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## Draper, Sanderson, Ring head list of evangelism conference personnel

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

With the theme "Commissioned to Boldness" based on Matt. 28:16-20, as many as 2000 Kentucky Baptists will gather for their two-day state evangelism conference Feb. 27-28. Host for the 1984 meeting is Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Jay Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, Middletown, announced program personalities for the event this week.

Principal speakers include Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr., of Euless, Tex.; Leonard Sanderson, former director of evangelism for Louisiana Baptists and now a full time evangelist; Missouriian David Ring, also a full time evangelist; Lincoln Bingham, KBC consultant for cooperative ministries and superintendent of missions for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; and Home Mission Board staffer Robert L. Hamblin, of Atlanta.

Music for the five-session evangelism conference will be directed by Claude H. Rhea Jr., president of Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Others on the agenda, who will speak once each, include Harry Hunter, of Henderson, Ky., Mission Service Corps volunteer, and Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The Kentucky evangelism sessions are scheduled Monday, Feb. 27 at 2

and 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. and 2 and 6:30 p.m.

### The key personalities

Draper, serving in the final months of his SBC presidency, will speak Monday and Tuesday nights and Tuesday afternoon. His subjects include "The Authority of Jesus for Evangelism," "Living the Christ Life" and "His Commission and Our Commitment."

A native of Arkansas, Jimmy Draper, 48, is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He holds honorary doctorates from three Southern Baptist affiliated colleges.

He has served seven pastorates and one associate pastorate in Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma since 1956. This is his ninth year at First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., where he is pastor.

Draper was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in 1979. He became president of the SBC in 1982.

Leonard E. Sanderson directed the evangelism department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention 15 years. From 1955-59 he was evangelism director for the Home Mission Board, followed by a four year pastorate at First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La. He then was a vocational evangelist four years, before taking the state job. He reentered full time evangelism Aug. 1, 1982.

Sanderson is a graduate of Union

University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Early in his career he held pastorates in Tennessee and was evangelism director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Sanderson will address the evangelism conference Monday and Tuesday nights and Tuesday morning.

### Palsy victim will testify

Cerebral palsy victim David Ring, of St. Charles, Mo., will speak at the Kentucky meeting Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and night.

Ring, 30, is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He entered full time evangelism 11 years ago and has spoken in scores of conferences like the one in Kentucky in the years since.

Lincoln Bingham will address the state evangelism meeting Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Bingham, 52, was born at Cerulean, Ky., in Trigg County. He has attended Simmons University Bible College, Boyce Bible School, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Presbyterian Theological Seminary, all in Louisville.

He was a Baptist Book Store staffer in Louisville 13 years. He has been pastor of West End Baptist Church, Louisville, the last 21 years, and is also superintendent of missions for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Last August he was also named state consultant for cooperative ministries of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. In this latter capacity, his chief function is to provide "continuous and comprehensive leadership in all areas of fellowship and work" with the General Association.

Also speaking twice during the evangelism conference is Robert Lee Hamblin, who became vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board Aug. 1, 1982. Hamblin will be heard Monday afternoon and night.

A native Ohioan, Hamblin was associate professor of evangelism at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary 1980-82. Earlier he pastored churches in Memphis, Tenn. and Tupelo, Miss.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Hunter and Honeycutt will both address the Kentucky evangelism conference during the Tuesday afternoon session.

In addition to a number of vocalists to be featured during the conference, the sanctuary choirs of St. Matthews and Farmdale Baptist churches in Louisville are scheduled to sing. David Briley conducts the former and Phillip Whitehead the latter.

## Baptists oppose constitutional convention

by C. R. Daley, Editor

In a special meeting Jan. 13 the Kentucky Baptist Convention public affairs committee adopted a statement in opposition to a proposed constitutional convention for the purpose of adding an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget. Committee members did not express opposition to a balanced federal budget but saw grave dangers in a constitutional convention because of other possible alterations to the constitution.

Some constitutional experts say there is no way to limit a constitutional convention to a single issue. There has been no constitutional convention since the present constitution was adopted. All amendments to the constitution have been added upon the approval of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and three-fourths of the states.

Opponents of a constitutional convention are especially afraid of what might happen to the First Amendment guaranteeing religious freedom through separation of church and state. There are Americans who are unhappy with court rulings based upon the First Amendment and would like to weaken the amendment.

The statement of opposition is being sent to Kentucky Baptist pastors with a request that they contact their state representatives and senators to express their sentiments. The statement is also being sent to members of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Here is the full text of the statement including a note at its end:

"The Kentucky Baptist Public Affairs Committee has grave concern over the current proposal in the Kentucky General Assembly calling for a constitutional convention in order to add an amendment to the United States constitution requiring a balanced federal budget. While the motive might be worthy, the risks involved in a constitutional convention are too great to take.

"Since no such convention has been called since the adoption of the present constitution, there is no way to know what might happen. Some constitutional scholars say that there is no way to restrict a constitutional convention to one issue. If so, any part of the constitution might be changed or an entire new constitution might even be written. With the extreme views being expressed today by some Americans who might be selected as delegates to such a convention, the results could be tragic.

"We have special concern for religious liberty through the separation of church and state guaranteed by the First Amendment of the present constitution as well as other provisions in the Bill of Rights. Our Baptist forefathers insisted that these freedoms be included in the constitution and we should guard them against every threat.

"Our founding fathers were even wiser than they knew. The constitution they framed has served us well for 200 years and has afforded Americans more freedom than are enjoyed by any other people in the world. Our constitution is adequate in its present form so there are no substantive reasons for altering it.

"The federal budget problem can be handled apart from a constitutional convention. The budget is the responsibility of the President and members of Congress. Citizens should make their views on the federal budget known to their elected representatives who already have all the statutory authority needed to solve this problem.

## KENTUCKY TO KENYA

In this issue, a four part series introducing the east African nation of Kenya to our readers begins on page 4. The series will introduce the country this week, and explore the nation's history, economy and religions in succeeding weeks.

Kentucky Baptists voted in the November 1983 annual meeting to enter into a partnership arrangement with Kenyan Baptists during the calendar years 1985-87. This introductory series of articles is planned to acquaint Baptists of the state with an area perhaps little known by most but which will have great prominence in convention affairs in the days and months just ahead.

The series was prepared by Western Recorder associate editor James H. Cox.

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# daley observations

C. R. Daley

## A state lottery has no place in Kentucky

It's possible that the prescription is more deadly than the illness. This is definitely the case when a state sponsored lottery is recommended as a cure for state revenue shortfall. The truth is the legalized lottery idea is a disease and it threatens to become an epidemic.

State sponsored lotteries are already operating in 18 states and are being proposed in several other states at this time. Kentucky is almost certain to be one of these states facing this issue in 1984. The lottery idea was proposed, debated and defeated several years ago by the Kentucky General Assembly but the idea is not dead. The unsuccessful Republican candidate for Kentucky governor last year proposed a state lottery to governor education and actually prefiled a lottery bill in the General Assembly.

Kentuckians need to look carefully at any proposal for a state lottery no matter what cause is supposed to benefit from it. Good causes ought not seek support from such an immoral means as gambling.

Public legalized lotteries, like any other gambling, are addictive, especially with lower income people who can least afford to spend their limited income in hopes of getting rich through chance.

An Associate Press release last year told the story of Richard Smith, a 19-year-old Pennsylvanian who took his life's savings of \$6000 and spent it all on state lottery tickets in hope of winning the one \$1,000,000 prize. Of course he lost it all because his chances for winning were infinitesimally slim in spite of buying \$6000 worth of tickets. Disappointed with losing, Richard downed 200 aspirin tablets in a suicide attempt.

Richard's is an extreme case to be sure but there are more Richards resulting from lotteries than there are \$1,000,000 winners.

In victimizing those least able to afford to gamble, lotteries multiply the cost of welfare to care for mates and children of addictive

gamblers and to try to rehabilitate them. The cost in human destruction far outstrips any financial benefits from lottery gambling.

Knowledgeable people see lotteries for what they are. Business economics professor Ross Wilhelm of the University of Michigan says: "When state-run lotteries were first proposed, I strongly supported them. . . . I was completely wrong and naive in taking such a position.

"The stark reality is that state lotteries are among the worst rip-offs of all forms of gambling in the nation. The viciousness of state run games is compounded beyond belief by the fact that state governments actively advertise and promote games and the winners. It is difficult to see much benefit to the society of this means of diverting the energies and resources of the people away from important producing activities."

The only possible benefit from state operated

lotteries is the financial profit and this is greatly exaggerated. In no state where a lottery has been legalized have the financial returns been as much as first promised. The more successful legalized lotteries have been those which the state has gone all out to promote and encourage participation. Who wants Kentucky to become an advertising agent for gambling?

As Kentuckians let us be forthright. If the best management of present tax income does not result in enough resources to provide necessary services, let's agree on a fair and equitable means to secure more revenue instead of turning to any form of gambling which victimizes humans and degrades a state.

This is a plea for every Western Recorder reader to contact his or her representative and senator in the Kentucky General Assembly today. Let them know you oppose a state lottery.

## Postscript

Since the above editorial on the demerits of a state lottery was written another very unwise and dangerous proposal has been presented to the Kentucky General Assembly. This is Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 which calls for convening a constitutional convention in order to add an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget. A balanced federal budget might be ideal but there are ways to accomplish this without a constitutional convention which could be dangerous and destructive.

The greatest danger is the possibility of wholesale tampering with the present constitution. Some constitutional scholars say there is no way to limit a constitutional convention to one issue so any section, including the First Amendment and the remainder of the Bill of Rights, could be changed or an entirely new constitution could be written. There are opponents of the First Amendment who might serve as delegates

to a constitutional convention and who would try to weaken it.

Advocates of a constitutional convention outside Kentucky have targeted Kentucky as one of only two more states whose approval is needed to call such a convention. The same proposal failed in the 1980 and 1982 General Assemblies due mainly to the efforts of House speaker Bobby Richardson. This year it appears the Kentucky Senate will approve this resolution. This means it has to be defeated in the House. Representative Richardson should be encouraged and aided in his opposition to this dangerous idea.

Look on page 1 of this Western Recorder issue for a statement adopted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention public affairs committee in a special meeting Jan. 13, 1984. Please contact your senator and representative in the Kentucky General Assembly immediately and ask them to defeat Senate Concurrent Resolution 10.

## Retiring for George Munro will not be quitting

Among God's ministers who have served Kentucky Baptists this generation none is more noble than George S. Munro who retired from the Ft. Thomas First Baptist pastorate. George has served the Ft. Thomas flock 28 years, has been a strong influence in northern Kentucky religious and community life all that time and has provided leadership for many facets of Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist life.

George is blessed with many native talents as well as obvious gifts of the Spirit which he has nurtured and exercised fully. His brilliant mind and warm heart were quickened by the spiritual gifts of prophecy, teaching and love, the greatest of all gifts. No wonder then he is a powerful preacher and a compassionate pastor.

His success as a pastor and denominational leader were not handed him without sincere application and hard work. He and his lovely wife, Susan, left their native New Zealand to come to America in 1948. Though already a

trained and experienced preacher, George wisely sought further training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Unfortunately his New Zealand training did not qualify for college credit in the United States and so after finishing the seminary, George and Susan moved to Georgetown for George to attend Georgetown College and to graduate from the University of Kentucky. During these seminary and college years George served three pastorates: West Point Waddy and Gano Avenue in Georgetown.

Susan Munro's abilities equaled those of George. In Louisville she was a regular writer for the Courier-Journal Sunday Magazine and she gave alumni affairs a big boost with her services to Georgetown College. Unfortunately her life on earth ended in 1970 from malignancy.

The church family as well as George struggled in grief but were drawn close together in the experience.

Two years later George found another lovely

mate in Eva Loebrich, a long time member of the Ft. Thomas fellowship. Their beautiful relationship has been an inspiration to the congregation as well as to them.

George will not be retiring in the common understanding of retirement. His love for study and for people along with his wisdom and ability as a preacher will put him in more demand as a preacher and teacher now than ever before.

But retirement for George is wise in the sense that one dictionary meaning of the word is withdrawal from office. George will not be carrying the heavy load and awesome responsibility as shepherd of the Ft. Thomas flock. The Lord will lay this on another's shoulders.

There's a tinge of sadness in seeing a great player drop out of the starting lineup but there comes a time when even Pete Rose should sit on the bench boosting younger players while staying ready to give his best when and where it is needed.

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

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# baptist forum

## Social security taxes unfair to ministers

Baptist ministers may be mistreated by changes in the social security program. The IRS treats a minister as employe and discounts his housing allowance as income. Social security classes the minister as self-employed and includes housing allowance as income.

While the income tax decreases the rate of taxation with lower income, social security has been increasing the amount of income on which its tax must be paid. Consequently, Baptist ministers soon will be compelled to pay 13.4 percent of their income for social security. While a wealthy physician might pay social security on half or less of his total income, the average minister will pay on his total income. If the church tries to assist the minister with his social security tax, the minister must count that assistance as income and an increase in his income tax.

In an effort to allow ministers and churches the freedom of choice to classify the minister as employe so the church could pay its share of the social security tax, Senator Walter D. Huddleston of Kentucky introduced an amendment to grant that justice. The amendment was rejected by a joint House-Senate committee. Perhaps Baptists need to ask their federal Senators and Representatives to treat their ministers fairly.

To force a minister to be classed as self-employed for social security tax-

tion but as an employe for income taxation seems unfair and discriminatory. Russell Bennett, Louisville

## Court of appeals decision unappealing

Despite the fact it was during the Christmas season the Court of Appeals rendered its decision on the case affecting the precinct in Magoffin County as to the legality of sales of intoxicating drinks within a certain precinct which lies within a county which had previously voted dry by a considerable margin, we took serious note of the decision.

That this decision was made without any precedent whatever but rather rudely, or without the ingredient of reason, the fact should awaken Baptists throughout our state to proper action to have this decision annulled by higher authority.

Such a decision affecting any section of a county which has directly voted for the exclusion of intoxicating drinks raises a question of legality inasmuch as it rules in favor of only a small section of a county unit of government.

This action by our court is the most ridiculous action taken by any authority on record, being totally without the backing of precedent or reason.

Baptists, the challenge has been hurled at us, do we respond or do we submit?

C. A. Gaskin, Somerset

## Who remembers Pete Gillespie?

Pete Gillespie died the other day in Bloomington, Ind. The obituary notices were normal for a retired missionary—not very long or impressive. And somehow I felt a bit disappointed.

Pete Gillespie was a big man when I was a little boy. Not just a big man physically, though he was that too—tall, broad shouldered, sharp eyes behind thick lenses. But Pete was a big man of God.

His real name was Alfred L. Gillespie. His wife, who died not long before him, was named Viola. Everybody knew them as Pete and Bee.

When I was a little boy, Pete was director of Baptist student work for the state of Kentucky. A lot of us thought he was the most dynamic youth evangelist we knew. When that powerful nasal voice trumpeted from the pulpit, it brought a message straight from God.

Later, as an energetic young pastor in Owenton, Pete brought new life to the statewide Church Training conventions we had in Kentucky during those days. By that time I was a participant in memory work drills. Seeing and hearing Pete again was a high point of each year's convention for me.

Then Pete and Bee went as foreign missionaries—part of that numerous post-World War II generation whom

God called to Japan. Foreign missions took on new stature and glamor for me when a man as big as Pete Gillespie went to the mission field at God's command.

I didn't hear much about Pete during those three decades he and Bee worked in Japan. No doubt he was a good missionary, but somehow he didn't make many headlines in world mission news.

I've never spent much time in Japan, although Betty and I have been missionaries in Asia since 1965. But we'll never forget two days in 1970 at Expo '70, the Osaka World's Fair. "Y'all come!" Pete invited us. "It's a fabulous spread—whatever that means." And Pete and Bee were wonderful hosts, to us and our two little boys.

Illness and death seemed to come too soon after the Gillespies' retirement in 1977—first Bee, then Pete. And somehow I find myself wanting to shout: "Pay attention! A great man of God is gone! Doesn't anybody remember? Doesn't anybody care?"

Then I remember Pete himself. If Pete Gillespie could speak to me now, I think he might point me to Paul's pointed words in 1 Cor. 3:21-23:

"Let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

William N. McElrath

# christian education

## Four from state receive degrees from seminaries

Four Kentuckians were among the more than 260 persons receiving degrees from Southwestern and New Orleans Baptist theological seminaries during December.

Terrence E. Grainger and James F. Shackelford received degrees from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., while Harold T. Brockman and Terence B. Ellis were graduated from the New Orleans institution.

Grainger, although a native of South Carolina, has pastored in Kentucky and is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary. He received his DMin in December. Shackelford was awarded the MDiv. He is a native of Frankfort.

Brockman, a native of Paducah, received the MRE degree while classmate Ellis earned the MDiv. Brockman is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. Ellis is a native of Lexington and attended the University of Kentucky.

## Kentuckians enrolling for extension studies

Kentuckians will be enrolling within the next few weeks for theological education courses offered in seminary extension centers across the state.

Sponsored locally by Baptist associations, in most cases the centers provide classes close to home for persons desiring serious biblical and other ministry-related studies. Last year 12 such centers operated within the state, involving 126 students.

Class schedules are set locally but most winter-spring courses meet weekly throughout February, March and

April. For details concerning courses planned in the following areas, contact the area contact person named or the associational office:

Bethel-Logan, Eugene Reynolds; Bracken, Cleon A. Webb; Caldwell-Lyon, Richard Tapscott; Liberty, Ed Talley; Little Bethel, Hughlan P. Richey;

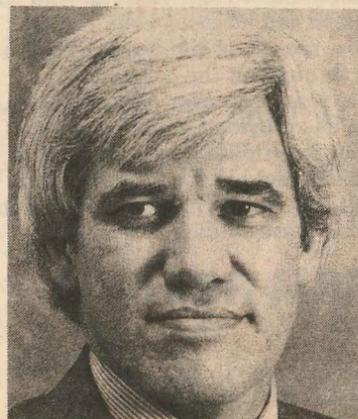
Little River, William Edgar Franks Sr.; Muhlenburg, Fred Richardson; Ohio River, Ralph Benningfield; and Pulaski, David Aken.

Classes may be set up in other locations, depending on the amount of interest.

Seminary extension is a ministry education system jointly sponsored by all six Southern Baptist seminaries through their Seminary External Education Division. James Whaley represents seminary Extension on the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff.

## Rogers appointed dean of Southern's RE school

William B. Rogers Jr. has been named dean-elect of the School of Religious



William B. Rogers Jr.

Education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Appointed by seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt effective Jan. 1, seminary trustees will vote on Rogers at their regular meeting Mar. 12-14.

The new dean was elected to the Southern Seminary faculty as professor of history and philosophy of education last spring. He has been on sabbatical since Aug. 1.

Rogers was on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1974-83. Previously he was associate minister and youth minister for churches in Texas and Virginia.

Rogers succeeds Jack H. McEwen, religious education dean from 1980-83, who now is professor of psychology and director of community development at Chattanooga (Tenn.) State Community College.

The Birmingham, Ala., native is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

His wife is the former Luwilda McKaig. They have two children, Jason Benjamin and Melissa Alexandra.

## Father, son have art show at Campbellsville

A father and son art show will be on exhibit at Campbellsville College's fine arts center gallery Jan. 16 through Feb. 10.

Tommy R. Clark, an instructor of art at the college, and his father Clarence, of Shattuck, Okla., will display their work in watercolors and pen and ink drawings, and pottery, respectively.

A reception for the Clarks will be from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the gallery. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

## The inner-keeper is you

by Zelma M. Pattillo

The Christmas pageants have marched off the stage. The sounds of carols have faded into the night. Christmas 1983 has passed.

By now most of us have returned to the daily routine and life goes on much as it did before, with little change in our outward or inward experience.

Perhaps the dominant feeling is that only those with a contemplative lifestyle (or less demanding than mine) can have time to meditate upon the truths of Christmas after the season is over. If this is the way Christmas has passed for you this year, perhaps the stories and songs did not get through.

I heard a beautiful story the other day.

A group of children were putting on a Christmas pageant. The little boy playing the innkeeper was able to tell Mary and Joseph for the second time that he had no room for them in his inn, even after they had told him of the expected birth of a baby. Mary and Joseph turned and walked sadly across the stage.

Suddenly, tears filled the little boy's eyes and he called after them: "Oh, come back, Mary and Joseph! You can have my room."

Only when the story of Christmas reaches into our lives, here and now, and changes our script—only then has the message really gotten through. As the Christmas pageant marches off the stage, there is still time for each of us to call out: "Jesus, there is room for you in my life . . . not only in this season, but in the new year that has entered from the wings."

## From Jumuia ya Amerika (USA) to Kenya-with love

In a recent edition of a well known encyclopedia several pages are devoted to the subject Kentucky and immediately followed by the listing Kenya. The two are in fact nearly half a world apart. Language, history, customs and international relations would suggest they are further apart than that.

Yet, as diverse as the two are, there is something ironic to a Baptist observer in their being linked together in an encyclopedia. For Kentucky Baptists, the largest religious body in their state, have adopted Kenya Baptists as their own special mission enterprise for the period 1985-87.

During the next four weeks Western Recorder will introduce its readers to the east African republic of Kenya and its people. The four-part series is an effort to provide accurate background information for all Kentucky Baptists. It should be particularly helpful to those who will be led to go to Kenya in the months and years ahead to bear witness and to leave that witness in their stead.

In this first instalment we will examine the country from the standpoint of location, climate, wildlife and land features. This article will be an overview

for what is to come.

Next week our focus will be upon the history, government, languages and people of Kenya.

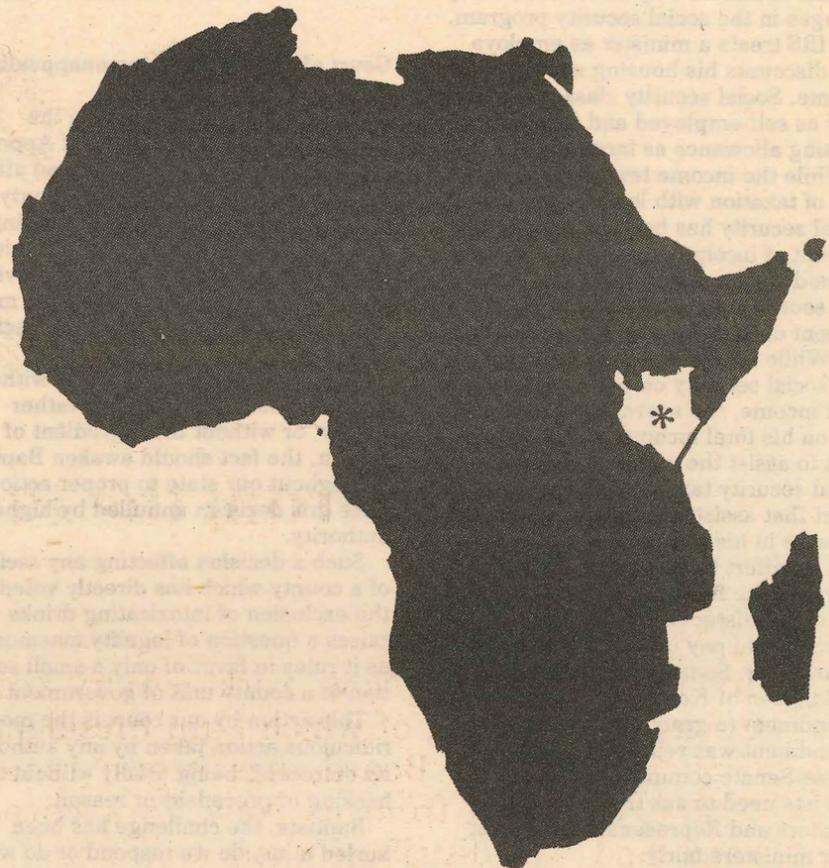
The following week we will explore the nation's commerce, economy, trade and tourism.

The series concludes with a look at religion in Kenya, and specifically where Kentucky Baptists will plug into it in the final instalment of the four-part series.

Additional on-the-scene articles will be included at a later date by Robert O'Brien. O'Brien is currently living in Kenya and serving in a communications post for the Foreign Mission Board.

Subsequently, when Western Recorder associate editor James H. Cox returns from an on-site exploration of the Kenya countryside and Baptist work there in late spring his discoveries and observations will be shared with readers.

Hopefully and prayerfully, all of this information will be used by laymen, pastors, churches and associations in the state in making plans to become involved in so great a task half a world away.



# Africa: Dark or enlightened continent?

## KENTUCKY TO KENYA, PART I

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Tell somebody that you're going to Africa and they'll probably suggest, with great originality, that you will want to watch out for lions, tigers, snakes and cannibals, and be sure not to drink the water.

Many people still think of Africa as the Dark Continent. It hasn't changed much since the days of Stanley and Livingstone, they presume. The truth is, it's still the Dark Continent only in the minds of those who haven't been.

There aren't any cannibals. Tigers don't exist. There are some lions but all of those you see (as you gaze from the safety of a vehicle) are probably lying down, asleep or half asleep. If you don't encourage them, they will ignore you completely.

True, there are many snakes in Africa. But nearly every one will slither away when it hears something coming.

You probably won't be sick at all if you take some simple, ordinary precautions on a trip to Africa. Inoculations are important, and so are malaria pills. You shouldn't swim or wade in still water and you should be cautious about the water you consume.

Despite what you envision, there are lots of good roads and good hotels. There are lots of people who speak English. The restaurant food is safe to eat. And murderers don't roam the streets. Just as if you were at home, you would watch out for con-

artists and purse snatchers, you would lock your car and you wouldn't leave valuables in plain view.

And if you left something at home that you meant to take with you, there would be little to worry about. Dukas (general stores), hotel sundry shops, grocery stores, markets, drug and department stores and five-and-dimes are plentiful.

## BEAUTY AND THE BEASTS

The republic of Kenya where Kentucky Baptists will concentrate their efforts is most often grouped with its neighbors under the classification of "east Africa." It is situated on the Indian Ocean, sharing that coast in upper east Africa with Somalia, its neighbor to the northeast, and Tanzania, its southern neighbor. It is bounded on the north by Ethiopia and Sudan and on the west by Uganda and Lake Victoria.

Lake Victoria is impressive. It forms part of the boundary of three countries—Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Victoria's 26,828 square miles, where steamers ply the waters in trade, make it second only to Superior in size among the world's lakes.

The Kenyan countryside is a land of contrasts—one of serene beauty, and diverse beasts.

The Indian Ocean provides a 380-mile coastline of coral sand beaches and coconut palms.

This southeastern quarter and the northern half of the nation include vast areas. They contrast sharply with the southwestern plateau where 85 percent of the population lives and where almost all of the economic activity is centered.

Principal cities include Nairobi, the capital, center of commerce and indus-

try, in the southwest highlands; Mombasa, Kenya's major port city on the Indian Ocean; Kisumu, on the northeast banks of Lake Victoria; and a number of other smaller towns and villages, principally in the southern half.

Kenya's northern half is largely low thornbush-covered plain. Yet, even here the terrain is broken by several mountain ranges in the northwest and Lake Rudolf, extending 160 miles along the Great Rift Valley.

This valley bisects the southwest highlands. Here one finds Mt. Kenya (17,058 ft.), a glacier-capped mountain crossed by the equator at about 11,000 feet; Mt. Elgon (14,178 ft.); and the Aberdare Mountains (13,104 ft.). This is the fertile quarter of the country.

Kenya is caressed by a string of the world's bluest lakes and an unlimited blue sky. And under that vast expanse of space, one finds literally millions of wild animals. They include elephants, zebras, antelope, lions, rhinoceros, giraffes, leopards, buffalo and monkeys. Kenya proudly boasts more species of exotics, colorful than all but one or two other countries. They include ostriches, pelicans, flamingos, bustards and game birds.

Crocodiles and hippopotamuses are common around Lake Victoria. And poisonous and nonpoisonous African reptiles, scorpions and centipedes are found throughout the country.

More than any other African nation, Kenya has provided generous sanctuaries for its wildlife, guarding against both white and black poachers. More than 24,000 square miles have been set aside for these wildlife reservations.

## WARM RAINS AND ARID PLAINS

As with the land itself, there are also

sharp contrasts in Kenya's weather.

Sitting astride the equator, much of Kenya is hot and dry. Only in the western and northern mountains is the climate often cool in the daylight hours.

There are four distinct seasons in Kenya but they are not comparable to our winter, spring, summer and fall. Rather, there are two dry seasons offset by two rainy ones. Tourists, incidentally, normally opt for the dry seasons, even though those periods are hot.

The weather is best from mid December through March and again from August through October. The rains come in November and the first half of December.

The rainiest and (worst) season is usually April, May and June.

Along the coast, at Mombasa, the average temperature for March—the warmest month of the year—is 81.8 degrees. The coolest is July, when the average temperature at Mombasa is 75.3 degrees. Annual rainfall is about 45 inches there.

At the capital level of Nairobi, 5500 feet above sea level near the lower middle of the country, annual rainfall is 39 inches. Nairobi's average temperature in March—the warmest month—is 65.2 degrees. In the coolest month—July—it falls to 58.5 degrees average.

With 224,960 square miles of space, Kenya is considered Texas-size for our comparative purposes. The flags of at least six governments are said to have flown over Texas at one time or other. Kenya had its share of foreign intervention, too, plus some local tribes who altered its destiny. And as we'll see next week, the east African nations have one very crucial legacy they believe nobody on earth can match.

After digesting the materials in succeeding weeks, the reader may decide for himself if Africa should still be considered the Dark Continent or if it is truly an enlightened one.

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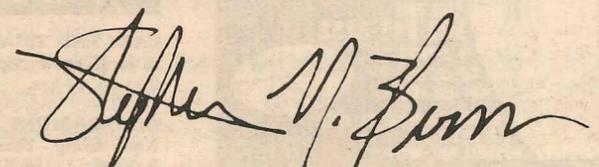
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# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

Amos H. Kirkwood resigned as pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, after 31 years in the pastorate. He is currently available for pulpit supply, revivals and interim work.

Jack P. Lowndes, former Kentucky Baptist pastor, is now pastor of Bull Street Baptist Church, Sylvania, Ga.

Lowndes is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served pastorates in Kentucky and Virginia before becoming executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York. He left the New York Convention during 1983 and was serving as interim pastor of Bull Street when called as pastor Dec. 11.

Tommy Smith resigned as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Nelson Association, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Ark. He is a former Western Recorder staff writer.

Charles E. Lowe Jr. assumed responsibilities as minister of education, Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association, Sept. 7.

Glasgow Baptist Church, Liberty Association, called James Jones as pastor. A pastor for 26 years, Jones is married to the former Mary Berryman and has one son, Joel Kiffen.

Frank Dorris resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Morgantown, Gasper River Association, to assume duties as director of missions for Warren Association.

George S. Munro resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, Northern Kentucky Association, effective Jan. 8. He served in the position 28 years.

Munro is a native of New Zealand but has spent most of his adult life in Southern Baptist congregations. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

He has served Northern Kentucky Association in many capacities including moderator and has also been prominent in Kentucky Baptist life. He has not announced plans for his ministry during retirement years.

Berry Tackett has been called as pastor of Home Creek Mission, Pike Association. Mouthcard Baptist Church is the mother church.

Aubert V. Rose Jr. has returned to Kentucky after serving churches in Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio and California 28 years. For the past seven years he has been a full time evangelist. His services are available for church renewal crusades, evangelistic crusades, church leadership seminars and deacon retreats. His present address is 110 Morningside Dr., Box 377, Benton, KY 42025.

Pastor Ted Sisk of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, will be the preacher for a Sunday school leadership conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center next summer. Sisk will preach at the June 26-July 2 conference, the last of four to be held.

Molly Marshall-Green has been called to pastor Jordan Baptist Church, White's Run Association. She recently completed her PhD in theology at Southern Seminary.

Annuity Board officials have announced the appointment of Elaine Elkins as a regional marketing director for nine state Baptist conventions. On Jan. 1, she began serving churches and agen-

cies in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii conventions by promoting the retirement and insurance programs administered by the board. A Kentucky native, the new director is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. She has worked in the board's marketing area since 1974 and has been a marketing manager since the board instituted regional marketing in 1983.

M. A. Winchester, a Baptist physician from Whitley City, is featured in an article appearing in the February issue of World Mission Journal.

The article describes the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship of which Winchester has been a member since its inception.

Dr. Winchester takes time off from his practice each year and pays his own expenses to minister somewhere in the world.

Usually he takes his wife and sometimes other members of his family as assistants. He and his wife recently returned from a mission trip to Equatorial Guinea, a small African nation which has been open to missionaries two years.

Hicks and Reba Shelton were honored by their children with a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. The reception was Dec. 31 in Princeton. The Shelton's address is 100 Apache Dr., Princeton, KY 42445.

Shelton was formerly director of evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Lisa Gupton has been called as interim music director at Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. She is a graduate of Campbellsville College.

Miss Gupton replaces Allen Mills who resigned recently to accept a position as minister of music, education and youth at Walnut Heights Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Ray Hayes was ordained to the ministry Nov. 20 by Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Hayes, a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is presently advertising and circulation manager at Western Recorder.

Ronald Higdon, pastor at Broadway

Church, officiated with David L. Mueller, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, William Herrell, minister of education, Broadway Church, and Hayes' father, Wayman W. Hayes, pastor, Dedicated Baptist Church, Warren County Association, assisting.

Hayes is married to the former Danita McNabb of St. Louis, Mo.

John Terry Wilder, former pastor of Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, assumed duties as pastor of Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Jan. 9.

Wilder received his BA from Campbell University in 1969, his MDiv from Southern Baptist Seminary in 1973 and his DMin degree from Southern Seminary in 1982.

He is a native of North Carolina and married to the former Sandra Cockrane of Jeffersonton. They have two children, Wendy Dey, 9, and John Andrew, 7.

## ordinations

Preston Lee Gambrell was ordained to the ministry by Ninth and O Baptist Church, Long Run Association Dec. 21.

Gambrell has been called as minister of education and youth at New Haven Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo.

He is a graduate of Murray State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife is the former Amy Choo of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hellier Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained pastor James F. Baxter into the ministry Nov. 20. Three new deacons were also ordained in the service. They are Stewart Baldrige, Kurt Lockenvitz and Don Pauley.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, ordained three men to the role of deacon Dec. 11. They are Chester Burris, Donnie Gentry and Vernon Henderson. Pastor is Gary M. Ervin.

## deaths

Marion T. Duncan, pastor of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Greenup Association, died Dec. 23. Funeral services were held Dec. 25 by Henry Johns, pastor of Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, with burial in Hopkinsville.

Duncan had served Oakland Avenue as pastor during the years 1955-65 and 1980-83. He is survived by his wife Naomi and three sons.

Guthrie L. Borders, 88, died recently in Louisville. Borders spent his life in Hodgenville, Campbellsville and Richmond before moving to Louisville in 1964. He was a banker in Campbellsville and operated an insurance agency in Richmond where he was active in community affairs as well as First Baptist Church. He was an officer of Tates Creek Association for 10 years and a trustee of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, 13 years. He was also interested in Kentucky Baptist child care ministry. Memorial services were conducted by Eldred Taylor and Tom Moore, state Baptist child care officials.

A. L. [Pete] Gillespie, former pastor of Nebo Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, died in Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 5. He and his wife were missionaries in Japan more than 30 years and he was Kentucky Baptist Student Union secretary before going on the mission field.

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# baptist news in brief

## Baptist Hospitals gets ok on Corbin facility

Baptist Hospitals Inc. has announced that Baptist Hospital Southeast Inc. has obtained Section 1122 approval for a proposed new hospital in Corbin, Whitley County, Kentucky. Section 1122 approval allows the hospital to be reimbursed for care rendered to patients under government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Baptist Hospitals Inc. said 1122 approval is one of the major hurdles in its plan for the new hospital. The other hurdle is an appeal of the Certificate of Need it has obtained for the new facility by some local citizens who object to the Whitley County site.

## Peacemakers plan to tour Russia

Nominations now are being accepted for participation in a 1984 peace delegation to the Soviet Union sponsored by Baptist Peacemaker newspaper and Baptist Peace Fellowship.

The 50-person delegation will visit fellow Christians in the Soviet Union May 5-19. The delegation will travel together to Moscow and then divide into three groups to visit locations across the country.

Cost of the trip is \$1783 from JFK International Airport in New York.

Deadlines for nominations is Feb. 1. Southern Baptist nominees must be nominated by peacemaker groups in local churches and be active members of the groups. Persons who desire to go but who are not members of churches which have peacemaker groups should start groups immediately.

For more information or to receive nomination forms, contact Baptist Peacemaker, 1733 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40205.

## Oklahoma paper lands new associate

Norman W. Jameson joined the staff of Baptist Messenger, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, as associate editor Jan. 1, editor R. T. McCartney has announced.

Jameson will move from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he was associate director of news and information. He has also been working on a MDiv degree at the seminary.

A native of Portage, Wis., Jameson, 31, is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. The OBU Bison was named best small college newspaper under his editorship.

From 1972-82 Jameson was feature editor for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

## Denomination leader seeks action on ruling

President Reagan may soon find his desk stacked with letters urging him to overturn a 1983 revenue ruling which prohibits ministers and military personnel with tax free housing allowances from deducting interest and real estate taxes for personal residences.

Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan is encouraging Southern Baptists to join

him in writing a letter to the president and treasury secretary Donald T. Regan requesting they revoke Revenue Ruling 83-3.

In his letter to the president Morgan questioned the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to revoke a previous interpretation which had been in effect for more than 20 years. Morgan said he thought the "proper forum for a decision of such monumental economic impact is Congress, not the IRS."

Although the 1983 ruling has not been applied to military personnel with housing allowances, the Treasury Department is reviewing a proposal which could eliminate the mortgage interest deduction for these members of the armed forces. Defense officials contend approximately 600,000 military personnel will see tax increases of \$800-\$3000 per year.

Morgan said while the impact on military personnel is severe, ministers will suffer more because the clergy are among the lowest paid workers in the country. He noted the financial impact of Revenue Ruling 83-3 in addition to the higher social security taxes that went into effect Jan. 1 will devastate many ministers. He said the IRS admits the additional revenue generated from ministers by the ruling will be miniscule.

The new ruling became effective for ministers July 1. However, the IRS extended the effective date for clergy already owning their own homes to Jan. 1, 1985.

Letters asking that Ruling 83-3 be revoked should be addressed to: President Reagan, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20500; and Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, Herbert Hoover Building, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

## Award winning film to be shown Feb. 21

"Enough to Share," the award winning documentary film on Koinonia Farm, will be broadcast nationally on PBS Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 10 p.m. EST. This film takes viewers behind the scenes at the 1500-acre farm in Sumter County, Ga., which was founded in 1942 by Clarence Jordan, Southern Baptist preacher who was a trailblazer in black-white relations in the south.

For more information on rental or purchase of this film contact Ideas and Images Inc., Box 5354, Atlanta, GA 30307.

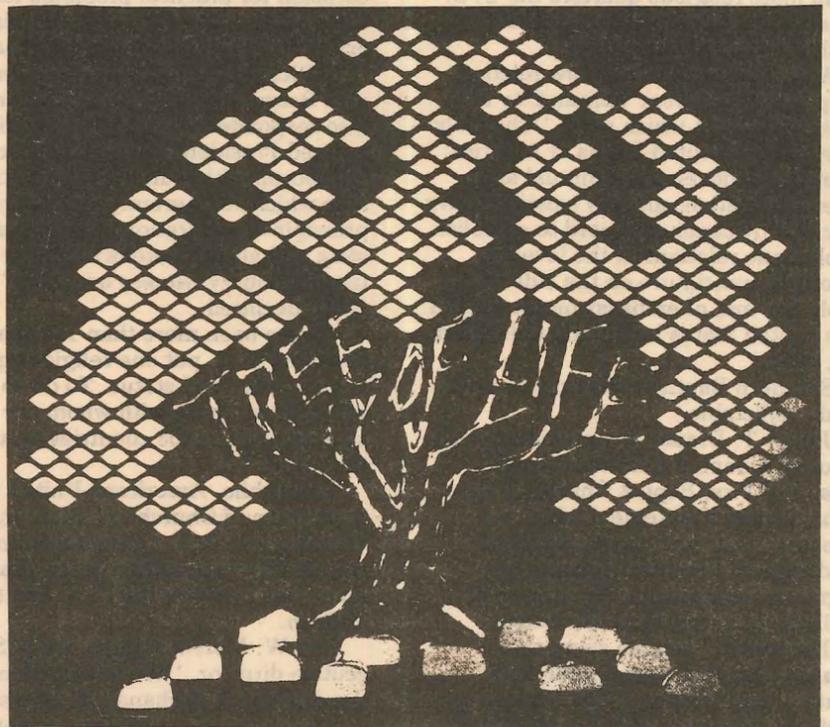
## Louisville and Owensboro Catholics join KCC

After a six year "period of courtship," the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Owensboro are becoming full members of Kentucky Council of Churches. Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly and Bishop John McRaith have submitted letters of application which will be received for action by the executive board of KCC Jan. 24.

This actions means all three Catholic dioceses in the state will now be members of the Council. Covington diocese joined in 1982. Msgr. Donald Hellman, chancellor of the Covington diocese, is president of KCC.

This action brings to 15 the number of denominations affiliated with KCC and increases the constituent membership base from 450,000 to about 710,000 church members.

## The Tree of Life for The Cumberland College Convocation and Physical Education Complex



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## Baptist reaction swift, negative to Vatican emissary from U. S.

Despite strong and growing objections from most religious quarters the U. S. established full diplomatic relations with the Vatican Jan. 10.

Announcement of the new relationship was made from Vatican City in a brief statement which read: "The Holy See and the United States of America, desiring to develop the mutual and friendly relations already existing, have decided by common accord to establish diplomatic relations at the level of apostolic nunciature on the side of the Holy See and of embassy on the side of the United States beginning today, Jan. 10, 1984."

Southern Baptist reaction was swift and predictable.

James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., issued a statement which expressed "extreme disappointment" and warned President Reagan has "greatly endangered the support of millions of evangelical Christians."

The move "violates every rule of reason as it relates to church and state," said Draper. "The Vatican controls no country so there is absolutely no reason for any formal tie," the statement said.

In a news conference at First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M., where he was participating in an evangelism conference, Draper enlarged on his feelings.

He told reporters he would have been just as disappointed had the White House named an ambassador to the Southern Baptist Convention because he opposes any action which elevates one religion to a special status.

Draper reminded listeners President Harry S Truman had backed away from a similar plan in 1951 after he was deluged with opposition from across the country. The head of the SBC urged people to "call the President at 202-546-1414 and register your opposition."

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said in Washington the action "is one more evidence of massive misunderstanding on the part of the Reagan administration of the appropriate relationship of church and state."

Dunn, whose agency has fought establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican for more than 40 years, said further: "Such an appointment is a clear violation of the principle of church-state separation, a dangerous and divisive precedent of government

meddling in church affairs and the occasion for practical problems for all those engaged in the far flung missionary venture in developing countries."

In Richmond, Va., SBC Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks also responded strongly. "I am disappointed President Reagan has decided to proceed with a diplomatic relationship which so flagrantly violates the principle of separation of church and state and also threatens to hinder Baptist missionary witness overseas," Parks declared.

"It has been more than 115 years since the U. S. put one religious group in such a favored status. To do so now will confuse those with whom our missionary work in 103 countries around the world."

Meanwhile, Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Washington, D. C., issued a strong statement of opposition to the diplomatic ties between the U. S. and the Vatican.

Said W. Melvin Adams, AUSCS executive director, "We will challenge the diplomatic exchange in federal court. Our legal counsel is currently doing the research necessary to file such a suit."

James M. Dunn, of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has also announced his agency may support the legal challenge in federal court.

"For the administration to pretend the naming of an ambassador to a church has nothing to do with religion is a ludicrous leap of logic," he declared.

## Porn house related to Baptist institution

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home is an unwilling partner in the ownership of the only St. Louis theater which specializes in X-rated movies.

"Missouri Baptists will continue making every effort possible to disassociate themselves from the theater and what it represents," promised Missouri Baptist Convention executive director Rheubin South after a front page article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported the Southern Baptist children's home was one of 10 churches and charities which own the business featuring "soft pornography" films.

The theater and eight other parcels of land became the property of the 10 charities in 1979, a bequest from the

to contact their representatives and senators in the Kentucky General Assembly and ask them to vote against this proposal.

"A national constitutional convention is unnecessary and is fraught with many dangers."

Note: The above statement was adopted unanimously and is being sent to you by the Kentucky Baptist Convention public affairs committee in keeping with the committee's understanding of its assignment. We do not presume to speak for all Kentucky Baptists nor infer that the position expressed is that of all Kentucky Baptists.

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## campbellsville college today

### New-ness

New year The observance of the new year and the advent of 1984 have come and gone. Traditionally this is a time for considering old ways and beginning some new ones. Resolutions are often made for "turning over a new leaf." Sometimes promises and commitments are made, including vows to "do it better."

There is something good and proper about taking stock of ourselves and our behavior and, in terms of that evaluation, making serious commitments to God, to others and to ourselves for new and improved performance. Many people erroneously conclude, however, that making new resolutions, turning over new leaves and making new commitments provide the solution to their problems when, in reality, what they need is a new life. We are grateful that new life is in Jesus Christ.

New mercies God is faithful—even when we fall short. As we "... walk in the newness of life," we require his sustaining presence. What comfort and

assurance that "... the Lord's mercies ... are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness!" We don't deserve that kind of treatment; it is ours just because of his love and compassion. Thanks be to God that "his compassions fail not." The keys to appropriating his love and mercy for ourselves are faith, submission and obedience. New semester A new college term is always special. New students arrive. Former students undertake new courses. New relationships are formed. New opportunities are afforded to professors and administrators for achieving with the students the objectives and purposes of the college. For the Christian college—for us at Campbellsville—this is a sacred trust. From 1983 we express deep gratitude for every gift which made the college possible, for every prayer and for every act of assistance in our behalf. As we move into 1984 and face its new challenges, we renew our commitments to our Lord, to Kentucky Baptists and to our students. Thank you for joining me in these commitments.

estate of the late Henry J. and Adele Holloway of St. Louis. At that time the theater was showing X-rated films. Representatives of the charities agreed to sell all of the properties of the Holloway estate and drew up a special trust agreement with St. Johns Bank and Trust Co. authorizing the bank to sell the property and to management the property until the various properties were sold.

The Missouri Baptist Convention agreed to the sale of the Holloway property during the 1979 annual session. Ed Brook, pastor of Windsor Baptist Church of Imperial and chairman of the MBC executive board's interagency relations committee that year, recalled Children's Home officials had been open and forthright regarding the problems with the property.

"They (the MCBC officials) didn't try to hide anything," Brock said. "They admitted part ownership in a property which was a problem for them. They wanted to sell it as fast as possible. We (the interagency relations committee) thought that was a good idea and recommended the sale."

Seven of the nine Holloway properties have been sold. Only the Fine Arts Theatre and the airway Drive-In Theater remain in the trust.

## WMU structure cornerstone laid

Almost 300 people gathered Jan. 8 in the partially completed national headquarters building of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala., for cornerstone ceremonies.

Climax of the 20-minute program was the placement of historic materials in a copper time capsule located in the floor of the lobby. The cornerstone was

placed atop this capsule.

State WMU and WMU-SBC prepared boxes to be included in the capsule. Boxes were presented in the order the states came into WMU.

The boxes were presented by state WMU presidents and executive directors in Birmingham for the 1984 executive board meeting. In exchange WMU-SBC presented each state with a brick from the new building.

Representatives from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, attended.

WMU will occupy the new building this spring.

## Pastors receiving more education degrees

More Southern Baptist pastors are receiving degrees at various educational levels than ever before, according to a 1983 study on the educational attainment of Southern Baptist pastors.

The study, conducted by the SBC's Education Commission and Home Mission Board, included information on 17,220 pastors in 556 associations.

The largest increase in educational attainment occurred in pastors completing seminary or postgraduate degrees. The study revealed 43.2 percent hold postcollege degrees, an increase of almost seven percent from 1973. College graduates who became Baptist pastors rose from 12 percent in 1973 to 13.5 percent in 1983.

While only 52 percent of pastors attending Baptist colleges, the percentage attending a Southern Baptist seminary remained stable at 94 percent.

## Committee asks for support

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"There is an adequate method for amending the constitution without a risky constitutional convention. Any proposed constitutional amendment approved by two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and by three-fourths of the states becomes a part of the constitution. This is the only way the present constitution has ever been amended and it is a far safer and more democratic method than a constitutional convention.

"It has come to our attention that Kentucky is targeted by supporters of a constitutional convention outside as well as inside Kentucky as one of the two states whose approval is needed to call a constitutional convention. Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 providing for this is now being considered by the Kentucky General Assembly. We sincerely urge fellow Kentucky Baptists



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 22, 1984

Life and Work Series

### Offering wholeness

**Mark 6:5-6** When Christ went to Nazareth where he had lived and worked as a carpenter, attended services in the synagogue, and by invitation spoke to those in attendance, the reaction of the residents there was utter lack of trust. As was and is often the case, people generally assume the attitude that a person whom they have known cannot be an effective instrument in God's service. Because of their attitude toward Christ, the demonstration of Christ's power was limited to the healing of only a few.

**Mark 6:7a, 12** Having called the 12 to discipleship and intimate fellowship, Christ called them to apostleship and sent them forth to put into practice what he had taught them. He sent them two by two for encouraging each other, better evaluating their problems and opportunities and supplementing the work of each other.

**Mark 6:34-37** Observing the direction in which the board went carrying Christ and his apostles and surmising whither the Lord and his party were going, they proceeded thither by land. When our Lord and his party disembarked, the throng they had sought to evade was waiting for them.

About three o'clock the apostles, knowing the crowds were hungry and wanting them to acquire food, suggested Christ to send them away to buy

### Prayers

He is 92, jogs a mile a day (until his recent fall from which he is recuperating); and exercises an additional 20 minutes. He declares he is in better physical health than he was at 50.

Former missionary to Chile (1919-26) William E. Davidson resides in Shonto, Ariz. with his daughter, Virginia, who is the school nurse for 1000 Navajo boarding children.

I saw him last at foreign missions week at Glorieta in 1982, just before my call to Kentucky. Without fail, each birthday he sends me a hand-drawn card with a favorite scripture verse. Each year he writes about 460 birthday letters, mostly to foreign missionaries.

This year his Christmas letters (on which he writes over 650 personal notes) came late. For me, it was providential that it did for it arrived just a few days ago, on a day when work

food for themselves. Instead of heeding their suggestion Christ commanded his disciples to provide food for them. This command was a severe test of the faith and obedience of the apostles. **Mark 6:54-56** Upon going to other communities Christ was recognized readily. His presence aroused hope in many who had learned of Christ's reputation and fame as a healer, whereupon they brought their loved ones and friends to him with the expectation he would heal them and make them whole. Of course Christ did not disappoint their expectation, but promptly met the needs of those who exercised true faith in him.

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### Turn to the Lord

**Isaiah 31:1-7** Frightened at the thought of an invasion of the conquering armies of Assyria, the leaders of Judah unwisely sought an alliance with the Egyptians. Instead of taking counsel from God, they resorted to sending emissaries to Egypt bearing rich gifts and hoping to obtain help. The putting of their trust in Egyptian horses and chariots when they might have placed their trust in God and been the recipients of his power and help was a very foolish thing. Human strategy and resources are never adequate to meet the needs of men as individuals or as a nation when God is ignored.

Sent forth by God as his prophet, Isaiah counseled, warned and pleaded with those who had insulted God by turning their backs on him and seeking aid from a heathen nation. He admonished them to forsake their evil ways and to turn to the God of their fathers. He informed them that the arm of flesh will fail in any crisis regardless of how promising it may appear to be, but he assured them that God will never fail those who put their trust in him.

In no uncertain terms Isaiah let them know their perverseness, procedure and practices had incurred the wrath of God and that divine judgment was inevitable unless they truly repented of their sins and amended their ways. He urged them to return to God and to conform to the ways which he had prescribed for them. God wants all of his people to walk by faith in him and assures those willing to do so that they will receive and enjoy his presence, protection, provision and power. Those are the very things all of us need so much.

seemed painfully difficult and I was struggling to sort out from the hundreds of "needs" the urgent and important from the peripheral. In fact, it was one of those days when I felt I had "bitten off more than I could chew." I paused to read his interesting newsletter and his 16-line personal note. He was and is praying for my ministry. In fact, his personal note was really a prayer for me, my family and Kentucky Baptists.

The day somehow seemed easier, for he reminded me of what I often forget: that none of us works "alone" or "unaided." But as I drove home that day, I further reflected that I have a "ways to go" before my prayer-life reaches to the extent of this gentle, spiritually-powerful man who has extended his prayer-family around the world. My prayer-world is too small and limited.

"O God, help me be a helper through prayer."

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— Dr. R. Keith Parks  
President, Foreign Mission Board, SBC



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January 18, 1984

Dear Kentucky Baptists:

We will not know the Thanksgiving Offering total until the end of March. But God knows our needs, and has promised to supply our needs through His people called Kentucky Baptists. Because of my faith in God and my confidence in Kentucky Baptists I am ready now to say "thank you" for what you have done through the Thanksgiving Offering.

I am humbled and overwhelmed by the deep commitment Kentucky Baptists have for this ministry to children. Some churches have reported doubling their offering this year. One church has increased its offering to Baptist Homes for Children six hundred percent in six years. Another church sent a special offering in addition to its Thanksgiving Offering. Many pastors report that their churches surpassed the Thanksgiving Offering goal.

Wherever I turn, people express a deep interest in and concern for our ministry to children. Such commitment has undoubtedly led Kentucky Baptists to give the largest Thanksgiving Offering in our history. But confident of the victory you have provided, your Baptist Homes for Children, including Board members, staff, and children, say "Thank you, Kentucky Baptists, for loving this ministry and giving."

To show our thanks we will use the money wisely and effectively to provide a high quality ministry to children. We are meeting their immediate needs and providing a spiritual dimension that will last. Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

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## homes for children

### Giving and receiving

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and many Christians do it that way. They are generous givers and are recipients of many blessings. People who work in the child care ministry are givers. I don't mean just money, though they give their money, but they are givers of time, talent, strength and care. Our staff is constantly reaching out to dependent/neglected children who have tremendous needs.

I have been a giver all of my ministry. At the age of nine, when I became a Christian, I started being a tither and have never turned from that commitment. All through my ministry I have stretched, sometimes beyond my strength, to help others—always giving. While I have enjoyed the blessings of giving, I have not always been comfortable receiving. Although God's faithful people often have put me on the receiving end as they gave their gifts of appreciation and love, I was uncomfortable receiving. I wanted to give and let others receive.

This all took a new turn for me at the turn of the new year when I discovered I had developed a hernia and needed corrective surgery. The repair surgery required two incisions instead of one, and I found myself receiving instead of giving. It is amazing how well one can feel walking into the hospital and after they are through with you in surgery the next day you don't know whether you can live or not. But during those days in the hospital and these days of recuperation, I am on the receiving end and right or not, it is good.

In the hospital I was receiving the highest training and skill of the medical profession to help make me strong and well. The dedicated nurses checked temperature, pulse rate and blood pressure and were there at my slightest call. In the waiting room during the four-and-one-half hour surgery, my dear wife, Marjorie, was ministered to by dear friends who sat with her.

Staff from Baptist Homes for Children prayed for me, sent representatives to visit and sent fruit and flowers. My church staff came by; church members and other churches prayed for me; friends called and sent cards and books. I have learned that it is all right to receive, and right now it is a blessing.

One other thing—while I am recuperating, a competent staff is carrying on our ministry to children just as if I were there. They are givers.



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## oneida journal

### Others before self

The 16-day Christmas "break" is over and we have begun our second semester of work. Twenty students did not return. Four completed their academic work at the end of the first semester. Several were told not to return. The remainder, for a variety of reasons, stayed home.

For example, an eighth grade student did not come back. The family simply missed him too much. Yet he did far better here in school than ever in his life. I suspect we will have him again. Students who leave for reason of "homesickness" often get "homesick" for Oneida.

In the meantime, because of their sense of appreciation for the school, the boy's father, his oldest brother who is on leave from the Navy and a future brother-in-law came and painted for several days in our student center during the Christmas holidays. This was volunteer work and they did a great job and promised to return in the spring to work some more. It was a wonderful way to say "thank you." Many like these donate thousands of dollars in labor to us each year.

While 20 did not return, we had 50 new students to arrive. Eight of this number had been enrolled sometime in the past and had asked to come back. The other 42 were here for the first time. Such a number represents a tremendous amount of work and time invested even before their enrollment.

At least three hours is normally spent with each child and parents in a tour of the campus and in a nitty-gritty discussion of campus living, the advantages of our program and the problems that may arise.

We always have a large number arrive at the start of each new quarter and for the summer session. So five

times a year I personally meet with the houseparents of each of the four dorms to discuss each newly arriving student and our background information and impressions as we decide which dorm room to place them in, trying to get compatible room mates. Though we spend 4-7 hours at this task five times a year, it is time well spent. Nevertheless, we still make some mistakes. One can never know with any great confidence how people are going to relate to one another when living so closely together.

On the day of their arrival, after the Sunday evening worship service, the dean of students and individual dorm deans meet with the new boys in the library and the new girls in their lounge. There they go over the student handbook page by page, each having been given a copy. By that time it is bedtime and they (and certainly staff) are ready to fall in! One of the keys to successful adjustment in those earliest days and weeks is to keep the new ones as busy as possible in constructive ways.

While the deans were meeting with the new students, I was in a hastily called conference with the middle school coordinator and other concerned parties. So many new eighth graders had arrived we had the choice of having them packed like sardines in our three eighth grade rooms the next morning or opening up a fourth classroom. To have another room meant we had to have additional teachers. Two of our teachers on "leave" from teaching duties for the year were telephoned and agreed, in the emergency, to resume teaching duties this semester, each for a half-day. It is wonderful to work with people willing to put others before self, duty before personal comfort, and the advancement of the Lord's work with these boys and girls above nearly every consideration except the most acute demands of family.

Having assured myself there would be teachers to teach, six of us set about getting a room ready for the new class and this was accomplished by 1 a.m. The new eighth grade began work promptly at 7:45 a.m. Monday morning.

Many of the staff worked through most of the 16-day holiday. All staff returned one day early for an 8½ hour meeting with the emphasis being on discussing the finest students of each grade level. Such a meeting is held twice a year. In the day-by-day routine, most of our extra time and attention must necessarily be devoted to weaker students. In the course of our discussion, we were thrilled to realize that five now considered "outstanding" were so weak academically when they first came to Oneida they had to be enrolled in our "special help" program.



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## clear creek comment

### Only a little

Not long ago my heart was touched by a letter from a dear saint of God living in western Kentucky. She shared she had always loved and prayed for Clear Creek, but since the passing of her husband she had been unable to support the school as she had previously done. She enclosed a check with a note apologizing for it being so little.

It seems to me God's people often think their efforts are too insignificant to be recognized or to count for the Lord. All of us tend to forget that in each area of life every little bit helps.

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

Julie Carney

In the Bible we learn God used an obscure man named Joseph to save the remnant of Israel from famine. He used a man named Moses from the land of Midian to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. He made a little shepherd named David into the greatest king Israel ever had. He used a little lad with a few loaves and fishes to feed a hungry multitude. And, I think it is most significant to note that when Christ came to be our savior, he came in the form of a little baby.

I wish I were able to impress this dear widow in western Kentucky and others like her concerning the value of all they do for us at Clear Creek. No Christian should ever feel like what he does for Christ is insignificant. God always takes it, blesses it and uses it to his glory.

January is "Make Your Will" month. Most people do not think their will is an important part of their lives, but it is. Most people also think they have little in the form of an estate. Someone may assert, "I only have a house, a car, some money in the bank and a few possessions." But little parts of an estate sometimes add up to a significant amount.

I would encourage you to draw up a current will during January and to remember our work at Clear Creek in your will. God will use all you dedicate to him and multiply it a thousand times over.

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# SBC leader Grady Cothen reflects on long denominational career

by Linda Lawson

As Grady Cothen reflects on 40 years of ministry which encompass virtually every level of the denomination, he recalls satisfying experiences at each juncture, "all of them directly related to what I conceive to have been God's purpose for me."

Cothen, 63, will retire from the presidency of the Baptist Sunday School Board Feb. 1, after heading the church programs and publishing agency since February 1975.

He will end a professional career that has included the presidencies of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University, as well as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Earlier he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. He also served two years as a U. S. Navy chaplain during World War II which included duty in the Philippines.

As executive secretary in California 1961-66, Cothen recalled, "I had an opportunity to see the denomination at large for the first time and become acquainted with how it functions. I had the very satisfying opportunity of trying to lead a state in transition from a newer convention into a full fledged denomination entity."

At OBU, 1966-70, Cothen observed, "The necessity for studying academic administration was laid on me. I had to learn a little bit about many things and it was very stimulating." Also, he noted, "We were able to steer the university back to a close relationship with the denomination."

Cothen described his four years, 1970-74, as president of New Orleans seminary as the job "that was perhaps closest to my own sense of personal call. There was a direct relationship between what we did for and with the students and what the churches did.

"This was discernible and the results were almost immediate," added Cothen. "It was a tremendously fulfilling experience to help reshape the seminary in keeping with the needs of churches as we understood them at that time."

Elected president of the Sunday School Board in February 1974, Cothen called the board "the most complex of our institutions. It has taxed all my knowledge of finance, administration, organization and relationships to our many publics."

Cothen said the most difficult side of being president of the board has been that the chief executive is "constantly in the public eye. There is little privacy and little personal social life."

On the other hand, Cothen cited the board's 1500 employees as the most rewarding part of being presi-



dent. "The kinds of people we have at the Sunday School Board, many of whom have come in these nine years, are a constant joy to me," he said. "Southern Baptists, through the board, have the opportunity to enable a lot of fine people to do very fine work."

When Cothen became president in February 1975, he set forth four priorities for his administration: to provide in-depth Bible study for the masses, equip the saints for the work of the ministry, enrich and support family life and encourage and aid pastors, church staffs and their families.

"I think we have made very substantial progress on these priorities, but I wouldn't be true to myself if I didn't say we have not done as well as I wanted us to do," said Cothen.

On Bible study, Cothen cited the purchase of the Holman Company as an opportunity for the board to become a distributor of scripture and the efforts to increase the denomination's Sunday school enrolment to 8.5 million by 1985.

"I recently told Harry (Sunday School Department director Harry Piland) 'I'm going to be the best unemployed support he's got in 8.5,'" quipped Cothen.

Related to equipping the saints, Cothen noted, "We have Church Training growing again. We still need many other kinds of training opportunities available to Southern Baptists."

In ministering to families, "We're doing more than we were doing, but we aren't doing anything like we can do," said Cothen.

Evaluating the fourth priority of serving ministers, he cited a broadened scope of influence including an enlarged program of continuing education training.

"I'm very grateful for what we have done," said Cothen. "I'm looking forward with keen anticipation to what the board will do in all these areas."

Despite the fact he has spent the last 22 years in state and denominational institutions, Cothen remains convinced the focal point of the denomination is the local church.

"The work of the Lord is done basically by the local congregation of believers," said Cothen. "Denominational institutions support the churches. All a congregation has to do to negate anything the denomination does is ignore it. Any denominational program is totally dependent on whether a church wants to do it. If they want to do it, there are many materials available. If they don't want to do it, nobody ever says a word."

After cancer surgery in 1980 and several subsequent hospitalizations (but no recurrence of malignancy), Cothen announced in 1982 he would retire 18 months before his 65th birthday, a decision he continues to believe was right. "Any person who has been in the middle of the denomination's activities will miss them," Cothen observed. "Obviously, when I am no longer a part of it all, it will change the way I live my life."

However, he emphasized, "The Sunday School Board needs a president of vigor and physical health, who can work long hours for extended periods of time without undue fatigue. So, while I shall miss the activity of being president, what has been done is proper."

In preparing to turn over the reins of leadership to Lloyd Elder, elected in February 1983 to succeed Cothen, he said at first he had wished "to tie up loose ends in neat little packages," but quickly realized that was impossible in an institution where many plans in the Cothen administration will be implemented after Elder becomes president.

"I come to these times not with regret, remorse or tears but with rejoicing whether I am here or not, all of this will continue to go on," said Cothen. "Southern Baptists will continue to get church literature, have field service events and emphasize growing Sunday schools. This is inherent in God's plan of redemption and in the continuity of institutions."

Of Elder, Cothen said, "I feel he is the Lord's leader for the next era at the Sunday School Board. He is bright, learns quickly, remembers well. He knows Baptists, is administratively oriented and organizationally knowledgeable."

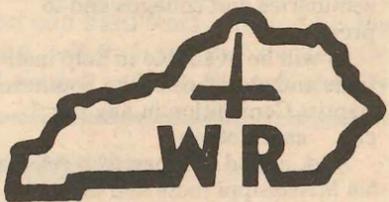
After Feb. 1, Grady and Bettye Cothen will move to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where he plans to rest several months to regain his health. Then he will respond to invitations he has received to teach at several seminaries and colleges and to preach.

"I will be available to help institutions and churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in any way I can," said Cothen.

And, added the man who relishes his Mississippi roots and his childhood when he roamed rural creeks with a cane pole, "I expect to reserve an appreciable amount of time to fish."

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