



Gallup says polls show religious interest rising

The "giant paradox" of religious activity increasing while moral standards continue to decline offers American churches a great opportunity, George Gallup says.

Gallup told approximately 600 participants at the Christian Life Commission seminar on Christian citizenship in 1984, the Gallup polls consistently show interest in religion and church attendance has increased significantly in the past decade.

"However, we also find there is very little difference in the views of the church and the unchurched in many moral matters," he explained. "Eight of 10 Americans claim to be Christians — only one-half can identify who preached the Sermon on the Mount and the majority could not name even half of the 10 Commandments."

But among the 12 percent of the population which Gallup defines as "deeply committed" to Christianity, the polls show moral standards are significantly higher.

"These findings should set the agenda for churches in the 1980s," Gallup said. "The churches urgently need to take advantage of the increased interest in religion to move the people

from the 'church' category to the 'deeply committed' category.

"And the way to do that, I feel, is to become 'intensely practical.' Our churches are assuming people know what they believe and why; they are assuming people have a regular prayer life and find the Bible accessible—but that is not true."

Among his suggestions were the organization of small Bible study groups with trained leaders, structured programs to help individuals with their prayer life, "thinking small" by building small support groups for prayer and Bible study and dramatically increasing religious education programs.

Failure by Christian churches to respond to the increased religious interest could mean other religions, including cults, could fill the void, he warned.

If churches can move an occasional church attender into a deeper knowledge and commitment to Christianity, moral and social conditions will improve, Gallup said. "We will not have social renewal until we have inner renewal. We will never have peace on earth until men are brought into a proper relationship with an indwelling Christ."

Dunn encourages House panel to consider equal access bill

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn urged a House of Representatives education panel to restore "basic fairness" to the nation's public schools by approving "equal access" legislation sponsored by Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash.

Dunn told the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education Bonker's proposal (H.R. 4996) would "provide evenhandedness and fairness for religious counterparts of non-school sponsored secular groups of students who meet in their own initiative on public school premises."

"Basically," Dunn said, "the bill

provides that if a public secondary school establishes a limited open forum by allowing student-initiated, student-controlled, non-school sponsored groups to meet on public premises it may not deny groups the right to participate in that forum solely on the basis of the religious content of the speech to be used within the group."

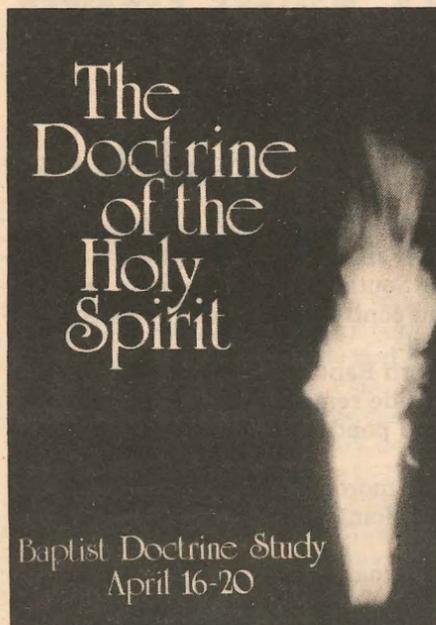
Dunn also told the panel, chaired by Rep. Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., the proposal would aid school officials "in making difficult decisions about the proper role of religion in the public school classroom" and would relieve some of the pressure on Congress to pass a constitutional amendment on school prayer.

Citing a recently-passed statement by the Baptist Joint Committee, Dunn said the agency's support for equal access legislation is "narrowly targeted," and it would "resolutely oppose anything less than the carefully-crafted wording" of the proposals by Bonker and Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore. (S. 815).

Hatfield, appearing in support of Bonker's bill, said the proposal was not "a backdoor approach to get government and school officials into the business of sponsoring, promoting and influencing religious activities." Instead, he said, the measure "simply ensures that religious speech should not be singled out for exclusion once a forum for student discussion and interaction is created."

Bonker told Perkins' panel his bill "provides a constitutionally sound means of protecting religious speech in public high schools without running afoul of the First Amendment's establishment clause."

Perkins announced he hoped to move the bill out of committee within a few days, although no date was set for marking up the measure.



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit is the focus of 1984 Baptist Doctrine Study Week Apr. 16-20 sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department. Age-graded resources are available to help churches in conducting an in-depth study on the Holy Spirit.

Church historian addresses inerrancy issue

by Janis Whipple, Staff Writer

"Today's evangelical Christians who uphold complete inerrancy of the Bible stand in the long and rich tradition in a chain of adherents," a church historian remarked in a Mar. 28 address on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

John Woodbridge, professor of church history at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., spoke to the seminary's Student Evangelical Fellowship on "Biblical Authority and the Issue of Inerrancy."

Outlining three theories on the history of biblical authority, Woodbridge concluded that no one theory explained the issue fully.

These historical theories trace the origins of the doctrine of biblical inerrancy back to different centuries and argue whether such church fathers as Martin Luther and John Calvin held such a doctrine.

Woodbridge summarized his studies on the subject by stating, "No theory can cut evangelical Christians off from their roots." He added his belief that the doctrine of biblical inerrancy is a long historical tradition.

"There has been a lessening of the importance of this doctrine in this century," Woodbridge said. "The issue has become so polarizing that we slap each other around. Yet we have to take a stand on the issues none the less."

Woodbridge cautioned against having a spirit of triumphalism about the heritage of biblical inerrancy. "We must recognize the self-attestation of the Bible," he remarked. "The scripture has a very high view of itself regardless of what you may think about it. It is truth."

"If the Bible is not viewed as infallible," he stated, "it takes our standard of authority out from beneath us."

Woodbridge concluded his address by exhorting evangelical Christians to be "genuine and warmhearted disciples of the living word, Jesus Christ."

Anne Neil is speaker for first Women in Ministry Day

by Kim Whitehead, Staff Writer

"The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not inclusive," said Anne Neil, chairperson of Women in Ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a chapel address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Mar. 28.

Relying on Acts 2:18 as text, Mrs. Neil included the comment in her address entitled "My Servants: Both Men and Women," the highlight of the seminary's first annual Women in Ministry Day. The event was sponsored solely by contributions from individual students and faculty members but is expected to become an annual observance, according to Valerie King, co-chairperson of Southern's Women in Ministry student organization.

Recalling that the words of the prophet Joel that men and women would prophesy were filled at Pentecost, Mrs. Neil remarked, "These gifts were not given according to gender." "There is no reason those gifts we perceive as more prominent should belong only to men or the lesser gifts only to women," she said.

"I believe that the awakening of consciousness with respect to the role of women in the church is the work of the Holy Spirit," she commented.

Mrs. Neil, a 1947 graduate of WMU Training School (which later became a part of Southern Seminary) and a former foreign missionary to Nigeria and Ghana, is currently professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. She was named chairperson of SBC Women in Ministry when the group organized in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., in June 1983.

Speaking at the weekly ethics luncheon on campus later in the day, Mrs. Neil said, "It is disturbing to me that many people say that women in ministry is currently the biggest issue in the Convention because I think we are misled if we do not always see that the church's ultimate goal is living out the gospel of Christ."

Mrs. Neil said that every faith has symbols and she believes the pulpit is perhaps the single strongest in the SBC.

"Beginning to shake the structure of this symbol is going to cause problems," she continued.

Pointing to the fact that an estimated 250 Southern Baptist women have been ordained to the ministry, Mrs. Neil spoke of being disturbed that only 15 are currently SBC pastors and only approximately 10 percent of all church staff positions are held by women.

In addition, she said she feels that the 11 percent of SBC board positions currently filled by women is too low a figure.

"People talk about the 'women's movement,'" she said. "There is definitely a movement among women asking for a channel of communication and support with the SBC."

"I do not envision a flip-flop that will put women in power," she remarked, "just more sharing of the load of responsibility."

Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Apr. 3, 1984

Are you moving?

Please give us three weeks' advance notice. Clip this portion with your old address label, supply new address above, and send to Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.



C. R. Daley

daley observations

Needed: morons and gadflies

James Sullivan probably has the best understanding of Southern Baptist denominational organization and polity of any man living. In leading a discussion of Baptist denominational polity for Southern Baptist editors in their 1984 meeting, Sullivan put the present controversy among Southern Baptists in the best perspective I have heard.

To treat his analysis of the current Southern Baptist situation, however, is not the purpose of this editorial. It was a side remark of this wise man that every Southern Baptist should hear and ponder. The observation is a bit humorous but its truth exceeds its humor.

Sullivan said every organization needs one moron and one gadfly. The moron's role is to always ask, "Why are you doing this?" The gadfly is to challenge every policy adopted.

The Southern Baptist Convention is an enigma to those who are supposed to know how organizations work. The way we operate is not supposed to work. Ordinarily effective organization has to have power and authority invested in someone or some group which has the final say. Otherwise the organization falls apart.

Not so with Southern Baptists. No officer nor committee can exercise any authority over any Baptist or any Baptist church. Everything done is on a purely voluntary basis and any cooperating Baptist or Baptist church can quit cooperating any minute.

Such an organization can never succumb to the temptation of letting power and control gravitate to a few individuals because centralization of power always results in a gap between leadership and constituency. The direction and control must always remain with the constituents or soon the organization is without constituents.

State Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention have not only survived but have prospered because of people control. This has not been accidental, however, but has been due to close surveillance.

This is where the moron and the gadfly come in. Both are pesky for leaders who often are more anxious to get on with the business at hand than to answer moronic questions and be stung by flies. In the long run, however, the moron and the gadfly often prove to be God-sent for the leaders as well as for the denomination.

But who is willing to be the moron and the gadfly? The answer is obvious. A state Baptist paper can serve as both if it has a moronic editor with freedom to ask questions and to challenge questionable policies.

Doubtlessly some readers who believe this about the Western Recorder editor never thought he would admit it.

Representatives rightly resisted state lottery

Members of the Kentucky House of Representatives are due an apology for the criticism and cynicism of last week's editorial on their attitude toward the Kentucky lottery proposal. The proposal appeared to have strong support in the house after an overwhelming approval by the senate but not so. In a caucus of the majority party house members it was determined the lottery amendment proposal did not have enough support to pass and so was never brought to the floor.

These representatives are to be commended for refusing to contaminate the moral atmosphere of Kentucky with state sponsored gambling. Unlike some of their colleagues they did not shun their responsibility by saying they would approve the proposal in order to give the people of Kentucky the choice in a referendum. Thus they saved Kentucky from a long and bitter struggle in every voting precinct between proponents and opponents of legalized gambling.

Baptists and other moral minded Kentuckians obviously got their message to the governor as well as to their representatives. John Dunaway, pastor of Corbin's First Baptist Church, was allowed to testify effectively against the proposal before the committee considering it and newspaper reporters got the impression that the legislators were quite concerned over what church people thought about this issue.

This is the democratic process at its best. The right of dissent and petition is a precious possession which should never be taken for granted. It has never been realized or has been lost for most peoples of the world. As

long as those who make and administer the laws are subject to election or rejection by free people, there is no reason for despair.

There is a saying that every man has his price. This often appears to be the case all the way from Washington to the county courthouse but it is not so. In every generation there are unpurchasable persons who put principle above personal gain. Thank God we have some in Frankfort today. Let's keep them there.

An everlasting teacher of the eternal gospel

Bible teachers never retire. They just go on from one school to another and seem to grow younger every time they move. At least this goes for George Redding, the beloved former Georgetown College Bible teacher who since early retirement from Georgetown has had a significant teaching ministry at Boyce Bible School and at Oneida Baptist Institute. Now he is moving to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield to begin teaching this summer.

George appears as vigorous and as alert as the day I met him 35 years ago. As head of the Georgetown religion department in which I taught he was a wonderful source of inspiration and encouragement. No man could treat a colleague with more respect and kindness.

He is a unique teacher demanding the maximum from all students. Many a lazy ministerial student drifting through college classes has had a rude awakening in his classes. He demanded preparation and punctuality and no student was every tardy more than once for his class. After one experience students were inside the classroom door when the bell rang or they dared not come in.

This demanding side of George Redding is beautifully tempered with compassion and humor. Students attend his classes with a wholesome fear and leave them with lasting love.

The quality of Mid-Continent instruction continues to be enhanced under the administration of president Raymond Lawrence. The addition of Redding and the earlier bringing of John Meadows to the Mid-Continent faculty are noteworthy. They would be worthy additions to the faculty of any Baptist college. Our congratulations to Mid-Continent and to the students who will benefit from such outstanding teachers.

guest editorial

This hero tarnished his halo

by Bobby S. Terry, Editor, Word and Way, Missouri Baptist Convention

Billy Graham is a hero to most Southern Baptists. He is a preacher without equal and God apparently blesses Graham's evangelistic efforts everywhere he goes.

That is part of the reason it was disheartening to learn of Graham's role in helping President Reagan with the establishment of formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

According to a spokesman for the Graham Association, President Reagan asked the evangelist to informally survey evangelical Protestant leaders to see how they would react to diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Graham reportedly contacted Jerry Falwell, head of Moral Majority; Pat Robertson of the Christian Broadcasting Network; Billy Marvin, executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals; David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary; and Gilbert Beers, editor of Christianity Today magazine.

In a seven-page letter to national security advisor William P. Clark, with whom Graham was asked to work, the evangelist concluded, "If anyone can do it and get away with it, it is Mr. Reagan."

That Graham would be a party to helping establish formal relations between the United States and the Vatican is shocking. Following the Watergate crisis and the resignation of President Nixon, Graham said he was through with politics. He said he felt used. Yet, now Graham has been the President's main behind-the-scenes mover in an appointment that strikes at the heart of church-state separation. Graham's actions are certainly hard to understand.

The fallout from this episode will not affect the ability of Graham as an evangelist, but the hero certainly tarnished his halo on this one.

western recorder (ISSN 0043-4132)

C.R. DALEY, Editor, JAMES H. COX, Associate Editor

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

Western Recorder is published by Western Recorder Inc., Box 43401, Middletown, KY., weekly except for one week in July and December. Second class postage paid at Louisville, Ky.

Postmaster: Send address change to Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.

Advertising: Rates available upon request. Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space.

Subscriptions: Single, \$6.30; foreign, \$7.00; church budget, \$4.50. Payable in advance, except church accounts, which require tax exemption number.

Directors: Glenn Durham, Harlan, chairman; O. G. Lawless, Bowling Green, vice chairman; John Christian, Hopkinsville, secretary; Clarence Benedict, Highland Heights; H. Gary Coltharp, Madisonville; Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg; Gregory L. Hancock, Covington; Willis W. Henson, Paducah; Thomas O. Miller, Nicholasville; T. A. Prickett, Owensboro; James Royalty, Vine Grove; William J. Sullivan, Louisville.

baptist forum

Annual Pastors' Conference reaffirmed

Re: editorial, Mar. 20, 1984: "Another preconvention meeting is not needed." The title is right but the content is wrong. This is another diatribe against the Pastors' Conference. The Conference has become an annual "whipping boy" in the liberal editorial columns of our papers. Just as I am about to forget the current "controversy" in our convention, up it comes again in one form or another in our press. I would like to forget it and get on with our business as God's people, but I am not allowed to forget it.

Personally, the annual Pastors' Conference is a lifeline to me, as I am sure it is for thousands of other pastors who will never take up a pen to write about it. It is like an old-fashioned camp meeting. The Bible is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. The old themes of our faith are reemphasized. The Lord Jesus Christ is magnified and exalted. God is glorified. "My cup runneth over."

Baptists thrive under such preaching. It is our trademark. We live by the old book. Some of us preach better than others of us. I want to hear our great preachers preach. The complaint is made in the editorial that "the same popular preachers" occupy the program pulpit every year. So do the same popular players play basketball for U.K. in every game. I don't want to drive hundreds or thousands of miles to hear a man who can't preach his way out of a wet paper bag. No, I don't go to "hear the denominational establishment get kicked around." I did not know there was such a thing. If there is, it ought to be kicked "out" not "around."

One more observation: I simply cannot understand why everything a conservative does is a move to grab power whereas everything a liberal does is great leadership in the denomination.

Don't do away with the Pastors' Conference. I get my "cup" filled every year. When it is over I'm ready to do business for the Lord in the convention. Praise the Lord for our great preachers!
Bill Hall, Danville

Leave prayer to the church and family

Now that the Senate has acted properly in rejecting the school prayer amendment, perhaps the denominational hand-wringers will accept full responsibility for Christian endeavor and get on with the business of propagating the gospel.

It is instructive to remember that the "great commission" was not worded thusly, "Go ye therefore, and mandate that public institutions teach all nations, baptizing . . ." The injunction regarding the spread of the good news was given to believers, not to stone-cold public agencies.

Whether in the form of "moments of silence" or silly "universal" phrases, the school prayer exercise makes about as much sense as the prayer enunciated by the local pastor over a public address system before the Friday night football game. First the prayer for God's blessing . . . then the carnage. How ridiculous! Both exercises trivialize what probably is the most important and complex requirement faced by the believer.

In the mind of Jesus, prayer was an intensely personal encounter with God to be carried out in the privacy of one's closet (or in the solitude of a Gethsemane). In the mind of the school prayer pushers, prayer is a ritual (a la the Pharisees and hypocrites) to be used as

some sort of legalistic purging mechanism at worst or evangelistic gimmick at best. How very shallow!

Leave the business of government to the government. Public education is the business of government. Leave the business of God to the church and family. Prayer is the business of God.

James L. Clark, Danville

CLC corrects printing mistake

In the March issue of the Christian Life Commission's publication, *Light*, we printed a table of 1983 world hunger receipts by states. Late in the production process, however, a typesetter's inadvertent repetition of one of the figures led to a series of miscalculations for five Baptist state conventions: Kansas-Nebraska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and Mississippi.

We regret confusion or inconvenience the error may cause. A table with the correct figures will be reprinted in the April issue of *Light*.

David R. Wilkinson, Nashville, Tenn.

Kentucky was seventh among state Baptist conventions in total contributions to hunger in 1983 with a total of \$365,560.

Indifference harms Baptist hospitals

I am glad to see Edwin Perry speak out concerning our Baptist hospitals and for your editorial using the symbolism of "Samaritan and innkeeper" to get at our present relationship to the ministry of healing.

It seems to me there are many reasons why Southern Baptists have let our hospitals go into the innkeeping business to provide a place for physicians to practice medicine and a place for an intricate medical bureaucratic system to function. Many in Baptist leadership have long concluded there is nothing which can be done to reverse trends produced by these scores of watch-dog organizations who've taken over the running of our hospitals. The many reasons have created the greatest reason—indifference and fatalism on our part.

If Baptist hospitals cannot function under their charter to provide care to the ill with the special ingredient of Christian compassion, then and only then should we give them up as secular businesses. Only after we have attempted to assert our rightful role in defining what special Christian context we expect our Baptist hospitals to possess, then we can succumb to indifference and fatalism, sell them to whoever has taken them over and take down the name "Baptist" from the building, and admit the Samaritan approach to healing in the name of Jesus is unworkable in the time in which we minister. I feel we shouldn't let "them" have our hospitals until we are finished with them. Perhaps this expresses what is happening to our hospitals. "Behold a sick man, the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper fell among thieves who stripped them and . . ."

Jewell Barrett, West Paducah

Committee upholds religious concepts

It is assumed there will be some attempt at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City to handicap or destroy the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Some state conventions meeting last fall discussed the work of the Committee, and one convention passed a resolution asking the SBC to pass a resolution to defund the work of the Committee. If such an attempt is made let us hope it

will fail as it has in the past. Withholding financial support by the SBC would cripple if not destroy the work of the Committee. This would be tragic. Some of the opposition to the work of the Committee evidently stems from political as much as religious motivation.

Christians in general and Baptists in particular need the Joint Committee. It has two closely related major functions: the defense of religious liberty or freedom of religion and the separation of church and state. These two concepts are basic to our American way of life and so far as consistently supported and followed they will contribute to a healthy church or churches in a healthy state.

As Baptists we should understand that we may not agree with every position taken or stated by the Committee on Public Affairs. Doubtless, most of us disagree from time to time with some action by our church or by denominational agencies and institutions. It is assumed that this does not mean we will withdraw our support every time we disagree with some action or position. If your experience has been similar to mine, you have discovered at times that you were wrong and your church or denominational agency was right.

The BJC, as its name implies, is jointly supported by nine different Baptist groups or conventions. It would be unfortunate if the SBC, the largest of these groups, withdrew support. If changes need to be made, let us seek to make them from within the structure. May our heavenly father save Southern Baptists from developing a messianic complex which is one of the greatest dangers to a great denomination such as ours.

T. B. Maston, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Kentucky-Ohio partnership appreciated

I am the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hubbard, Oh. The reason for writing this letter is to express my appreciation for the Kentucky-Ohio partnership.

I've been in Ohio for two years and one of the years has been in prayer partnership with Turner Ridge Baptist Church in Falmouth, Ky. Praise goes to God for putting it upon the hearts of those who are capable of helping Ohio churches. We are thankful for the opportunity of helping churches in Kentucky with prayer support.

I realize the partnership was started as prayer support groups but it has overflowed into the area of material support. I feel there have not been enough expressions of our thankfulness for this material support from our churches. I would like to be one who expresses appreciation for all we have received at Emmanuel. In the last year over \$1000 was given in aid plus personal help in fixing up our present building.

Last fall Cedar Hill of Owenton helped our prayer partners of Turner Ridge paint and repair our building.

Many churches in this area have economic problems and memberships are low. Pastors here are faced with decisions regarding secular jobs combined with pastoring to provide for the needs of their families. It seems to be somehow magnified because of the depressed economic situation of the area due to the steel mill closings. So any help given is very much appreciated.

Larry M. Bass, Hubbard, Ohio

The Holy Spirit



Baptist Doctrine Study April 16-20, 1984

Study *The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit* by Landrum P. Leavell, II, *Youth Affirm: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit* by Herschell Hobbs, *I Can Know God* by Robert Brown (Grades 4-6), and *Ways We Know God* by Tom McMinn (Grades 1-3). Order from your Baptist Book Store.

Beauty that lasts...

Write for FREE INFORMATION KIT

Wiedemann
INDUSTRIES, INC.

Dept. WR4, P.O. Box 677,
Muscatine, IA 52761
Call Toll Free: 800/553-9664;
Iowa, collect 319/263-6642

For the economy conscious church . . .

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEPLES | <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CUPOLAS | <input type="checkbox"/> BAPTISTRIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLUMNS | <input type="checkbox"/> LOUVERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CORNICES | <input type="checkbox"/> SHUTTERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CROSSES | <input type="checkbox"/> RAILINGS |

Aluminum fabrication — our specialty

WRITE OR CALL
502-932-7091
ALUMINUM FABRICATORS
P.O. BOX 267 • GREENSBURG, KY. 42743

KY. CHURCH TOURS INC.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

KANSAS CITY, MO., SAT. 9 JUNE - FRI. 15 JUNE 1984

\$149.00 PER PERSON 2 TO ROOM

INCLUDES LODGING, ALL TRANSPORTATION AND TOURING

\$25.00 DEPOSIT - REFUNDABLE 1 MAY 1984

DEPART 8 AM SAT. 9 JUNE FROM NINTH & O BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT
TAYLOR BLVD. AND HEYWOOD AVE., LOUISVILLE, KY.

PHONE: 502-367-8066. WRITE MR. RAY GRASMICK, KY. CHURCH TOURS, INC.

4718 MANSLICK RD., LOUISVILLE, KY. 40216

CALL US FOR ALL YOUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

LOWEST RATES IN KENTUCKY ICC MC 166268

baptist news in brief

Elder calls for increased urban ministry

"An effective ministry in the urban setting is very important to the welfare of our denomination," said Baptist Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder.

Elder addressed more than 60 urban pastors and directors of missions attending the Models for Effective Urban Church Ministry Conference, an urban training cooperative event sponsored by the Home Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Center for Urban Church Studies and the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Elder noted effective ministry in the urban arena "depends upon effective leadership in ministry. A tremendous advance forward will be made in effective urban ministry when there is a stirred up, nurtured, trained and committed leadership to do urban ministry."

But encouraging Southern Baptists to invest in urban ministry will necessitate a reexamination of the denominational reward system, Elder said.

"We have so glamorized some standards of success that we may well have diminished other standards that are going to be absolutely essential if we do a good job in the urban setting," he noted. "Right now the denominational reward system is based not on faithfulness but largeness and notoriety. You almost have to make it to the headlines in order to be recognized among the brethren as being faithful in ministry."

Large churches play an important role in Southern Baptist life, admitted Elder, but he added Southern Baptists must recognize the "large work" done by "untold thousands" in smaller

congregations.

Elder called on Baptists to look to Jesus' example of servant as the model for success. Reading from the gospel of Mark, Elder noted several principles for servant-leadership.

Elder said the world's standards of leadership are based on "one-upsmanship" while Christ emphasizes servanthood as the standard for greatness. "Effective ministry in the urban setting waits upon servant leadership," he said, adding when people work under servant leaders they become "wiser, freer, healthier, more autonomous and more likely to become servants themselves."

Clergy housing extension approved

The Senate Finance Committee voted to extend for an additional year a double housing tax break for clergy who owned or occupied their current houses before Jan. 3, 1983.

Tucked in a \$49.3 billion tax bill approved by the committee, the change puts on further hold for some ministers an early 1983 Internal Revenue Service ruling which disallowed mortgage interest and property tax deductions to the extent they were attributable to a tax exempt housing allowance.

A subsequent IRS ruling delayed the effective date of Rev. Rul. 83-3 until Jan. 1, 1985, for ministers who occupied their residence or had a contract to purchase one by Jan. 3, 1983. The Senate committee action would further delay the effective date until Jan. 1, 1986. Rev. Rul. 83-3 reversed a 20-year-old policy of permitting clergy mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions as well as tax exempt hous-

ing allowances.

In other changes affecting churches, the Finance Committee bill would permit certain churches and church-related organizations to treat employees as self-employed for Social Security purposes and would tighten conditions under which IRS may audit churches. Under the committee bill, churches and church-related organizations who "for religious reason" opposed payment of employer portion and collection of the employee portion of Social Security taxes would be permitted a one-time, irrevocable decision to treat non-ministerial employees as self-employed for Social Security purposes. This option would be available only to churches not already participating in Social Security prior to Jan. 1, 1981.

Kentucky ACTS dinner scheduled

Several thousand Southern Baptists and representatives of other mainline Christian groups will be introduced to the ACTS (American Christian Television System) Satellite Network Apr. 12. The network is scheduled to air June 12 and will begin test broadcasting in May. GTE Spacenet I will be launched mid-May and is the satellite that carries ACTS.

To celebrate this historic occasion Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission, has announced a schedule of "Launch Day Satellite Dinners" in over 50 cities. The focal point of the event will be a live hour and 15 minute telecast, originating in the main studio of the Radio-Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex. The program will feature Allen, who will inform the viewers about

ACTS, ACTS programing samples and entertainment by Jerry Clower and others.

Commitment cards for financial support for ACTS will be available at the dinner. A RVTC representative will be present to answer questions about ACTS.

Kentucky's "Launch Day Satellite Dinner" will be held at the Holiday Inn North, Lexington (I-75 and Newtown Pike) beginning 7:15 p.m. EST.

Tickets may be purchased by mailing \$10 per person to Harold Polk, executive director, Elkhorn Association, 1161 Red Mile Parkway, Lexington, 40504.

Roy W. Owen resigns Northern Plains post

Roy W. Owen, 61, has resigned as executive director of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, a post he has held since Jan. 1, 1977.

Owen and his wife, Maxine, will move to Denver, where he will become a regional consultant for the new church growth department of the church extension division of the Home Mission Board.

In his new responsibility, Owen said he will work "to help develop a new department of work. We will try to discover and/or devise ways to more adequately help new churches grow to self support. I will work personally with pastors and new churches in states west of the Mississippi River."

When Owen became executive director of the NPBC, there were 106 churches with 17,913 members. By the end of 1983, there were 180 churches with 26,395 members. On Jan. 1, 1984, the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention began operating. Wyoming was one of the four states comprising the NPBC.

As he leaves, the NPBC has some 120 churches with about 15,000 members.

Baptist offering helps Rio Grande farm workers

Texas Baptists have contributed more than half of a "second offering" collected by various Texas religious organizations for 15,000 Rio Grande Valley farm workers left unemployed after December's devastating freeze.

The uncharacteristic south Texas freeze virtually shut down the area's agricultural and citrus industries.

Of the first \$400,000 released by the Texans' Valley Disaster Relief Fund, more than \$250,000 came from Baptist churches which have collected special offerings since Feb. 19.

Owensboro pastor dies

David L. Adkins, 30, formerly of Louisville, died Mar. 27 after an extended illness. At the time of his death he was serving as pastor of Bethabara Baptist Church near Owensboro and was part time campus minister at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan Colleges.

Don Blaylock, director of the Student Work Department for Kentucky Baptists, said of Adkins, "He has made a tremendous contribution to student ministry at Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia Colleges in Owensboro, Ky. We shall miss David; not only his work, but also his congenial spirit which he displayed to all."

Funeral services were conducted at Bethabara Baptist Church on Mar. 29 followed by burial in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville.

viewpoint

Why I don't live "a day at a time"

by Miss Maralea Arnett
Corydon, Ky.

In recent years so many sermons have been preached on the theme "You must live a day at a time," that this theory has reached epidemic proportions. If we follow this concept I believe we lose three of life's most delightful experiences: remembrance, anticipation and preparation.

On a bleak February day I was feeling sorry for myself when I suddenly remembered an event of the past. That was an April day while I was in graduate school, taking a full course load and working two part time jobs. Graduation was only a month away but I did not see how I could make it.

I was worn out, a teacher had spoken sharply and I felt sure she meant to give me a bad grade, and the night before someone had picked my pocket for \$15. Not much money in today's economy but it meant I could not pay for my diploma. I was ready to quit.

Unexpectedly the school announced a free day. I could have spent all of it catching up on class work. Instead, I went to one of the city's nature parks and climbed trails until I found a dry log and then sat and absorbed the beauty of dogwood and redbud, both in full bloom.

Gradually I felt the tension leave and I could ask the Lord what to do about graduation. I am not sure how long I

spent on the log but when I left I was able to do the assignments in half the expected time.

The next day a teacher (the one I thought was disgusted with me) said, "Someone told me you had lost some money. I'll be glad to lend you what you need for graduation."

When I remember that day (and that log) I am always revived.

Remembered people help as much as remembered places. Some were scholars like Sydnor Stealey who opened the sweep of church history to me. Some were self-educated country preachers like D. C. Sparks with his crooked smile and humorous story to fit any occasion. Or his exuberant wife, Mai-Mai, and her down-to-earth philosophy.

I could continue this list indefinitely. Instead I'll refer you to Western Recorder for Mar. 6, 1984, where our executive-secretary Bill Marshall also enjoys reminiscing.

Another day I had planned a lot of exciting (and I thought necessary) things to do. Then the blizzard moved in and I could not leave the house to do them. Should I sit and twiddle my thumbs?

Suddenly I spotted the new seed catalogs. February is a much easier month to garden than April. I spent a pleasant hour choosing seeds. Another time I got the atlas and travel books and planned next summer's vacation. Even if we don't go, I had fun.

Anticipation makes any event twice as pleasant. I even know vacation Bible school teachers who start planning their lessons in January. The "one-day-at-a-time" advocates always speak of tomorrow as something to dread. I anticipate and it lasts longer.

I did child welfare work for two years and at least 90 percent of my clients were in trouble because they didn't think about tomorrow. Unwed mothers, juveniles in jail and parents of neglected children all said, "I just didn't think ahead."

Even the "one-day-at-a-timers" admit you should prepare for eternity and that extends beyond today! You prepare food for tomorrow, buy clothes for the next season, enrol your child in school to prepare him for living. If you don't, the taxpayer has to do it for you. Preparation is not finished in one day.

It is true that someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one or is emotionally disturbed may need "one-day-at-a-time" therapy. I feel it should not become a lifetime philosophy.

The King James version of the Bible mentions "remember" 165 times and "remembrance" 52 times. The word "anticipate" is not used but "hope" appears 136 times and "expectation" 17 times. "Prepare" and "preparation" appear 177 times. Then why do the "one-day-at-a-timers" not interpret Matt. 6:34 in the light of all of these scriptures?

christian education

Survivors include his wife, the former Jo Ann Jones; a son, Matthew D. Adkins; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl D. Adkins of Cape Coral, Fla.; two brothers, Dale Adkins of Bloomington, Ind., and Donald Adkins of New York City.

The family requests expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Daviess County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Mission leader resigns; admits misappropriation

N. Larry Bryson, director of the Missions Department for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, has resigned, citing "misappropriation of funds for which I was responsible," as the reason.

Ray P. Rust, executive secretary-treasurer and chief executive officer of the convention, accepted Bryson's letter of resignation and said it is effective immediately. The letter of resignation was dated Mar. 21, just nine days after Bryson was promoted to become director of the division of missions and evangelism under a major reorganization of the Baptist Building staff.

Rust presented the resignation to a special meeting of the convention executive committee Mar. 27. After the meeting, Rust released a statement authorized by the 15-member body.

"The executive committee confirmed the action of the executive secretary-treasurer in accepting Rev. Bryson's letter of resignation which said he was resigning because of a 'misappropriation of funds for which I was responsible,'" Rust said.

The executive, who did not reveal the amount of money involved, said Bryson had "made full restitution of the funds in question."

Bryson, 49, joined the general board staff in 1974 as director of the Missions Department. Previously, he was a staff member of both the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta and the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., as well as pastor and director of associational missions in North Carolina.

Political maneuvering snarls hunger aid bill

As severe food shortages and massive hunger raise the haunting question of daily existence for millions of people in Africa, lawmakers in the nation's capitol continue to debate the question of how the United States can help.

Religious leaders and various anti-hunger organizations have lobbied Congress for quick action on emergency food aid to Africa. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, more than 150 million Africans face starvation as a result of the worst drought there in a century.

But Congressional action has been complicated and delayed by weeks of political maneuvering, says W. David Lockard of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

A bill to provide \$150 million in emergency food aid to African countries passed the House, 374-29. In the Senate, however, the bill's supporters have been frustrated by various obstacles. With strong backing from the Reagan administration, the Senate Appropriations committee approved an amendment to the bill which would have tacked on \$93 million in military aid to El Salvador. The move drew immediate criticism from hunger activists and legislators.

Three Lady Tigers named all-conference, all-district

Three central Kentuckians, playing basketball for Georgetown College's Lady Tigers, were named to the all-KIAC and all-district 32 teams for 1983-84.

The three are senior forward Lori Woodside, Millville; sophomore guard Sally Malley, Winchester, and sophomore forward/center Sheila Harris, Frankfort.

Lori Woodside, called by her coach a steady and dependable performer, set a new Georgetown College season record in rebounding. She cleared 207 from the backboards averaging 7.7 per game. Miss Woodside was one of three Lady Tigers this season who topped a career total of 1000 points. She averaged 13.6 points per game and had a front running free throw percentage of 78.5.

Sally Malley is a repeat on the all-KIAC women's team. She led the Lady Tigers in assists again this year averaging 5.6 per contest. Regarded by Georgetown's opponents as the best ball handler in the league and district, Miss Malley was a team leader in points scored, averaging 12.4 points per game. She also averaged 3.25 rebounds per game.

Sheila Harris, a transfer who gained eligibility at mid-year, averaged 14 points and 8.6 rebounds a game. The Frankfort native was a team leader in field goal percentage, credited with 52 percent of her field goal attempts.

Head coach Susan Johnson noted that Georgetown's Lady Tigers were the only team to place three players on the all-conference and all-district teams.

Redding joins MCBBC faculty

George Redding, a long time professor of Bible at Georgetown College and more recently a teacher at Boyce Bible School and Oneida Baptist Institute, is moving to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College to become a full time teacher. Raymond Lawrence, president of MCBBC and a former student of Redding, reports with enthusiasm the unanimous election of Redding by the school trustees.

Redding and his wife Carolyn plan to move to Mayfield in June and he will assume responsibilities as chairman of the Bible Department. His instruction will include courses in the Old and New Testaments.

Southeastern adopts budget, honors lay couple

In their semiannual meeting the trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record budget of \$5,418,623, 4.2 percent over the current year's budget. Income for the new budget will come from the Cooperative Program (70.3 percent), student fees (11 percent), gifts and earnings from endowment and current fund investments (seven percent) and auxiliary enterprises and miscellaneous sources (11.7 percent).

The trustees also joined in presenting the seminary's fourth citation for excellence in Christian ministry to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Prices were recognized for their work in establishing a strong Baptist witness in Pennsylvania, which resulted in the creation of numerous churches and the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey. Ed Price presently is second vice president of the

Southern Baptist Convention and president of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men.

In other action, the trustees granted tenure to Thomas H. Graves, professor of philosophy of religion; established student awards for graduate studies in Christian ethics and for the practice of Christian social concern; and conferred emeriti status upon B. Elmo Scoggin, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, and James H. Blackmore, professor of A.Div. studies, upon their retirement July 31, 1984.

Sociologist receives ovation at Southern

Sociologist Anthony Campolo has received the first Seminarians United Against Hunger Servant's Award at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The presentation was made to support Campolo's "tireless service" in ministry for Christ and "justice for the world's hungry people."

Campolo, called a "model activist and vigorous evangelist," also lectured at Southern Seminary, admonishing persons not to "reduce the gospel to a series of theological statements" and reminding them "one of the marks of conversion is a lifestyle that is very much concerned for the poor."

Servanthood was the thrust of Campolo's four messages. "I have a very simplistic theology," he said in a chapel address. "To be a Christian is to will the will of God. To be a follower of Jesus is to play a different game, to empty one's self. Christ never asked who will be a master, he asked who will be a servant," he said.

Viewing the church as having limited its capacity to love by its political entanglements, Campolo remarked, "To me it's simple. We can build bombs or we can feed the hungry with our money. Which would Jesus do? To be a Christian is to be whatever Jesus would be."

Campolo pointed out, "The world does not exist to serve the church. The church exists to serve the world."

Operation Health Check needs volunteers

Volunteers, both medical and non-medical, are needed for Operation Health Check to be held at Cumberland College on Saturday, Apr. 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Operation Health Check is a national organization which provides such basic health screenings as height and weight, blood pressure, anemia, hearing and vision.

Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center, WBIR Channel 10 and the American Red Cross are again sponsoring this massive health screening and promotion program. This year 25-30 sites will be staffed by hundreds of medical and non-medical personnel from Apr. 6 through Apr. 14.

Last year, on a nationwide basis, seven million screening tests were provided at a value of over \$120 million. These screenings detected thousands of potentially dangerous medical problems.

In addition to screenings Operation Health Check sites also offer learning centers that assist participants in making informed choices about their lifestyles and how these choices affect their health.

Individuals or groups interested in serving as volunteers or providing educational exhibits should contact B. J. Canupp or Cheryl Gresham at (606) 549-2200 ext. 401-404.

Southwestern approves \$16.3 million budget

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees has approved a record budget of \$16.3 million for the 1984-85 academic year, a 2.2 percent increase over the current year. Included in the budget is an anticipated \$6.8 million from the Cooperative Program. The budget reflects an across-the-board one percent salary increase for faculty and full time staff.

In other trustee action, four additions were made to the faculty: Wynona Tipton Elder, assistant professor of psychology and counseling; Daryl R. Eldridge, instructor in foundations; Gary W. Waller, assistant professor of administration, and Elem H. Eley, assistant professor of voice.

Mrs. Elder is a licensed psychologist who has been in private practice in Carrollton, Tex., since 1977. She earned a EdD degree in 1976 from North Texas State University.

Eldridge has been minister of education at Tate Springs Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex., since 1980. He earned the MRE degree from Southwestern in 1977 and is a candidate for the seminary's doctor of education degree.

Waller has been minister of education/evangelism at First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., since 1982. He earned the MRE degree in 1972 and the EdD degree in 1979, both from Southwestern.

Eley has been assistant professor of voice at Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., the past year. He earned the master of music degree in 1977 from Southwestern and is pursuing a doctor of music degree at Indiana University.

Get acquainted with Campbellsville College

Campbellsville College's annual spring "get acquainted day" will be Saturday, Apr. 14 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. This particular day is set aside to allow prospective students and their parents to tour Campbellsville College and obtain necessary information about the school.

James C. Coates, director of admissions, said of "get acquainted day," "We're hoping we will have the opportunity to acquaint the students with the college and also give them an opportunity to talk with various professors in specific areas of study."

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Following will be two teacher education seminars and also two seminars on financial aid, from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. in the college's athletic center.

Lunch will be provided in the cafeteria.

Anyone wanting more information on the event may contact Coates at (502) 465-8158, ext. 218.

Weaver retires at Mobile College

William K. Weaver Jr., president of Mobile College since its founding in 1961, has announced his retirement from the Alabama Baptist-related institution effective July 31.

Weaver, a native of Oxford, Ala., holds degrees from Howard College (now Samford University) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Prior to becoming president of Mobile College he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Gary Sharp will assume duties as pastor of Berean Chapel, Severns Valley Association, Mar. 25. A native Kentuckian, he is a graduate of Cumberland College and the University of Kentucky and earned the MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His former pastorates include Mussel Shoals Baptist Church, Owen County Association; North View Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association; Oak Grove Baptist Church, Logan County Association; and Warren Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Craig, have two children, Gary Stuart and Linnee Lynn.

Robert Lawson was called as minister of music at Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he formerly held the same position at Valley View Baptist Church, Leeds, Ala.

James Williams has become associate pastor and minister of music and youth at Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. A native of Kentucky, Williams is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School and is married to the former Nancy Hill. They have two children, Matthew and Amber.

Gerald Murphy accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Horse Cave Baptist Church, Liberty Association. A student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was formerly

minister of music and education at Southside Estates Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. He and wife Sheila have two sons.

R. Tommy Tucker is pastor at Horse Cave.

Miss Carol R. Cole (see photo) accepted a position with the ACTS cable television network as producer/cohostess of a daily talkshow called Lifestyle, to be seen on ACTS beginning in May.

A native of Bryan, Tex., Miss Cole has lived in Kentucky most of her life. A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, she is completing her MA in communications at the University of Kentucky.

Miss Cole is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Cole of First Baptist Church, Walton, Northern Kentucky Association.

Dale Sutton (see photo) accepted the call to be minister of youth and activities at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Shelby County Association. A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He and his wife, Patti, have one child, Emily.

Bob Vassar is pastor of Shelbyville First Baptist.

Ray Davis began as pastor of Second Bethel Church, Mortons Gap, Little Bethel Association, Jan. 12. He and wife Sheila have two daughters, Shelly and Sonya.

The church was organized in 1949 and has 302 members.

Charles Robinson will assume duties as pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, Freedom Association, Apr. 1. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Gary May was called to be pastor of First Baptist Church, Phelps, Pike Association, Feb. 19. He had been serving as interim pastor of the church while working as personnel manager at a local company, a position he will continue to hold while pastoring. He was ordained into the ministry at Belfry Baptist Church, Pike Association, Apr. 1.

May and wife Pat have two daughters, Heather, 7, and Keriston, 4.

Lillian Taylor was recognized for the 30 years she has spent as chapel organist for Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Mar. 14.

Carman Sharp is pastor of Deer Park.

William Kaufman, director of the Brotherhood Department for Kentucky Baptists, is the author of an article in the April 1984 issue of World Mission Journal. Kaufman presents ways in which Baptist men and boys can become involved in local missions, especially on the district associational level.

Scott Garren was called to be associate pastor with ministry to youth and single adults at Immanuel Baptist Church, Franklin Association, to begin in June. He has worked part time as youth director at the church since December 1982.

A graduate of Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., he will complete a degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

Ronald Hanson, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, is pastor of Dione Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. He and his wife, the



Miss Cole

Sutton

former Christin Burwell, have two children, Christian and Venissa.

Lewis Jennings, formerly the manager of the printing department at Clear Creek Baptist School, was called as pastor of Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association. He has pastored churches in the Pineville area and was chaplain of that city's police and fire departments.

Stan Williams is pastor of Russell Heights Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association. A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Williams and wife Deborah are from Slaughters. They have two children, Angelyn and Travis.

John McPheron assumed duties as pastor of Buck Creek Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, in Somerset. He is a Clear Creek Baptist School student and is married to the former Teresa McKinney.

Tommy Presley was called to pastor Beach Grove Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association. A native of Lebanon, Tenn., he is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He and wife Faye have two children, Tommy and Ronald.

Wayne Riley is now pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wayne County Association. A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, he and wife Mary have three children, Joseph, Paul and David.

Robert Bausum is now minister of youth and music at Wolf Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association. Formerly the pastor of Poplar Springs South Baptist Church in Dublin, Ga. and now a Clear Creek Baptist School student, Bausum is married to the former Barbara Ann Downer and has three children.

Frankie Rader, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, was called as pastor of Eagan Baptist Church, Eagan, Tenn.

Paul Miller assumed duties as pastor of Jeff Missionary Baptist Church, Three Forks Association. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He and wife Terry have three children.

Bruce McBrayer, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, was called as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association. He is married to the former Cheryl Ann Ivey.

Gina Brown Howard, former employe of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, will return to headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., in May as a summer intern. Her duties will include covering four national meetings and designing brochures and promotional materials.

A graduate of the University of Montevallo, Ala., she resides in Louisville with husband David Howard and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gene Crowder will assume duties as pastor of Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association, Apr. 8. He has been pastor of Benton Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

David Sellers George became pastor of Willow Baptist Church, Union Association, Mar. 11.

Organized in 1818, the congregation has 216 members.

Dale Thompson is now associate pastor and minister to youth at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He began Mar. 11.

Dallas Vincent is pastor.

Henry M. Downing assumed duties as interim pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. Downing retired several years ago but has continued to work with supply and interim ministries.

Willis Henson, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, West Union Association, will be the guest speaker for commencement exercises at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Apr. 27 at 8 p.m.

Henson has taught an extension course for the college and will be teaching on the campus this fall.

Elsie Spaulding of Salem Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, was honored on Mar. 4 with special recognition for her years as church treasurer. A native of the area, Mrs. Spaulding has been a member of the church since childhood.

William E. Bush is pastor of the 190 year old congregation.

David Franklin accepted the call to be minister of youth for Owenton First Baptist Church, Owen County Association. A graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., he is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Karen Massey will join the staff of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham, Ala., as a summer intern in May. Working in the interpretation section, she will write for WMU leader magazines, lead an Acteen summer conference and do field service ministries, among other assignments.

A native of Snellville, Ga., she graduated from the University of Georgia in 1981 and is now a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Joe R. Hampton retired from the pastorate of Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, in March. He had pastored churches in the association for 29 years. He was also on several associational committees, a member of the state executive board and a field work supervisor for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hampton is now available for revivals and supply work.

ordinations

Southern Avenue Baptist Church in Danville, South District Association, ordained three men to the deaconate Mar. 18. They included Roy Newcomb, Estel Sims and Ricky Wofford. Bobby Reeves was ordained in an earlier service.

Lailon Dan Flannery is pastor of Southern Avenue.

Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Ohio



Basinger

Basinger called to Hawesville

Phillip D. Basinger has been called to pastor Hawesville Baptist Church, Blackford Association, effective Apr. 15. He comes from First Baptist Church, Eddyville, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

An Owensboro native, Basinger received degrees from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before obtaining the DMin degree from Luther Rice Seminary in 1983.

He has pastored several other Kentucky churches including Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association; Highland Baptist Church, Shelby County Association; Little Union Baptist Church, Nelson Association; and Raymond Baptist Church, Salem Association.

Basinger is married to the former Mollie Claycomb. They have two children, James Allen and Kimberly Ann.

River Association, ordained Alben Ramage and Houston Peek as deacons Mar. 4.

Rineyville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, ordained Eddie Carter and A. L. Rosenberger to the deaconate Mar. 3.

Raymond Thomas Ward is pastor.

Youngers Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held an ordination service Mar. 18. Charlie Fox and Rickie Pebbles were ordained with Carl Bond, former pastor of the church, bringing the sermon.

Billy Wilburn was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Worthington, Greenup Association. A student at Clear Creek Baptist School, he was recently called as pastor of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Association.

congregations

Whitesburg First Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, celebrated its 75th anniversary with special services Mar. 31 and Apr. 1.

The Saturday, Mar. 31 service featured dramatic monologues from characters representing important figures in the church's history and music from the Cornerstones and the adult choir. An ice cream fellowship followed.

On Sunday, Apr. 1 the Sons of Liberty and the church band provided music for the morning service. Dinner on the grounds followed. The afternoon service focused on the present and the church's plans for the future and featured special music by the Martins.

Joe B. Brown is pastor of Whitesburg First Baptist.

Big Spring Baptist Church, Salem Association, will celebrate 100 years of existence Apr. 15. Friends and former members are invited to join the present congregation for the morning worship service, a covered dish dinner at noon and a special service celebration at 1:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, will celebrate Charles and Mary Jenkins Day May 6 at 2:30 p.m. Friends are invited to attend the service and/or write a letter of appreciation to the couple. Letters may be sent to the church at Rte. 1, Box 53A, Somerset KY 42501.

Jenkins pastored several churches in Kentucky during his ministry and has served as interim pastor of 16 others since his retirement in 1972.

First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, Grayson County Association, will celebrate its 180th anniversary with a festival of praise May 25-27. Special services are planned for Friday and Saturday evening and all day Sunday. All former pastors, staff members, church members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

George W. Smith is pastor of Leitchfield First.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, referred to in the Feb. 28, 1984 issue of Western Recorder, is a member of Shelby County Association instead of Long Run Association and the congregation was organized in 1818 instead of 1918.

First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association, subscribed over \$200,000 through cash gifts and three-year commitments during its recent 13 week Together We Grow campaign.

John Hammatt of the Stewardship Commission worked with church member Bill Hardy in directing the program.

According to pastor Stephen B. McSwain, the program not only led to learning the biblical teachings on stewardship, but fostered "a sense of camaraderie and church unity" and led to "a greater depth of spiritual maturity."

Highview Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will stage a performance entitled Living Pictures, a combination of music and drama by the church choir and orchestra, Apr. 20-22. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with a special performance at 5 p.m., Apr. 23. Free tickets must be reserved by calling the church, 239-7711.

Binghamtown Baptist Church, Bell Association, was not included by mistake in the list of the top Kentucky Baptist churches in baptisms in 1981 which appeared in the Mar. 6, 1984 issue of Western Recorder. Under the leadership of pastor W. B. Bingham II, the church reported 91 baptisms for the 1983 associational year which puts it in the top churches in number of baptisms. We regret this error and commend pastor Bingham and the evangelistic Binghamtown congregation.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Hill, missionary associates to Portugal since 1978, retired from active missionary service Mar. 1. They were stationed in Terceira, Azores, Portugal, where he was an English-language pastor and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Mobile, Ala., and she is the former Evelyne Campbell of Franklin, Ky. They may be addressed at 66 Overbrook Rd., Birmingham, AL 35213.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Steeger, missionaries to South Africa since 1976, had their Dec. 31 resignation from missionary service rescinded at the February meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. They are currently in the states and may be addressed at Rte. 1, Box 136-A, Rineyville, KY 41162. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and also lived in Philadelphia, Pa. and Gainesville, Fla. She is the former Susan Bowman of Birmingham, Ala.

Jamaica was the location for a crusade led by 32 Kentuckians in February. Twelve pastors, some with their wives, along with a number of laypeople, conducted the crusade and reported 300 conversions, 200 rededications and over 60 other decisions. The group gave away more than 500 Bibles, 800 New Testaments and 20,000 tracts.

The trip to the Caribbean was the 15th for Calvin C. Wilkins, pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association, who will be leading a group in going to Dominica June 13-25.

George Fournier and Billy McDowell, both pastors in Ohio River Association, recently joined a 17-member mission team in traveling to Haiti. The team spent seven days on the island preaching to more than 17,000 persons. Over 400 professions of faith were recorded along with 800 other decisions.

Fournier is pastor of Marion Second Baptist Church while McDowell pastors Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Castlens to go to Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Castlen were reappointed as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board during its March meeting in Richmond, Va.

The Castlens will work in the Philippines, where he will be a seminary music teacher and she will be a church and home worker.

Since 1980 he has been minister of music at First Baptist Church, Mount Washington, and an instructor in church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Boyce Bible School, Louisville. Before that they

served as missionaries to the Philippines for nine years.

Born in Owensboro, Castlen received the bachelor of arts degree from Berea College and the master of church music degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. Currently he is near completion of the doctor of musical arts degree from Southern Seminary.

Born in Clintwood, Va., Mrs. Castlen attended Berea College and Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond. She has been a day care worker in Mt. Washington since 1981.

The Castlens have two children, Timothy James, born in 1972, and Heather Noel, 1979. The family expects to return to the Philippines in June.



The Castlens

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clayton Rock, missionaries to Argentina, may be addressed at Apartado 211, 7630 Necochea, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Hodgenville and she is the former Charlotte McDonald of Barbourville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

BAPTISTRIES
FIBERGLASS CHURCH PRODUCTS
CALL OR WRITE FOR FREE BROCHURE
TOLL FREE 1-800-251-0679 • TN. COLLECT 615-875-0679
3511 HIXSON PK. • CHATTA. TN 37415

CHURCH STEEPLES
• BAPTISTRIES
• WALL CROSSES
• BAPTISTRY WATER HEATERS
COLONIAL, CONTEMPORARY, AND MODERN DESIGNS.
ERECTION WITH COMPANY CRANES AND CREWS AVAILABLE.
WRITE OR CALL FOR COLOR LITERATURE AND PROPOSALS:
TOLL FREE 800-241-3152
IN GEORGIA CALL COLLECT: 404-983-8960
GLASSTECH PLASTICS, INC.
P.O. BOX 910, ROSWELL GA 30077

BUILD BUILD BUILD CHURCHES
designed, built, and furnished on your lot, average price \$40/sq. ft. We design for seating 130 or more. (Not prefabricated.)
Includes: Masonry and wood construction, social area, offices, classrooms, nursery, choir, robe rooms, baptistry, steeple, carpet, and Sanctuary with padded pews.
FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTERS
Steel or masonry from \$22/sq. ft.
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DESIGNS
4 classrooms and larger
Write or call for FREE information and brochures
(803) 268-7297 (803) 268-7090
NORTHWAY CONTRACTORS INC.
P.O. Box 591
Taylors, SC 29687
Over 275 buildings constructed in Southeast

FOR SALE: A. B. DICK MIMEOGRAPH: 1 1/2 years old. \$1,150 asking only \$400. Contact: Campbellsburg Baptist Church 502-532-6397 or 502-532-7328. 2t

LAST CALL FOR CHARTER EXPRESS
Southern Baptist Convention
CONFIRM YOUR JUNE RESERVATION TODAY!
• Ride Western Recorder's Chartered Express
• Lodge at the Holiday Inn Downtown
• Tour Kansas City
• One Low Price - includes room & transportation
\$260.00
per person, 4 to room
\$280.00, 3 to room; \$305.00, 2 to room
Send \$75.00 deposit (Refundable if canceled 5-wks. before departure)
Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone # _____
Church Name _____
TO: WESTERN RECORDER
BOX 43401
MIDDLETOWN, KY
40243

89 and going strong

Training School graduate enjoys her Greek

by Darrell Monroe

A 65-year-old desire to read her New Testament in Greek continues as strong as ever for Mrs. Tom E. Walters Sr.

Mrs. Walters graduated from the former Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1921. Today at age 89, she still does Greek translation three or four hours a day.

Mrs. Walters, a resident of Ridgecrest, N. C., who splits her time between there and her hometown of Warrenton, N. C., said her interest in Greek came after she graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1917.

"I was in my second year of teaching and felt God was calling me into full time Christian ministry. It was most unusual and I did not understand it but it seemed God was telling me I would be a preacher's wife," she explained. "I said to myself, 'If that is to be my calling, I want to be the best to be found.' With that calling also came my desire to read my New Testament in Greek—my family thought I was nuts."



Mrs. Walters

She enrolled in the WMU Training School (which later became the Carver School of Missions and Social Work) in 1919. While it was separate from the seminary, women students studying there were allowed to take classes at the seminary.

"Women at the school were not allowed to date except on Thursday nights. Even then, dates had to be out by 10 p.m., she recalled. "There was no lingering. We couldn't speak to men in our classes or in the hallways at Norton Hall either. We could walk with them to church Sunday nights but not at any other time."

Mrs. Walters said she encountered A. T. Robertson, professor of Greek and New Testament at Southern from 1890-1934, at her first get-together party for new students. "I told professor Robertson I wanted to study Greek under him and finish his course," she recalled. "He said that was fine, but if I did, I'd be the first woman he'd ever had do so."

Mrs. Maud R. McLure, training school principal, didn't believe women should study Greek, but Mrs. Walters studied for two years under William Hersey Davis, Robertson's special protege and assistant.

After completing her two years of training at the WMU school, she married Tom Walters. Her husband had two years of classical Greek at Wake Forest and she had the two years of New Testament Greek so both enrolled in the same Greek class with Robertson.

"Those were golden years in Southern's history," she added. "There were Robertson and Davis, E. Y. Mullins, W. O. Carver and John R. Sampey. I had Mullins for theology. He was a very dignified man, easy to talk to and such a brain. They all were."

In 1923, her husband completed his ThM degree. She had had all the classes he had except Hebrew, but since women weren't allowed to matriculate then, didn't receive a diploma. "That's all the regret in my life," she said. "I did all the work the preachers did. I wish I could have

gotten credit for those four years of hard work."

After seminary days, the Walters returned to North Carolina where Mrs. Walters worked as educational director in every church as her husband and "reared our children. It was impossible for me to keep up with my Greek studies like Tom did."

In 1957, Mrs. Walters' husband died.

Arthritis limited her activities in 1974, Mrs. Walters said, but she remained busy ready, teaching Sunday school and knitting.

"I told myself I was sick of that last August," she added. "I needed to find something better to do." That's when she reopened her Greek texts.

"I went to spend the winter with my daughter and took Davis' Greek grammar with me," she said. "I began

studying through the grammar again, learning vocabularies, reading the Greek sentences, writing English into Greek and studying construction. By November I felt ready to begin translating."

With a good lexicon given to her by John W. Carlton, former associate professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, Mrs. Walters said she began studying three to four hours daily.

"I study just for my satisfaction," she said. "I hope to live long enough to go back and read the New Testament more readily."

"Reading Greek," she said, "is an emotional experience for me. I have a peculiar feeling of nearness to Christ when I read the gospels. For me it's wonderful therapy and very rewarding."



A 1921 graduate of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mrs. Tom E. Walters Sr. [front row, third from right] was one of the first women to study Greek. Today, at 89, she still translates Greek, studying three to four hours a day.

Baptists endure isolation in Nebraska town

In 1969, Bill Tritten was earning a comfortable income as a life insurance salesman. A recent graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Kansas City, Mo., he also was pastor of a small congregation near Kansas City.

"We had a good life," said Tritten. "Nothing was wrong; we were at ease."

His wife, Rose Ann, enjoyed her job as an administrative assistant. Their four children were doing well in school. They owned a nice home in the suburbs. But the Trittens needed a challenge. In December, Tritten wrote the Home Mission Board: "I would like to pastor a church in California, Oregon or Washington—anywhere but Iowa, Nebraska, Montana or Wyoming."

Within a few weeks, Tritten received the HMB's reply: "Thank you for your willingness to pastor in Iowa, Nebraska, Montana or Wyoming . . ." After that, he said, "It was impossible to

straighten out the mistake. It was like a written notice from the Lord. When I heard from Bethel Baptist Church (in Scottsbluff, Neb.) I knew I had to come."

The Trittens arrived in March 1970. "I had never seen so much snow," said Rose Ann, "until April, when several more inches fell. I started to wonder, 'What are we doing here?'" When Tritten offered counseling services to businessmen, they responded coldly. "How long will you stay—six months? The longest anybody's lasted is nine."

The newspaper ran a notice of Tritten's arrival. Almost immediately he received threatening phone calls with claims that the church was in debt and demanding immediate payment. A lawyer phoned at 6 a.m. making numerous threats should Tritten fail to pay his client within a week.

"That settled it with me," said Tritten. He arranged to refinance the church's \$45,000 debt through an HMB

15-year loan. "That restored our credibility," he said. "Then I could begin to do what I came here for."

In November 1972, Tritten fell victim to a tubercular infection, causing numbness in his right side and blindness in his left eye. Nevertheless, he spent at least one day a week driving 150 miles "in some direction" to start new work. Three missions were begun: at Sydney, Chaddron and Alliance.

It was a slow, tedious process. "We felt so alone in our efforts," he explained. "The nearest Southern Baptist church is 55 miles away. Our association—Western Nebraska—is 320 miles long. We have 10 churches and one chapel. We're the farthest west. Most Baptists just make it out here."

But for the Trittens, Scottsbluff has become home. A decade ago, it was different. "Every weekend, I made Bill drive to Denver," said Rose Ann, "just so I could get back in touch with civilization." Today, Scottsbluff has 18,000

residents and "civilization" has come to them. The town now boasts a K-Mart, a J.C. Penney catalog store, a McDonalds and a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise.

Despite setbacks and feelings of isolation the Trittens are determined to make Southern Baptist strong in Scottsbluff.

But occasionally, it seems they're backpedaling. At one time membership at Bethel was 140. Today, after a local factory's closing caused many to move, it has dipped below 100.

"I guess I've been through four or five congregations," Tritten said. "But I've seen changes and I'll see more." He became quiet, thoughtful. "When you come to a place like this," he said, "you have to determine that you're going to plant your life and stay awhile. If you don't, the work won't be worth anything."



William W. (Bill) Marshall
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC
Box 43433,
Middletown, KY 40243

mission together



H. C. Chiles
Clear Creek Baptist School,
Pineville, KY 40977

sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 8, 1984

Life and Work Series

The death of God's son

Mark 15:22-25 Roman soldiers were never less sensitive to the laws of common decency, nor more cruel and inhuman in dealing with anybody, than in their abuse of Christ. Their mistreatment of Christ is an unforgettable example of the depths to which human nature can sink and the wickedness it is capable of producing.

Upon their arrival at Golgotha, which was the common execution ground for felons and the vilest offenders, the Roman soldiers presented to Christ a concoction which was intended to dull his sensibility. As soon as Christ tasted it, with sublime heroism he refused to drink the stupefying potion. He was determined he would face death for sin and sinners fully conscious and with a clear mind.

At nine o'clock in the morning Christ's executioners nailed him to the cross which was lying on the ground. After preparing a hole in the ground, the cross was lifted on end and dropped into the hole with a thud, leaving him to suffer painful and lingering death as the blood dripped from his head, his hands and his feet. To add ignominy to his death, Christ was crucified between robbers.

Mark 15:29-34 Christ was subjected to the cruel jeering, ridiculing and mocking of his enemies who exulted greatly

Saturday

A Saturday or two ago I decided I wouldn't wait for spring to do some badly needed work in our "big acre" back yard. Besides, I wanted to try out my new chain saw (one of the "toys" that "big boys" have). Down went half a dozen or more small crooked or dead trees in the two rows that run alongside our property. In addition, one of the huge, old oaks needed a trim.

At a rear corner of our yard, we deposit branches and shrubbery. In front of that is a mulch pit. As I began the clean-up, I pulled large quantities of trimmings toward that area. Strock, our big, black lab, spotted me and began tugging at the other end of what I was pulling.

"No, Strock!" He then let go and looked at me with those dark eyes and wagged his big, black tail. But the mo-

ment I would start again, he would start pulling again. Finally I lay down the brush and picked up about an 18 inch stick and threw it deep into the yard. With great gusto this youthful retriever scampered for the stick and brought it back to me. That's what he wanted in the first place! So for about 15 minutes, I threw the stick and Strock responded.

As the morning wore on past the noon hour and it approached the time for the UK-Brigham Young basketball game, I honestly hesitated to leave the yard. Physical labor is surely one of God's good gifts to man, and sitting in a car, at a desk or in a conference isn't the same!

Shawn had just finished washing the car and the hose lay stretched to it from the house. Several gaping holes appeared in the hose—just the kind a black dog would make. He was no where to be seen.

By 2:15 I was inside sprawled out on the floor, sandwich in hand, getting ready to watch the Cats take another step toward their NCAA championship hopes. As I looked out, there was Strock, his nose up against the glass door looking in at me and wagging his tail.

Did he want to play some more? Was he telling me he was sorry about the hose? Or was he just like the rest of us: awfully glad to be part of a family on a Saturday afternoon when everybody's home.

Thank you, Lord, for Saturdays!

*Reach Out
to the World Every Day
... Through the
Cooperative Program*

as they passed by. The religious leaders of the Jews challenged Christ to perform another miracle by descending from the cross. If the scriptures were to be fulfilled, Christ's mission accomplished, Satan defeated, sin put away and sinners saved, Christ could not come down from the cross. After the three hour interval of supernatural darkness throughout the land, at three o'clock Christ cried loudly, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" That was the saddest utterance ever made. It spoke of an agony the fearful-ness of which we cannot imagine. Christ was forsaken of God temporarily in order that we might not be separated eternally from him.

Mark 15:37-39 Impressed by Christ the centurion acknowledged he was the son of God, whereupon the veil split from top to bottom. The tearing of this holy veil was an act of God. The centurion readily recognized that Christ was both an innocent man and a supernatural person so he did not hesitate to declare, "Truly this man was the son of God."

International Series

Christ goes to Jerusalem

Mark 11:8-10 As Christ was about to enter Jerusalem, his disciples stripped their outer garments and placed them on the donkey on which he was to make his royal entry. Other spread their garments in the way. Some cut branches from the trees and placed them in the way. Those who preceded and followed Christ acknowledged his claims to kingship by crying, "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Mark 11:15-19 After spending the night in Bethany, Christ and the disciples returned to Jerusalem and went to the temple. This center of religious activities had been sacrificed to the greed of gain. Christ's soul flamed with indignation and he drove out those who were desecrating the temple.

Instead of turning from evil ways, the scribes and chief priests were incensed by Christ's action and they resolved to destroy him. These rival groups plotted and worked together to take the life of the son of God.

Mark 11:27-33 Representatives of three groups—chief priests, scribes and elders—approached Christ while he was teaching in the temple and challenged him to state by what authority he was acting in receiving honors as the Messiah, and in driving the traders

from the temple. Their double question, "By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?" dealt both with the nature of his authority and the source from which Christ obtained it.

These inquisitors thought they had succeeded in ensnaring Christ regardless of how he answered them. Christ answered their challenge by asking a

counter question, "By what authority did John the Baptist administer the ordinance of baptism?" They incurred the embarrassment of ignorance by answering "We cannot tell." Because of their false reply Christ refused to answer their questions.

FOLDING CHAIRS

Also STACKING CHAIRS & FOLDING TABLES

For FREE Literature

★ Best Quality

★ Cheapest Prices

★ Opt'l Hymnal Racks

CALL TOLL FREE NOW!
or Mail Coupon Today!

(800) 441-3593

FROM CALIFORNIA CALL COLLECT (209) 561-4043

BUDGET FURNITURE DEPT #B98
P.O. BOX 626, THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

44 SHIPPING POINTS
We have a Point near you!

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Baptistries Signs

Steeple Lights

DIAL TOLL FREE
1-800-446-7400

BOWLING UNITED INDUSTRIES, INC.
Box 2250, Danville, VA 24541
In VA (804) 797-3277

GOVERNMENT JOBS. \$16,559-\$50,553/year. Now Hiring. Your Area. Call 805-687-6000 Ext. R-2520. 3-27-84

PRAYER SEMINAR conducted by EVELYN CHRISTENSON (author of *What Happens When Women Pray*) April 27-28, Liberty Baptist Church, 5301 Carthage Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. Registration fee \$5.00. Sponsored by: Johnny Tallent Evangelistic Association. For more information write: J.T.E.A., P.O. Box 8935, Cincinnati, OH 45208 or call 606-546-6147 or 513-821-3632. 4-3-84

GROUPS OF 12 to 150: REMARKABLE OZARK PASSION PLAY PACKAGE includes \$7.50 tickets plus lodging, swimming, and meals at KELLER'S COUNTRY DORM RESORT, Eureka Springs, Ark., for just \$20 each! Reservations: 501-253-8418. 8-01--1/2

HOPE

Tina was sick and looking for help. Her disease was drug abuse. And it's a serious problem among the young people in our community. At the Brooklawn Treatment Center we help young people overcome alcohol and other drug dependencies. Our treatment is one of the most successful ever developed. It's safe and chemical-free. So if you know a young person suffering from this illness, let them know that now there is hope. Tina's glad someone told her.

The Road Back to Freedom

BROOKLAWN

Treating Young People with Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Problems
Contributions are tax deductible • A not-for-profit organization

2125 Goldsmith Lane
P.O. Box 32336
Louisville, Ky. 40232
(502) 451-5177



Eldred M. Taylor
Executive Director
10801 Shelbyville Road
Middletown, KY 40243

homes for children

Where's the money?

All of us have chuckled and been intrigued by the plucky little old lady asking, "Where's the beef?" They have a big bun before them, a nice fluffy bun. So the prospects of a delicious burger appear good. However, when the bun is opened up the tiny speck of beef is so disappointing that everyone identifies with the lady who asks, "Where's the beef?"

Using that commercial for our background and analogy, I want to ask a different question, "Where's the money?" I am looking at our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children with our mission from the Lord and our charge from Kentucky Baptists. We are to provide the facilities and program to minister to children. In a sense our program and plans are "the bun." We have "a nice big bun," "a nice fluffy bun." This big bun includes two children's homes campuses, two emergency shelters, numerous foster homes, a home for unwed mothers and an adoption service. But in order for this marvelous, comprehensive program to be complete, it takes money—lots of money.

A regular bun is just a bun until it has the beef. Then it is an enjoyable meal. The Baptist Homes facilities and program is just "a bun" until we have the money to make it work. It takes money to provide utilities, insurance and transportation. It takes money to provide food, clothing, medical care and other necessary costs for children. It takes money to provide child care workers (houseparents) plus other staff. It takes money to pay the endless bills that come as the result of "a big bun" like our ministry to children.

Where's the money? Well, it is out there in the custody of Baptists and other friends. And it comes to us through the Thanksgiving Offering, the Cooperative Program, wills and bequests (because people remember us in their wills), memorial gifts and through many friends who send special gifts, small and large. Because so many care about this ministry to children, you are showing us where the money is by sending it to us for this great work.

As you provide the money to pay the bills, we provide the ministry and God makes it effective in the lives of children. We have "the bun," you provide the money and children will be blessed.



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

The right stuff

Neal Pauline worked with the government for eight years in the computer field. Three of those years were with NASA and the space program. A business administration graduate of West Virginia Tech, he also became a highly qualified electrician along the way.

Then Pauline got into mining and came to eastern Kentucky to work with one of the largest coal companies. His speciality is the longwall type of mining, which originated in England and is new to our area.

He and his wife Diana, an English and social studies teacher for 13 years in the West Virginia public schools, learned of our school and visited the campus before moving their children to Kentucky. They were particularly concerned to find a situation that could challenge and meet the needs of their academically gifted daughter. Entering as a freshman, Theresa will soon graduate, having completed her work in three years. One of the top students in Kentucky, she was one of the first students chosen to participate in the Governor's Scholars program which was inaugurated with a five week session last summer at Centre College.

After enrolling Theresa in our dorm and learning more of the school the Pauline's interest in our work steadily increased. They moved to our campus the following year to serve without salary. Mrs. Pauline, an excellent and experienced teacher, taught full time and worked into the wee hours of the morning. Pauline worked many hours in our maintenance department while working full time in the mines.

Leaving the mines, Pauline has devoted himself full time to our work this year as our maintenance foreman. He works at a fraction of his former income and Mrs. Pauline now receives our

normal teacher's salary which is less than half of any first-year public school teacher in Kentucky. Both the Paulines are unusually capable and hardworking and are making a real contribution to our work.

Putting in six days a week, in emergencies sometimes seven, having worked all through the fall and Christmas "breaks," Pauline and his maintenance crew kept busy the larger part of the spring break.

There are certain things that can only be done when the students are away for some days. Top of the list for this spring break was the retiling of the floors in the long hallways of our girls dorm built in 1960, as well as the corridors of our classroom area under our gym which was tiled in 1965. Also there was some tile work to be done in our student store.

Volunteers from East Rhodes Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Elizabethtown helped take up the old tile and lay some of the new. The largest portion of the tile was laid by former Oneida staffer, Mike Tyler, one of God's noble men, and volunteer Bud Midkiff of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro. Tyler is now a member of Hawesville Baptist.

J. D. Embry, formerly of Cloverport, has done volunteer work with us six months of the year for the past five years. The other six months he is on the river between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. We've never paid him a penny. Mrs. Embry is with us full time. Like the Paulines, the Embrys joined our work a year after their youngest son came to be a student. With us five years, Donnie is now in the School of Music of the University of Louisville.

Jim Mallard, who with his wife took a \$28,000 cut in income to join our work this year, spent many days of the break in our science lab. In his early 50s, with 28 years of public school teaching experience, Mallard has been hard at work in the evenings and on Saturdays building large wooden cabinets that can be rolled on casters. The cabinets are to hold \$10,000 worth of recently acquired science equipment.

Mrs. Mallard teaches Spanish and is helpful in so many ways in our work. The Mallards have sons attending Georgetown and Western, a daughter attending Eastern and the oldest son has a college degree in computers and is serving in the Air Force.

Hard at work during the break were office workers Pauline Hudson, Wilma Hensley and Joel Lee Rackley, all graduates of our school. Also, Mrs. Joy Hawkins has been one of our most efficient workers for the past nine years. Her husband Oliver is our principal and he is a daily blessing, as is Dr. Jo Ann Seymour, my tireless assistant.



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

New life

April is finally here and the glories of springtime have begun to bloom all over Kentucky. When I think of spring I always think of new life. When he is allowed to have his way, our Lord makes all things new in nature as well as in our lives. An old proverb says, "If you learn to live and to love, you will never grow old. You may die some day, but you will die young!" It is wonderful to feel the surge of the new life of springtime and to realize God is at work in our lives.

April is the month when Southern Baptists stress life commitment to the mission of the church. Our Lord said in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Every Christian should know that God has designated him as a missionary and all of us should be involved in the missionary enterprise for our Lord. Each of God's dear children should take stock of his life at this springtime of the year and recommit himself for service to our Lord in reaching the entire world with the good news of God's love.

April is also a month in which we stress Southern Baptists' unique method of participating in world missions through the Cooperative Program. Sunday, Apr. 15, is Cooperative Program Day.

I want everyone who loves our Lord and supports Clear Creek to know of our strong commitment to the Cooperative Program at Clear Creek. Consider one gain that we as Southern Baptists have made in the last 56 years, largely through the ministry of the Cooperative Program:

Sixty-five other Southern Baptist schools have come into being during these intervening years to train the Baptist young people of various states for important professional and service oriented careers. These schools currently enrol more than 146,000 students.

Clear Creek Baptist School is proud to be listed as one of these important Baptist institutions.

We at Clear Creek appreciate support from Kentucky Baptists through the Cooperative Program. This past year Clear Creek received more than \$350,000 (out of a one million dollar budget) from Kentucky Baptists. For this I am profoundly grateful to God and to you. And I am proud to count those of us at Clear Creek as partners with you in the missionary task of training these who will carry the gospel into all the world.



Daley Observations reprise

Some of Daley's thoughts in print over the past 27 years

On the lighter side:

(from the Apr. 23, 1959 issue)

Is there a doctor in the house?

Springtime brings the commencement season and this means a new crop of diplomas and degrees. While most of us clearly understand the basis upon which high school diplomas and ordinary college degrees are awarded, there is great confusion as to the meaning of some degrees granted by colleges, universities and seminaries.

Generally speaking there are two classifications of degrees—earned and conferred. Earned degrees are awarded on the basis of the successful completion of a prescribed academic course. Conferred degrees, also known as honorary degrees, are presented on the basis of outstanding achievement or performance by the recipient.

The most common earned degrees are: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.), Master of Theology (Th.M.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), and Doctor of Theology (Th.D.). The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) is also coming to be quite common in recent years as are the Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) and the Doctor of Science (Sc.D.).

Whoever earns one of these degrees indicates successful completion of a rather rigid discipline of study. There are exceptions, however, in the case of non-accredited colleges and seminaries where the work might be of respectable level but might be only a farce. No student should enrol in a school without first investigating its quality and academic standing. I have known conscientious students who spent valuable time and much money to go three or four years to a non-accredited college only to be given a degree not recognized anywhere else. This student generally must go back through these years in an accredited college in order for his degree to have any meaning. This is tragic, especially when the student knew no better.

More reprehensible are the mail order type seminaries which offer a doctor's degree for a certain fee plus a reading course or term paper unworthy of a high school student. There are no strict laws to control degree granting and thus one of these hoax institutions gives the same degree in name as do the reputable schools. And so it is not enough to know what degree one has but where he got it.

Conferred degrees are not near so many in name as earned degrees. The most common ones are: Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Doctor of Letters or Literature (Litt.D.), and Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.). These degrees are supposed to be very carefully and strictly awarded only to those who have clearly earned the right to distinction and honor. To wear one does not necessarily mean any particular academic achievement but signifies the bearer has made a significant contribution to his chosen field. A grade school graduate might be worthily awarded an honorary degree.

By the practice of some schools the honorary degree is cheapened and made meaningless. By its very nature, the honorary degree should be awarded to precious few and a sure sign of cheapness is when a school offers them wholesale. One or two honorary degrees each year in two or three fields should be the maximum. A school is honored as well as the person when the honorary degree is carefully granted, but when a school stoops to use the degree to reward someone for a favor or to groom someone for an expected favor or contribution, it becomes a farce and hurts the school as well as the recipient.

Also revealing is the way the recipient wears the honorary degree. If he insists on being called "Doctor," and D.D. suddenly appears on his stationery, bulletin board and elsewhere, it's a sure sign of his vanity or ignorance. If he accepts the degree humbly, he can wear it with justifiable pride.

It's just as reprehensible for one with an earned doctor's degree to parade it. It is the highest degree offered and requires five or six years beyond college plus a stiff comprehensive examination and an original acceptable dissertation of book length but bestows no right to lord it over others. It is known that some preachers with doctor's degrees can't preach their way out of a paper bag, while some preachers who never saw a seminary can handle the gospel and Greek effectively.

What shall we say then to this matter of degrees. More is surely to be said than is in the above lines but here are several suggestions. In determining its value, the degree should be traced to its grantor. Is it from an accredited or non-accredited school? Does it represent solidly academic effort or a group of courses devoid of science, language and other liberal art disciplines? Did it cost four years of hard study or was it bought for \$25-\$50 and some weak correspondence work?

The degree, especially if it is a doctorate, should be known as earned or conferred. Every D.D. is conferred; all Th.D.'s and Ph.D.'s are earned. The D.D. can be highly worthy or it can be cheap, depending upon what school granted it and for what. The Th.D. and Ph.D. are also subject to loss of value, depending upon requirements for bestowal.

Finally we might do well not to consider degrees, earned or conferred, as a final means of determining achievement and bestowing due honor. After all, considering his academic record, Paul qualified for a Th.D. and, considering his ministerial accomplishments, Peter deserved a D.D., but there is no account of either Paul or Peter being doctorated by any first century Baptist seminary or college.

There was a Reverend Fiddle. / A right good preacher was he;
But he's no longer plain fiddle, / But Reverend Fiddle, D.D.

Since you asked

(from the Aug. 6, 1959 issue)

There's a lot of talk today about pulpit committees and prospective pastors being perfectly frank with one another. Surely in deliberations affecting the life of the church and the preacher, there should be no deliberate misrepresentations, but how much should a church and a pastor-to-be know about each other? Is it possible to be too frank? Granted that both are earnestly seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit, general information about each other might be better than to go into all the details about each other's peculiar characteristics.

For example, suppose a prospective pastor has written a certain well-known church for a frank and detailed description of the situation as it really was. The following letter might well have been the reply:

Dear prospective pastor:

This is in reply to your most recent communication in our deliberations concerning the possibility of your becoming our pastor. You said there was no need to waste your time nor ours for a visit by us to your church field nor a preliminary visit by you here until we know a little more about each other. At a calculated risk we are trying to be perfectly frank as you suggested.

Your first question had to do with our town and the possibility of growth for our church. We are in one of the important towns of the empire and we should have great opportunity for church growth. It is a rough town, however, and not famous for its culture. Business is booming here but so is the devil. We are afraid it would not be the best place to rear your family since many of the people here are outright pagans.

Since you asked, we must admit our church has factions. They go all the way back to some popular preachers we had here. Each faction still champions one of these preachers though we have been reprimanded about this wrong. Our church did have a good start for one of God's great preachers

began the work here and labored with us a year and a half.

Sorry to say we are not without some moral problems in our membership. Some of our members are known to be involved in immorality and we likely have at least one case of incest. Drinking and divorce are also too prevalent among us.

Our members don't always get along too well. In fact, we have some members involved in court scrapes with each other now. We also have some loud-mouthed women whom we have tried to shut up at least in church.

Our services are not always orderly. Some people don't eat at home before coming to the Lord's Supper and grab everything in sight. We have a good deal of speaking in tongues and sometimes several going at once. These tongue speakers think they are gifted above everyone else but we have others who think they are more important in the church.

All of us are not straight on doctrine. Some of our members have even doubted the resurrection of Christ but we hope all this has been corrected by a helpful letter from our former preacher.

These are some of the little things we thought you would want to know. If you feel led in our direction, we would be happy to answer any of your questions. Let us hear from you soon. Just address us in care of the church. The church secretary likes to keep up with the activity of the pulpit committee.

Frankly yours,
The Pulpit Committee
First Baptist Church, Corinth, Greece

P.S.: One word about salary. Our church is not the most liberal and we do not have the Forward Program. One of our preachers earned quite a bit on the side making tents. If you are not gifted along this line, maybe you could teach school or sell encyclopedias.

In 1984 it will still cost
the same small fortune
it did in 1983 and 1982
to get Western Recorder
to print and mail
your church newsletter
every week.

\$10.00.

Can you beat that?

western recorder 

All you wanted in a state paper