord, the children have to be fed, many must be clothed, all must be taught. Lord, we are caring for more children than all the nongovernmental supported programs in Kentucky put together. But Lord, we don't have the amount of money others do. Our people must work for far less than most. Lord, we thank thee that most serve uncom-

plainingly. Not all, but most.

Lord, we've got a lot of bills to pay. I'm not worrying about that too much. But some of the folks we owe are. Lord, you've always provided. I've got faith. But Lord, those people we owe aren't too much interested in our faith. They want their money.

"Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be."

Lord, what do I do with Timmy's appeal? He has written from a distant state. He wants to return to Oneida. You remember that prestigious military school he was in, Lord? He got expelled for drinking. His daddy, himself an alcoholic, brought him to me. Lord, when others wouldn't take him, we did.

But Lord, somehow we failed. We had to expel him also. Or Lord, was it his failure? We took him back. We had to expel him again. And we took him back. And again, he had to go. Who failed? Does it matter?

We haven't heard from him for six months. Now a letter comes: "Dr. Moore, I've been thinking about you a lot lately. I decided to write and get a few things off my mind."

"I started school in August but shortly after I was forced to withdraw and begin working to help my parents with some financial difficulties with the IRS. Since then the family has seemed to get everything paid off. But I am still working."

"I am playing on a team with the local police department. Most of the men are twice my age, but it is a great experience. I run as much as I can to

stay in shape.

"Recently, I have turned back to the Lord. I am trying to be a good Christian. However, I am still very weak. In society down here, it is very hard to be a strong Christian. I have to leave here until my strength is built up. I really need to come back to Oneida."

"If I have ever needed Oneida, it is now more than ever before. I am not going anywhere, career wise. I have to get back on my feet."

"I know I have disappointed you too much in the past to be forgiven. But I have changed since. I really have."

"I have got to come back, to work, to become a stronger Christian, to become a stronger person. Please consider, Dr. Moore, please. If I have ever needed Oneida, it is now."

Lord, must we take Timmy again? People will think I've lost my mind. Lord, he's had his chance. So many others need to be here also. We can't take in the whole world.

What to do? Indecision? Agony of mind and spirit.

It is 30 minutes after midnight. Tim's letter is before me. The phone rings. It is Timmy. He repeats all he wrote in his letter.

I muster my sternest tone. I don't see how we can do anything further. We've been let down so many times before.

"Please. Just one more chance!" His voice breaks.

The master whispers "Forgive . . . 70 times 70 . . . as I have loved you . . . show love."

Come on, Timmy. We'll be waiting.

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Kentuckians minister to Zambians through Bible Way study courses

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

When Lonnie Turner and Fran Howard were growing up near Bledsoe in Harlan County the only thing they knew about missions was you spelled it with two s's. Now they are career missionaries in Africa.

Both enrolled in Oneida Baptist Institute where they accepted Jesus as savior and were married. After Oneida they enrolled and graduated from Campbellsville College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Turner pastored three churches during his college and seminary training but said, "The Lord was directing us to foreign missions and eventually with our two sons we landed in Africa."

The Turners are dedicated, hard working, and responsible for a number of ministries.

Mrs. Turner is fluent in speaking Chinjanji, one of the 80 Zambian dialects and is chairman for language study, a requirement for career missionaries.

She also assists her husband who is temporary mission treasurer, a church developer and director of Bible Way Correspondence Ministries.

As a church developer, Turner is advisor for several churches. This job involves preaching and conferences with pastors and church leaders. He also helps roof churches and other buildings. He helps distribute food supplies such as mealie meal as it's made available through Southern Baptist's world hunger offering.

In 1979 he became director of Lusaka's Bible Way Correspondence School. The school was 15 years old at that time and has experienced great growth since then. Scores of people have come to know Christ through the school and local churches have been strengthened.

The correspondence course began with the book "Who is Jesus," which is given free upon request. At this date, 116,000 persons have received the book. Four other books follow the first in the course, each designed to introduce Jesus and his work in the life of believers.

After the first course is finished, students can go to the second course of four books. The courses help in instilling the importance of Christian discipleship and Bible study.

Since Bible Way began in Zambia the idea has developed in mission work throughout the African countries, Hong Kong, Central America and Portugal.

How does Bible Way work? According to Turner, "We attempt to attend all the agricultural shows (similar to the Kentucky state fair). We take our booth filled with materials and talk to people about the course, sign up students, meet students presently enrolled and receive money for the courses from the people. While we are doing that, we also sell Bibles, distribute tracts, witness to those who do not know Christ and offer our help to those who are seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord.

"Another thing we are attempting to



Missionary Lonnie Turner distributes mealie meal, the basic food of Zambia, to waiting natives. The valued food is made available through Southern Baptist world hunger offerings.

do is use Bible Way for local church growth and discipleship. We select a group of townships and invite all the students in a given area to come to a rally and bring their friends. What this really is, is an evangelistic service where we have a sermon and invite them to receive Christ.

"We give them an opportunity to enroll in the course and encourage those who are presently studying to come to the local church and give a description

of the program of the local church. We want to tie our work more to the local Baptist church and have them use the material with the new believers in new member classes. A goal of Bible Way is to have every believer in every church involved in Bible Way study."

In July 1984 the four Turners will return to Kentucky for a year's furlough. They plan to reside in Lexington where Mrs. Turner will enroll at the University of Kentucky.

RTVC staffer recalls JFK assassination 20 years later

by Bonita Sparrow

As the 20th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy nears (Nov. 23), a nation angry over murdered Marines in Beirut and anxious about police action in Grenada remembers only bits and pieces of the weekend when Camelot came crashing down.

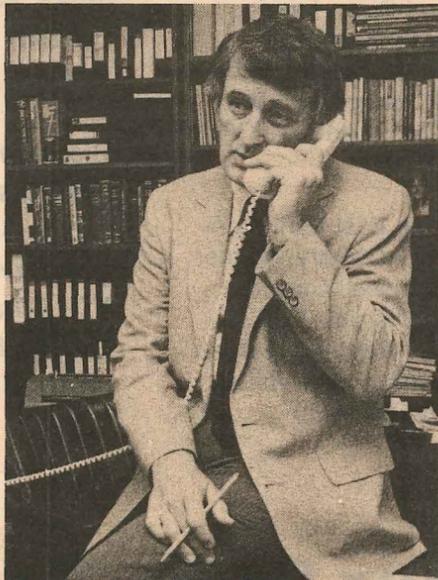
While most Americans recall only the startling finality of the news, the sad profile of a new widow's exercise in courage and a small boy saluting his daddy's casket outside St. Matthews Cathedral in New York City, Bob Thornton, director of television production for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has other memories as well, including one that comforts him.

Thornton and an international group were standing in the basement of the Dallas city jail when Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby pulled a pistol and shot Lee Harvey Oswald to death.

Thornton sat in his office recently and recalled his reaction to the event

and what has happened in his life since.

"I'd not covered the parade (as reporter for Dallas' WFAA Radio-TV). I'd covered the Kennedy speech in Ft. Worth earlier in the morning and had seen Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson and Texas governor John Connally all standing together on the platform at the hotel. When I left, there on the fringes of the crowd, I saw a guy with long hair and a robe parading around with a placard that read, 'The End Is Near.' The irony of it hit me



Bob Thornton, director of television production for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, recalls a Sunday morning 20 years ago this month when he was standing near Jack Ruby who shot Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of John F. Kennedy.

later. Of course, he was aiming his message at sinners, but he was very prophetic."

Oswald was transferred to the county jail. "Jack Ruby was in the crowd," Thornton continued. "When Oswald came through the door he had an angry sneer on his face, a hostile, defiant look. There was no sign of remorse. The police were heading him toward the armored car that had been backed into the basement when Ruby stepped out of the crowd, within a couple of feet of Oswald, yelled a profanity and shot him."

The police, not knowing whether Ruby was acting alone or not, ordered the press to take cover and subdued Ruby. "We scattered as best we could," Thornton said. "I got behind a concrete pillar and looked around it to see what was happening.

"I kept talking all the time," he recalled. "My most immediate concern was trying to remain calm enough to describe it on the tape recorder. I had a tremendous sense of history and I knew it had to be preserved for the future.

"When I got the event on tape, then I had the problem of getting together enough press credentials to get out of there and get the film and the tape back to the studio. It's not exactly the moment you forget."

The memory that lingers with Thornton came earlier. "The evening of the day the President died, I interviewed Mrs. Tippett, the widow of the policeman Oswald shot. It was the day before her husband's funeral and she was in the living room of their modest home with a lot of people around.

"She was gracious and receptive," Thornton said, "and a perfect Christian

lady. As a matter of fact, she was Southern Baptist. She maintained her composure until the very end of the interview when she broke down and sobbed that she didn't know what she and her children were going to do. In addition to being a policeman, Tippett was working two part time jobs to support his family.

"ABC-TV aired the interview coast-to-coast. The next day money began arriving for the Tippett family and when it was over they had more than \$600,000. I've always felt good about that."

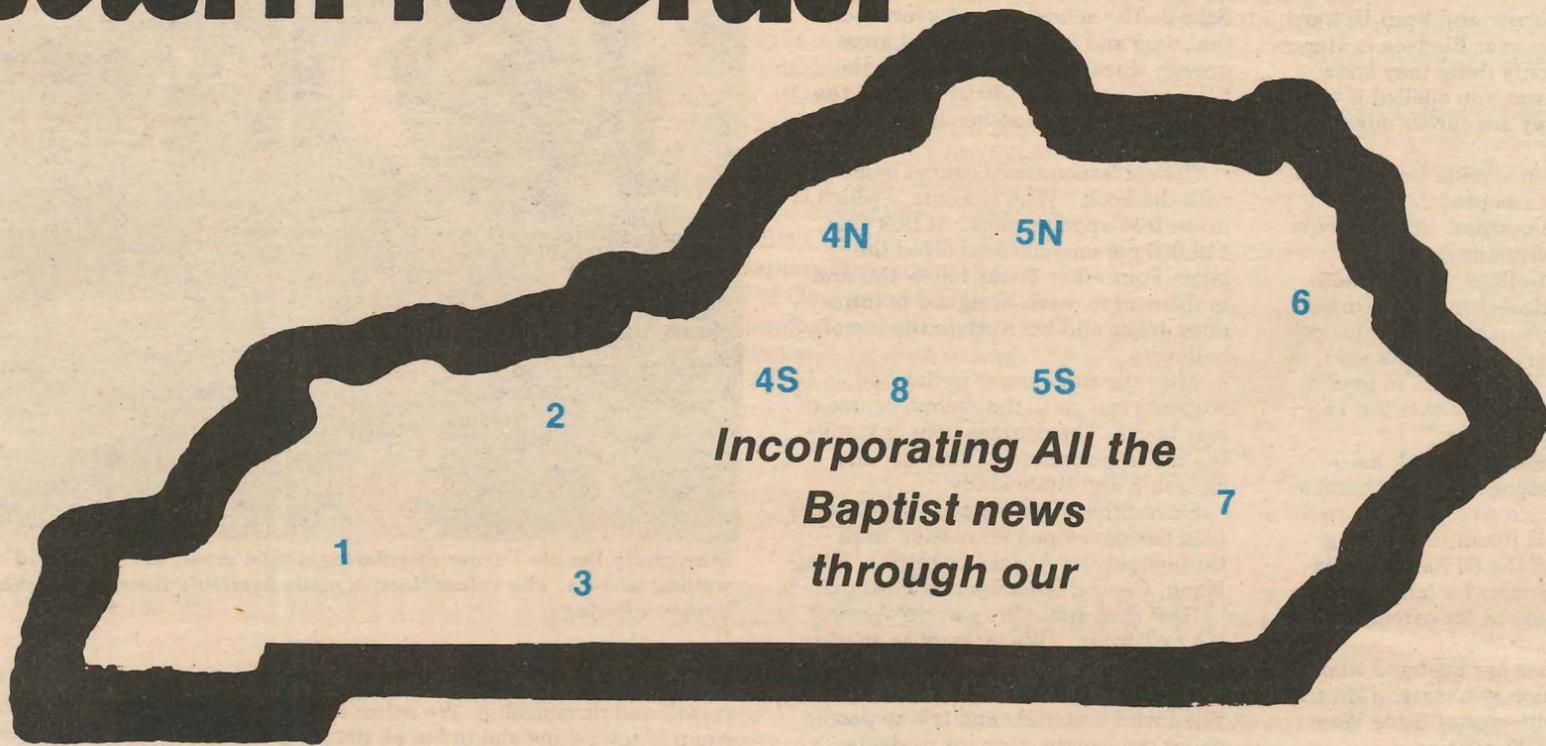
And he now feels good about his work at the Radio and Television Commission. Thornton is responsible for production of programs for the ACTS network. "My goal is to get the best quality programs possible in order to attract viewers to the network so we can speak to them with the message we have.

"You must deal with artists, with the hundreds of other people involved in each ACTS (American Christian Television System) production, with the time factor, with the budget. And you must do it in the light of what you want to accomplish with the programs."

Thornton, with a television production background from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., knows what he wants to accomplish.

"I want to reach the largest number of people possible with ACTS productions. I want it to change people spiritually to have some impact and effect on their lives. I hope work with some shows like the ones on the ACTS network will lessen the chances of such tragedies as the Kennedy assassination ever happening again."

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