



Church annuity plan ok'd, budget altered, Kenya partnership launched by KBC executive board

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In its spring meeting last week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention transacted a myriad of business matters with long term implications for state Baptists.

Foremost among them was endorsement of a new church annuity plan to be recommended to the state convention in session next Nov. 13-15 in Louisville, and a downward adjustment in budget for 1985-86, reflecting current economic trends.

Kenya linkup recognized

In addition, the executive board witnessed a commissioning service for seven KBC staff members who were to depart May 12 on a three-week trip to survey mission work in Kenya. This tour is in preparation for Kentucky's linkup with Baptists of that east African nation in calendar years 1985, 1986 and 1987.

The seven include Jay Brown, director, Evangelism Department; Anna Mary Byrdwell, director, Baptist Women, Woman's Missionary Union; James H. Cox, associate editor, Western Recorder; Robert C. Jones, director, Direct Missions Department; William L. Kaufman, director, Brotherhood Department; Marshall Phillips, manager, Camps and Assemblies Department; and W. Mark Snowden, director, Media Department.

KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall highlighted the work of each member of the survey group and the contribution each is expected to make. Jones, team leader, related how God had been at work already in developing the partnership, underscoring the uniqueness of time,

place and opportunity. Following that, the seven team members joined hands with executive board members as board chairman Willis Henson of Paducah offered prayer in behalf of their mission.

Alpha and omega

The executive board later heard the final report of Kathryn J. Akridge, retiring executive director of the state Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Akridge told them her 14 years of association had been satisfying and rewarding, that she was retiring from the WMU staff "but not from its work," and that her prayers and interest "will remain with you forever."

This was a coming and going meeting of sorts. Not only was Mrs. Akridge retiring, C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor, was recognized in absentia upon his retirement next month. The board elected Jack D. Sanford, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., to succeed Daley (see in last week's issue). It also took note that Homer D. Coggins recently retired as president of Baptist Hospitals Inc. and was succeeded by Ben Brewer, who reported for the hospitals.

Further welcomed to the KBC family at this meeting were W. Morgan Patterson, who assumed the presidency of Georgetown College last month, and new executive board staff members Benton Williams, director, Missions and Church Services Division, and Guy Futral, director, Minister-Church Relations Department.

Finally, the executive board observed an introduction to Planned Growth in Giving, a 15-year SBC strategy to greatly increase the level of financial stewardship among Southern Baptists. This presentation was led by Jesse C. Stricker, director, Stewardship Department.

Green light for annuity plan

The proposed church annuity plan to be voted on by messengers to the convention this fall is being presented to each individual state Baptist convention by the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex. Its primary objectives are to increase participation of ministers in a retirement program offered by the board, as well as nonministerial church staff members serving at least half time; to increase benefits; to maintain flexibility; and to simplify the program.

The program will involve contributions by the member, his church and the state convention, based on a formula. A number of provisions are spelled out in the plan. (Questions may be addressed to Byrd R. Ison, director, Annuity Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.)

The new program is called the Southern Baptist Protection Program Church Annuity Plan. If approved, it will be implemented Jan. 1, 1988. Participants must have satisfied a three year waiting period and be paid by a church for at least 1000 hours of work annually. The church must cooperate with and be a member of the state convention and contribute at least \$210 per year through the Cooperative Program.

Giving up, but not enough

The downward adjustment of the budget was necessitated by a slower rate of growth in giving than was anticipated when projections were made for the 1984-85 state convention budget in 1982. At that time, a plan projecting an increase of 10.4 percent additional revenue through the Cooperative Program over the preceding year was drawn.

The revision, adopted by the executive board last week at Cedarmore, projects what is believed to be a more realistic increase of seven percent.

Thus, instead of an overall goal of \$17.5 million in 1984-85, the revised budget projects \$17,008,157. Of this amount, \$14,445,000 will be for operations (as opposed to an original projection of \$14.9 million), with a challenge section remaining intact at \$1.3 million and other estimated income being reduced from \$1.3 million to \$1,263,157. In addition, the board will recommend to the convention session in November a projected overall goal for the fiscal year 1985-86 of \$18.2 million. This is broken down into an operational budget of \$15.6 million, \$1.3 million in a challenge section and other estimated income producing \$1.3 million.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention voted several years ago to step up its giving through the Cooperative Program to SBC causes, raising the level to 40 percent of budget by the year 1990. This remains on target, with 36.25 percent of both the original and revised 1984-85 plans going to SBC work, and 36.875 percent designated in 1985-86. Presently, in 1983-84, that level is 36 percent.

Marshall's response

Addressing the issue of the budget crisis, William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, explained that his careful reading of more than 26 state convention newspapers indicated in every one but two Cooperative Program giving was down from "anticipated levels."

While Kentucky is "still ahead" of last year's giving, he pointed out, it simply has not met this year's projected budget.

Concluding his report to the board, he encouraged, "Like the vast coal deposits which lie under our Kentucky soil almost everywhere, Kentucky Baptists have more resources than we have ever had. But they need to be mined. And I can't do that alone.

"You and all our churches must somehow become the most effective and operational spiritual coal mining outfit this state has ever seen," he admonished. "To do that, I pledge to you our commitment to work together toward a comprehensive strategy of mission and strategy of communication to Kentucky Baptists which will both excite and enlist them in a new way in the mission of God."

Additional matters

Reports were given to the executive board by personnel of 11 agencies, in-

stitutions and commissions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. All brought messages of optimism and challenge.

In other business actions, the board adopted policies and guidelines for a ministers' emergency fund and for counseling assistance to ministers; took the recommendation of a study committee on a statewide annual offering for men on missions, feeling it would not be "in the best interests" of the state at this time; and established a higher advance payment fee for reservations made at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek assemblies. The old fee of \$3 was raised to \$15 per person, with \$7.50 to be refunded if reservations are canceled by May 1.

During this meeting, it was announced that the executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Tal D. Bonham, has requested Kentucky Baptists to continue their three-year partnership with Ohio Baptists for an additional three years (presently scheduled to end in 1985); that KBC executive associate A. B. Colvin is in charge of coordinating the statewide sesquicentennial celebration of Kentucky Baptists, set for 1987; that the Camps and Assemblies Department is being transferred immediately from the supervision of executive associate James H. Whaley to the Business Division, directed by Barry G. Allen; that I. Grundy Jones, missionary to Chile, will be an initial missionary in residence working with the state convention and living in Louisville, effective Sept. 1; and that the James Whaleys have applied to the Foreign Mission Board for a one-year appointment as missionary associates, to serve in Nairobi, Kenya. If approved, they would become on-site host and hostess for Kentuckians in the partnership plan. Whaley would, under these conditions, retire from the KBC Dec. 31, 1984. He will be 65 May 17.

11 employes recognized

Finally, the executive board honored 11 of its long time employes at a testimonial dinner at Cedarmore last week.

Recognized upon completion of 30 years' service was Whaley. For 20 years' service, Sam O. Satterly, building and grounds employe, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, was honored.

Three were cited for 15 years—C. Vernon Cole, director, Family Ministry and Church Administration Department; Shirley Haynes, accounting assistant, Accounting Services Department; and Grady L. Randolph, executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

All of the following were honored upon 10 years of service: Fred E. Halbrooks Jr., director, Sunday School Department; Ralph N. Hopkins, associate, Student Department; Clay L. Mulford, campus minister, Western Kentucky University; William H. Rogers, director, Minister-Church Support Division; G. Tom Smoot, campus minister, University of Louisville; and Edward Satterly, building and grounds employe, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

The next meeting of the executive board is scheduled Nov. 12 in Louisville immediately prior to the state convention annual meeting.

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C. R. Daley

Inerrancy efforts are succeeding in Kentucky

The success of the inerrancy movement in gaining control of Southern Baptist Convention agency boards is no where more evident than in Kentucky. Beginning in 1980 with the first appointees of president Adrian Rogers to the Southern Baptist Convention committee on committees, the constituency of this committee and the committee on boards has taken on a new appearance for Kentucky. The contrast is so marked as to leave no doubt what has been and is happening.

Southern Baptist Convention presidents since 1979 are using Kentucky Baptists to further the cause they champion. Adrian Rogers was not the first convention president with an ultraconservative doctrinal position but he was the first president to use his appointive powers to change the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. K. Owen White, a strong conservative, was elected convention president in 1962 following his attack upon Midwestern Seminary teacher Ralph Elliott for his views on Genesis. President White's appointments from Kentucky to the committee on committees were Elroy Lamb, a well known Kentucky Baptist Convention leader, and James Whaley, a Kentucky Baptist Convention staff member. Doctrinal considerations in no way could have been a factor in these appointments.

W. A. Criswell was chosen for convention president in 1968 and 1969 partly because of his well known conservatism and his occasional attacks upon seminary teachers. His appointments from Kentucky, however, in no way could be considered as promoting his personal theology. His choices from Kentucky the first year of his presidency were Franklin Owen, then pastor of Calvary Baptist, Lexington, and later executive secretary for Kentucky Baptists, and George Hays Jr., Louisville, a long time Kentucky Baptist lay leader. The next year Criswell appointed two Southern Seminary teachers: Frank Tupper and Ernest Loessner to the committee on committees. (Can anyone imagine an inerrancy president appointing a seminary professor to anything more than a tellers or credentials committee today?) Criswell was then and now is a strong supporter of the inerrancy position but he can never be charged with using his convention presidency to advance the inerrancy cause.

Now take note of what happened to Kentucky beginning with Adrian Rogers, the first inerrancy party president. His appointments from Kentucky to the committee on committees were Harold Cathey, pastor of Ashland's Unity Baptist Church, and John Hicks, an ultraconservative attorney from Louisville.

The choices of Cathey and Hicks from Kentucky for the committee on boards were Lawrence Tapp and Alan Sears. Few Kentucky Baptists had ever heard of either one of these. Tapp turned out to be a fundamentalist pastor who had moved to Kentucky from another state only several months before being elected. Sears is a former ministerial student who dropped out of Southern Seminary because of disagreement with what was being taught, then went into law and became known for his right wing views.

The recommendations made by Tapp and Sears from Kentucky for Southern Baptist committees and agencies' board membership were considered so out of place that three of them were rejected by Southern Baptist Convention messengers in Los Angeles in 1981.

So far as Kentucky is concerned president Bailey Smith in his first year lived up to his promise to consider all Southern Baptists in his appointments. He chose G. David McClure, a Louisville ophthalmologist, and Wyman Copass, pastor of Reidland Baptist, for the committee on committees. Both of these could be regarded as representative of the main body of Kentucky Baptists.

McClure and Copass nominated Don Mathis, Corbin's Central Baptist pastor, and Frank Brooks, a Louisville layman, for the committee on boards. Their nominations for agency board members were also mostly representative.

It was another story the second year of Bailey Smith's administration. For his committee on committees members from Kentucky he chose LaVerne Butler, a leader in the now defunct Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, and currently a Jerry Falwell follower, and the Kentucky Moral Majority leader, and John Hicks, the same ultraconservative lawyer appointed two years earlier by Adrian Rogers.

The choices of Butler and Hicks for committee on boards were Bill Hancock, pastor of fast-growing Highview Baptist, Louisville, and Jack

Amis, a Hopkinsville physician.

In a spirit of fairness which is typical of him Hancock sought counsel from several Kentucky Baptist sources and followed some of their suggestions but the inerrancy faction definitely gained ground with his and Amis' recommendations for agency and committee members. The big plum was membership on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for Alan Sears, the unknown in Baptist life Louisville attorney who was surfaced in 1981 by Cathey and Hicks for the SBC committee on boards.

In 1983 president James Draper intentionally appointed committee on committees members from Kentucky representing the traditional leadership and the inerrancy faction. David Nelson, long time Kentucky Baptist Convention leader, and Phyllis Ann Green, a member of the very conservative Northside Baptist Church in Mayfield were Draper's appointments.

As would be expected Nelson recommended another convention leader, Harold Mauney, for his recommendation on the committee on boards. Mrs. Green came up with David Gray, another young Louisville attorney, who was unknown to Kentucky Baptists and who surprisingly turned out to be working in the same office with Alan Sears.

The report of the 1984 committee on boards which was recently released indicates David Gray is a zealot of the zealots for the inerrancy cause. Ordinarily when two committee members are of as different minds as Mauney and Gray, they divide up the recommendations as evenly as possible. In this instance Gray apparently wanted more than one share of the recommendations.

Here are several observations based on what has happened in Kentucky since 1980.

1. Nine Kentuckians have served on the committee on committees. Of these Harold Cathey, John Hicks (1980 and 1982), LaVerne Butler, Phyllis Green and Bobby Patray represent the inerrancy party and its objectives.
2. The committee on boards members from Kentucky also understandably have been predominately representative of the inerrancy position. This means an overwhelming majority of Kentuckians recommended for key places in Southern Baptist life have been from the inerrancy group.
3. Cronyism, the practice of recommending friends and like minded thinkers, which has long been a charge of ultraconservatives against moderates seems to have become the order of the day for the inerrancy faction. Here are some examples in Kentucky since 1980.

Louisville attorney John Hicks did his work so well in 1980 that he was put on the same committee just two years later.

LaVerne Butler was nominated and elected a member of the Radio and TV Commission in 1981. In 1982 he was appointed by president Bailey Smith to the committee on committees.

Alan Sears was a member of the 1981 committee on boards. In 1983 he was nominated by the committee on boards and elected for membership on the SBC Executive Committee.

Bill Hancock was a member of the 1983 committee on boards. In 1984 he is being recommended by the committee on boards for membership on the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

Jack Amis was a member of the 1983 committee on boards. The 1984 committee on boards is recommending him for a trustee of Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

4. Three Louisville attorneys have had an excessive amount of influence on the process by which Southern Baptist Convention agency board members from Kentucky are chosen. All three are right wing politically and religiously. All of them were largely unknown before being tapped for membership on these important committees. Two of them work in the same office. Neither has expressed interest nor has been active in denominational work on the associational level nor the state convention level, but both have been very zealous in determining Kentucky Baptist representation on Southern Baptist Convention agency boards.

5. A reasonable conclusion is that since 1980 Kentucky Baptists' representation on Southern Baptist Convention committees and agencies has been largely controlled by Southern Baptist Convention presidents through a small group of like minded Baptists in Kentucky, some of whom had no evident interest nor former experience in Kentucky Baptist life. Two of those presidents told this writer they did not know those they appointed. One has to wonder how their names came to the attention of Southern Baptist Convention presidents.

This description and interpretation are admittedly severe. After long deliberation and reluctance it was decided that the right of Kentucky Baptists to know what's happening overrules all other considerations. What is done by Kentucky Baptists in light of what's happening is their responsibility.

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Kentuckians on key SBC committees 1974-84

Two Southern Baptist Convention committees largely determine the membership of the conferring boards of the convention. The Committee on Presidents, in conferring with the vice presidents, appoints the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees nominates the Committee on Boards for the following year. The Committee on Boards nominates members of the boards of the convention's agencies. Here's how this process has worked in Kentucky since 1974.

Convention President	Committee on Committees	Committee on Boards
1974 Owen Cooper	J. Chester Badgett Clyde Breland Jr.	Alton McEachern W. R. Davenport
1975 Jaroy Weber	Bob Brown James Boswell	Lloyd Storment Noyd Cubbeg
1976 Jaroy Weber	John Hufman Mrs. T. L. McSwain	George Munro David Jackson
1977 James Sullivan	Bill Simmons Mrs. Duke McCall	Hankins Parker Mrs. Austin Roberts
1978 Jimmy Allen	Ted Sisk Mrs. John Wood	John Wood Henry Huff
1979 Jimmy Allen	Allen West John Debord	Ron Stone Paul Parks
1980 Adrian Rogers	Harold Cathey John Hicks	Verlin Kruschwitz John Gover
1981 Bailey Smith	David McClure Wyman Copass	Lawrence Tapp Alan Sears
1982 Bailey Smith	LaVerne Butler John Hicks	Don Mathis Frank Brooks
1983 Jimmy Draper	David Nelson Phyllis Green	Bill Hancock Jack Maun
1984 Jimmy Draper	A. B. Harmon Bobby Patray	Harold Amuney David Gray

Pari-mutuel betting push benefits Kentucky: Braidfoot

In the wake of the celebrated Kentucky Derby, an expert on gambling has pointed to the Bluegrass state as a common beneficiary in the state-by-state push for legalization of pari-mutuel betting on horse racing.

Larry Braidfoot of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission said "licking its chops" at the prospects of legalized pari-mutuel betting in Southern states such as Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. Pro-gambling forces have actively lobbied legislators in each of these states this year, although legislation currently is active only in Alabama and Tennessee.

"Wherever pari-mutuel gambling on thoroughbred racing is legalized, it will mean an influx of 'new money' into the thoroughbred market" which is dominated by Kentucky, Braidfoot pointed out.

In 1983 Kentucky auctions sold 8133 thoroughbreds for a total of \$542 million. Yet, Braidfoot said, "not one dime" of sales tax was paid on the sales, thanks to a tax-free status "that helps the Kentucky thoroughbred industry stay at the top of the breeding business."

Despite its lock on the lucrative breeding industry, however, Kentucky is not on top of the racing world. Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby, had dramatic declines in attendance and average amounts wagered during both of its racing seasons in 1983. Attendance was off 22 percent for the fall racing meet and 28 percent for the spring and summer meet.

The figures coincide with a national

trend. Attendance last year was down at 23 of the 39 top meets in the country. A number of race tracks ended the year in the red.

Kentucky's average "daily purse" ranked only ninth nationally. In 1982 thoroughbred racing produced just .27 of one percent of the tax-generated revenue for the state.

Braidfoot also cited developments in Oklahoma where pari-mutuel gambling on thoroughbreds was approved in 1982 based on legislation that would allocate to the state a few months of the however, racing supporters said they had miscalculated and that a track could not break even if it paid more than two percent in pari-mutuel taxes.

As a result of such trends, Braidfoot said, pro-gambling lobbyists "have junked their lofty claims about direct tax revenue for racing states in favor of general talk about 'economic impact'." But economic impact studies done recently for several state legislatures "tend to inflate the potential financial benefits while ignoring the negative effects of pari-mutuel gambling," Braidfoot claimed.

Despite the situation in Kentucky and Oklahoma, he pointed out, an economic impact study done for Tennessee predicted a probable direct pari-mutuel tax revenue of about \$15 million. That figure, based on a tax of six or seven percent of pari-mutuel bets, is almost \$5 million more than Kentucky received from its thoroughbred tracks in 1982.

"There is no doubt that thoroughbred racing has an economic impact," Braidfoot concluded. "The question is, 'What will the real impact be?'"

Canadian Conference endorses study report

Expressing appreciation to those who sought seating for Canadian Southern Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention, messengers to the 1984 Canadian Conference May 1-3 formally endorsed the SBC Canada Study Committee Report to be presented to the June SBC meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

Although the report of the SBC study committee outlines a strategy of increased involvement of the SBC and Canada, it did not recommend the seating of Canadian messengers.

A record number of Canadian pastors and laypersons were on hand. The 88 registered messengers voted unanimously on the following formal response to the SBC report:

"We, the messengers to the 1984 annual meeting of the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference express our deepest appreciation to all who have labored on our behalf in seeking the seating of Canadian Southern Baptists at the Southern Baptist Convention and we also express appreciation to the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole for its efforts and desires to promote the evangelization of Canada.

"Without prejudice to the later possibility of our being seated, we have complete confidence in the conclusion reached by the SBC Canada Study Committee and we do in this meeting endorse the SBC Canada Study Committee's recommendation and humbly solicit the continued support of all our friends in our effort to reach all of Canada for Christ."

In the original motion made by Jim Wallace, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, no reference was made to the future possibility of being seated in the SBC but an amendment by Allen Schmidt, coordinator for Southern Baptist churches in Canada, was approved to add the phrase "without prejudice to the later possibility of being seated."

Schmidt said he had complete confidence in the SBC study committee but, "we still want to let everyone know we would be open to be seated at a later date if that was the desire of Canadian

Southern Baptists and the SBC."

The over 200 Canadians attending were able to question reports on the recommendation brought by SBC representatives Harold C. Bennett, Fred Roach and R. Keith Parks.

Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, explained the selection process of the 21-member Canada Study Committee. Committee chairman Roach, a layman from Dallas, outlined the activities of the committee and went through the report point by point.

Roach said when the committee came to the point of drafting a position paper there was a divergence of direction evident, but, "I knew as a committee I did not want to be divisive. The Southern Baptist Conference express our need anything else that will divide us. We need to be pulled together under God's leadership."

At that point, Roach said he instructed Parks, Foreign Mission Board president, and William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board president, to write proposals each could approve of how they thought the goal of how to best evangelize Canada could be accomplished.

He reported, "The heads of these two mission agencies came together under God's leadership and came to a consensus as to how best to expand our work in Canada." The document, described as a miracle by those involved, was then reviewed and revised by the members of the study committee, he said, resulting in the final report.

Roach stressed that the committee's recommendation complemented the desires and the goals of the Canada Conference as expressed by its representatives that met with the committee and its own long-range planning report.

Roach said the evangelizing wouldn't necessarily help evangelize Canada was the basis of their decision. He added that there isn't anybody in the SBC who wouldn't want Canadians to be seated from the fellowship standpoint but that the committee felt seating wouldn't accomplish the goals of the group involved.



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KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION APRIL 1984 REPORT

	1984	1983	Change	
April	\$ 886,627	\$1,044,919	-\$158,292	-15.1
Year to Date	8,555,644	8,434,444	121,200	1.4

OPERATING GOAL NEEDED EACH MONTH	\$1,125,000
TOTAL GOAL NEEDED EACH MONTH	\$1,291,666

christian education

Assistant dean named for Boyce Bible School

John G. McCall has been named assistant dean of Boyce Bible School, effective Aug. 1.

Retired from pastoral ministry, McCall was for 30 years pastor of First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Miss., where he presently is pastor emeritus.

He has been active in Southern Baptist denominational life having served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the Radio and Television Commission. He is a former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and has served as vice president of the board of trustees for Mississippi College.

A native of Quitman, Ga., McCall received his AB degree from Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. and his ThM and ThD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As assistant dean at Boyce, McCall will work in recruitment and promotion as well as teach New Testament courses.

Scholarship fund honors Georgetown employe

The Georgetown College Student Government Association has set aside \$5000 of its program funds to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of the late Mrs. Ethel Correll, long time food services employe at the school, who died Apr. 12, 1984.

Mrs. Correll, an employe at Georgetown College for 28 years, had mastered the art of memorizing student food service ID numbers. She made it a special point to know and assist students during all those years.

In addition to the \$5000 SGA contribution to establish the corpus of the fund, students plan a dormitory by dormitory appeal for gifts which will be incorporated in the scholarship total.

The scholarship will be used for upperclass students at Georgetown College. Only earnings from the endowed fund will be spent.

Boyce Bible School celebrates 10th year

Pursuing its purpose to provide a theological education for everyone regardless of educational background, Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

In commemoration of its decade of educating ministers, there will be a day long celebration for friends and alumni Friday, May 25. The festivities will begin with an alumni luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Carver Patio Room on campus. Afternoon activities will include a time of sharing by alumni, administrators and faculty and an address by Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt.

The celebration will conclude with graduation exercises at 8 p.m. Commencement speaker will be Duke K. McCall, chancellor and former president of Southern Seminary.

The school is named in honor of Southern Seminary's first president, James P. Boyce. Prior to Southern Seminary's founding 125 years ago, Boyce said, "A Baptist theological school ought not merely to receive college graduates but men with less general education . . . offering to every man such opportunities of theological study as he is prepared for an desires."

Boyce School was established by a vote of the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1974. Since its creation, the school has steadily expanded its program and increased its enrolment. The school presently has an enrolment of approximately 600 students and operates five off-campus centers.

Scholarship recipients honored at Georgetown

Georgetown College hosted 60 recipients of the Pastors' Christian Leadership Scholarship at the annual luncheon held for nominating pastors, parents of honorees and entering 1984-85 freshmen scholars on Apr. 28. Joining in the occasion were members of the Georgetown College Associates, a major support group composed of business leaders, corporate executives, professionals and housewives. Georgetown's newly installed president, W. Morgan Patterson, brought the keynote address.

Patterson extended congratulations to the young leadership scholars and parents whose "Christ-like examples have made this program meet with such success."

The Pastors' Christian Leadership Scholarship program, installed at Georgetown five years ago, has attracted 325 students.

According to Steve Cook, the school's director of church relations and coordinator of the program, the quality of student life and scholarship has been positively influenced by these carefully picked awardees.

"The college's average ACT scores have continuously climbed since the beginning of the plan. Retention of students has also been helped," said Cook.

Boyce theology professor to get honorary degree

Harold J. Purdy, assistant dean and professor of theology at Boyce Bible School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, W. Va., when he delivers the commencement address there May 20.

A 1934 graduate of Alderson-Broadus, Purdy's announcement was made by alma mater president W. Christian Sizemore.

Purdy, who has been on the faculty at Boyce since its establishment in 1974, holds the BD and MDiv degrees from Southern Seminary. He also holds the ThD and DD degrees from the Chicago School of Theology and has done additional study at Union Theological Seminary, Mansfield College and Oxford University.

In addition to his teaching career, Purdy has pastored extensively since his ordination to the ministry in 1933. His last full time pastorate was from 1964-80 at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky. He pastored Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., from 1951-64 during which time he served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Evening graduate courses offered at Cumberland

Graduate students wishing to attend the first summer session of classes at Cumberland College may do so in the late afternoon and evening, according to college president Jim Taylor.

Advising and registration for first summer term graduate students will be

held on Monday afternoon, June 4. Registration will remain open until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. The last day to enter a class will be Friday, June 8.

The evening schedule will be observed only for the first seven days of the term, June 5-June 13.

Kentuckians chosen for Campbellsville honors

The titles of Mr. and Miss Campbellsville College for 1983-84 were announced during honors and awards day Apr. 24 at Campbellsville College. Chosen as Mr. Campbellsville College was Jeff Gumm of Greensburg and as Miss Campbellsville College, Jeanette Jacobs of Somerset.

The honors are annually conferred on seniors by the faculty who make their choice from a list of nominees submitted to them by the Student Government Association. Eligible students must have a 2.5 grade point average, good moral standing and have attended the college during their junior and senior years.

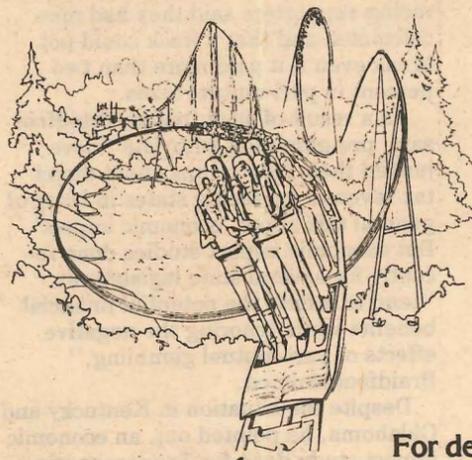


Kevin G. Traughber, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was presented the J. E. Lambdin Scholarship at Southern Seminary recently by School of Christian Education dean William Rogers. Traughber is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Traughber of Paducah.



Willis W. Henson, pastor of Paducah's Lone Oak Baptist Church, is pictured addressing the Baptist Pastor's Fellowship meeting on the Georgetown College campus in early May. Pastors from Baptist churches criss-crossing Kentucky heard Henson address the subject of worship in the local Baptist church.

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Campbellsville students get Horner scholarships

Twelve Campbellsville College students received Paul Horner scholarships during the school's annual senior banquet May 5. The scholarships are awarded from the Alumni Association. Each student received \$700 for the 1984-85 school year.

Of the 12, four were from Kentucky, three each from Indiana and Ohio, and one each from Michigan and Arkansas.

The students and their home towns include: from Kentucky, Robert Wayne Brown, Central City; Christopher Mark Mueller, Graham; Gary W. Shockley, Henderson, and Douglas Kirkpatrick Wesley, Liberty;

John Alan Duncan, Boonville, Ind.; Robert O. Freshour, Seymour, Ind.; Nathan Andrew Whisnant, Boonville, Ind.;

David Lynn Shaffer, Chardon, Oh.; Jeffrey Allen Smith, Wauseon, Oh.; Keith Spencer, formerly of Carlisle, Oh.;

Alice L. Biskey, Applegate, Mich.; and James S. Linck, Flippin, Ark.

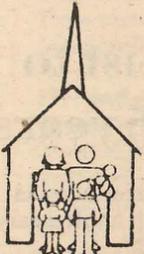
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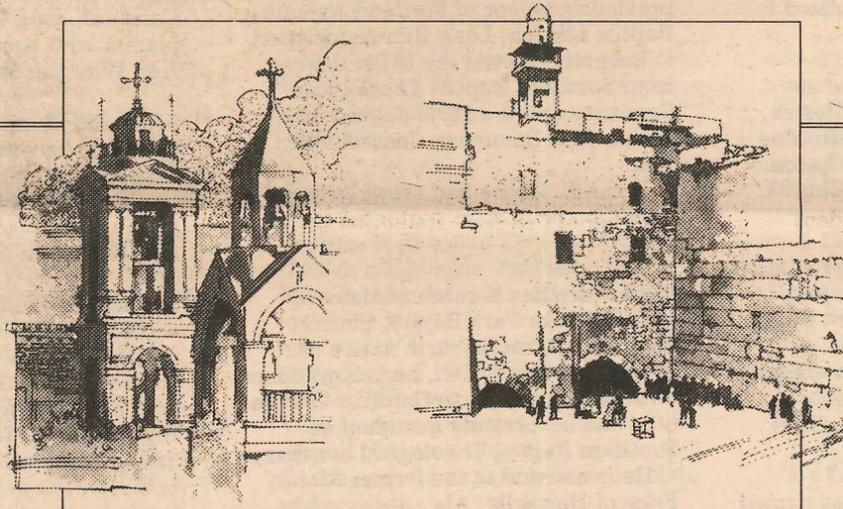
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Robert R. Dempsey Jr. (see photo) was called as minister of education at Campbellsville Baptist Church, Taylor Association, effective May 13. A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he was previously minister of education at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He and wife Martha are natives of Greenville, S. C.

William M. Henegar was called as pastor of Sanders Baptist Church, Whites Run Association. A native of Tennessee, he graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The congregation was organized in 1874 and has 317 members.

Lloyd Williamson has resigned as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Russell County Association, effective May 1. He left the position to become pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

Charles Robinson, a third-year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, was called as pastor of Stoney Point Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

Robinson is a native of Harrodsburg and is married to the former Sharon Long. They have two children, Staci and Christie.

K. Dale Adkins (see photo) was named recipient of the Lebert H. Weir graduate student award at Indiana University Apr. 14.

Selection for the award is made by students and faculty of the Health, Physical Education and the Recreation Department of the university.

Adkins, whose study area of concentration is aging and the family, holds the master's degree in religious education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the master's degree in recreation from Eastern Kentucky State University, Richmond.

He most recently served as minister of Christian activities at Green Valley Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. but has also been a campus minister in Kentucky and on church staffs in both Kentucky and North Carolina.

He is married to the former Wanda Pollard of Brooksville.

Dwight Lyons has been named coordinator of Metro-Louisville Baptist Campus Ministries, with a new office location in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Building, Middletown. He previously worked in the area campus ministry, with offices at Long Run Association. The new position means he will also be responsible for international student work and student work communications.

Ann Griffin (see photo), senior employee at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown, will retire May 31. She spent over 36 years in positions with

Woman's Missionary Union and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

William A. Clement accepted the pastorate of Friendship Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. He came from Richland Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, where he had been pastor three and a half years. Now a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Clement is the son of Richard and Barbara Clement, missionaries in Venezuela. He is married to the former Ava Jean Bolin of Russell Springs and they have one son, Nathan, 2.

Charles Burgett became pastor of Pembroke Baptist Church, Christian County Association, effective Apr. 15. He was most recently pastor of Baptist Church, Evergreen, Colo., and was previously pastor of Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Burgett received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the DDiv degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

Frank E. Deese had served the congregation as interim pastor for the past year.

Mark Price has become minister of youth at Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association. A native of Winston-Salem, N. C., he is a graduate of University of North Carolina-Greensboro and is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Marne' Price of Hartselle, Ala.

William L. 'Dub' Henderson accepted the call to pastor Slate Branch Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, effective May 4. His previous pastorates include Corinth Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, and First Baptist Church, St. Charles, Va.

Richard Earl Summers will work as minister of music and youth this summer at Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association.

Robert W. Jones, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Jamestown, Russell County Association, and former minister of education at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association, was called as pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Chester, Va. He had served as associate pastor in education with First Baptist Church, Woodbridge, Va. since 1981.

Jones is a 1976 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gregory D. Pruitt (see photo) was called as minister of music for Trinity Baptist Church, West Union Association.

A native of Union City, Tenn., Pruitt is a recent graduate of University of Kentucky College of Law. He graduated summa cum laude from Murray State University in 1981.

He has previously worked as minister of music at Bethlehem Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, and Grace

Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Pruitt and his wife, the former Marla Cuffey, live in Paducah where he is employed by a local law firm.

congregations

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Russell County Association, held a golden wedding anniversary celebration for pastor Carl Loy and his wife. Lunch was served in their honor and a golden tray and a money tree were among gifts presented to the Loys.

Pleasant View Baptist Church, Russell County Association, will hold a centennial celebration Sept. 2. An all day observance is currently being planned with various speakers and singing groups. A basket lunch will be served. The church is now raising money to erect a historical plaque on the occasion. Donations may be sent to pastor James C. Porter, Rt. 7, Russell Springs 42642.

Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLeaveland Association, held a youth-led revival during the last week in April with a team of student leaders from Georgetown College, according to a report from pastor Joe M. Thomas. The team consisted of Greg Barr, preacher; Tony Carnutte, song leader; Gina Bunch, pianist; and Karen Thomas and Leigh Ann Winters, fellowship directors.

Scottsville Baptist Church, Allen Association, recently erected the Steeple to their new church building. Construction is near completion and the congregation expects to hold services in the new facility on May 20.

Brooksville Baptist Church, Union Association, will celebrate its 125th anniversary with special services on May 20. A pot luck lunch is scheduled to be held in the cafeteria of Bracken County High School before the afternoon celebration begins at 2:30 p.m.

Walter Isley, former Brooksville pastor and now pastor of Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, the Long Run Association, will be the speaker for the afternoon service. The speaker for the afternoon service will be Gary Insko, field services coordinator with the Sunday School Board, who is a native of Bracken County.

Kenneth Allaby is pastor.

Stites Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association, recently held revival ser-

vices resulting in 21 professions of faith and three new members, according to pastor James Bishop. Charles W. Holland of Louisville was the evangelist.

First Baptist Church of Barbourville, North Concord Association, celebrated its 180th anniversary May 6-7.

Marking the occasion was a dinner on May 6, with all participants dressed in attire reminiscent of 1804, the year the congregation was founded. On May 7, a pictorial pageant was held at the church depicting the church's history.

Organized as Cumberland River Baptist Church in 1804, the congregation changed to First Baptist Church in 1926. The church began extension efforts soon after it was founded, establishing efforts in Indian Creek and Poplar Creek in 1805. Since then, it has had part in founding at least seven other congregations.

It presently has membership of 1405 with M. A. Reese as pastor.

Trinity Baptist Church, West Union Association, will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 10.

Highlighting the special service will be recognition that the church is now debt-free as the result of funds left to the church by a member, the late Juanita McCarty.

Pastor Elmer Crouch is currently completing plans for the occasion, which will include a prayer breakfast, special music and a basket lunch. Former pastor Tom Walker of Paris, Tenn., will deliver the sermon.

Decoursey Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 24 with all day services beginning at 10:45 a.m. All former members and friends are invited to join the celebration, which will include dinner on the ground.

R. Gene Livingood is pastor of Decoursey.

Beaver Baptist to celebrate 175 years

Beaver Baptist Church, Union Association, will celebrate its 175th anniversary with special services May 27.

The congregation was organized on May 27, 1809, under the name of Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. In 1813, the



Highland Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Shelby County Association, recently voted to build a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 480. A ground breaking ceremony was conducted Apr. 8 at the end of the morning worship service. Under the leadership of pastor Bill George, the entire congregation had a hand in breaking ground for the new building.

church formed the Union Association along with four other churches and, in coming years, had part in the organization of Richland Baptist Church, Willow Baptist Church and North Fork Baptist Church.

Beaver's first pastor was Isaac Munson, who served for 29 years. He was followed by John Holiday, who was pastor for 34 years. H. S. Burgess was pastor from 1876 to 1919. Twenty-three men have served as pastors since that time.

The congregations present building was completed in 1877. Sunday school rooms and a basement have been added since and the sanctuary has been completely refurbished.

According to pastor Lawrence Combs, Beaver today gives 15.5 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program and conducts ministries like Fun Day, an outreach ministry to children ages 4-11 in the community.

He extended the invitation to join in the all-day services on May 27 to all former members and friends of the congregation.

New Friendship Baptist Church, Logan County Association, will celebrate 150 years as a congregation May 20.

The church was organized on May 23, 1834, at a country school house about two miles southwest of its present site.

Several pastors will participate in the day long celebration, which will include a covered dish lunch and singing by the Servants.

Jerry Barker is pastor.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cox, missionaries to Spain, are the parents of Jonathan David, born Apr. 26. They may be addressed at Ona 3-9-3, Madrid 34, Spain. The former Cheryl Scott of Kentucky, she was born in Elizabethtown and considers Cynthiana her hometown. He is a native of Reform, Ala. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Bartels, missionaries to Benin, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Severns Valley Baptist Church, Box 448, Elizabethtown, KY 42701). Born in Boston, Mass., he also lived in Southport, N. C., and Dorchester and Natick, Mass. The former Carmela Underwood, she was born in Kansas City, Mo., and considers Springfield, Mo., her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Dyson Jr., missionaries living in Freetown, Sierra Leone, receive their mail c/o West Africa Office, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. The former Ruth Widick, she was born in Nashville, Tenn., and lived in Tullahoma, Tenn., Ft. Worth and Gordon, Tex., and Greenville, Ky. Born in Mobeetie, Tex., he lived in Wellington and Mineral Wells, Tex., and Mangum, Okla., while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Leeper, missionaries to Lebanon, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 618 5th, Dayton, KY 41078). He was born in Houston, Tex. and grew up in Dayton, Ky. She is the former Jean Davis of Battle Creek, Mich. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Park, mis-

ACTS set to air in Versailles

The Woodford County ACTS board (WC-ACTS) and Centel Cable Television Company, Versailles, have signed Kentucky's first contract with the American Christian Television System, Ft. Worth, Tex., to carry the ACTS satellite network.

ACTS will be carried on Centel Cable basic channel 5 in Versailles. The network will premiere in Versailles on May 17 at 5 p.m. with a six hour format. ACTS programming will expand to 16 hours daily on June 12.

The network, funded by Southern Baptists, will feature wholesome family entertainment, religious and locally produced programming. ACTS features Sunshine Factory, a children's program; Country Crossroads, hosted by Jerry Clower; Prime Timers, geared for senior adults, and Invitation to Life, the network's main evangelistic program.

Mark Snowden, KBC Media Director, says "The biggest assets for ACTS are local access potential, no solicitation for funds over the air, and it represents mainline denominational groups."

The Woodford County ACTS officers from Versailles Baptist Church are

missionaries to Chile, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4608 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN 37220). He is a native of Paducah and she is the former Divina Key of Nortonville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Long H. Pham, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Box 7635, Manila International Airport, Philippines). They are natives of Saigon, Vietnam, and consider Louisville their hometown. She is the former Van Thi Dao. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Larry Keaton, former associate pastor of East Audubon Baptist Church in Louisville, was among 15 missionaries and missionary associates recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Keaton, named with his wife Kitty, is pastor/director of Neighborhood Center in Albuquerque, N. M. He was formerly pastor of Southern Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington, 1979-81. He was also associate director of the Family Life Center, Renfro Valley, consultant/educator at Cleftrock Retreat Center, Mt. Vernon, and minister of music/youth at Jefferson Street Chapel, Louisville.

Mrs. Keaton was an alcohol-drug educator with Pleasant Grove Alcohol Education in Louisville prior to their move to New Mexico.

He holds degrees from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a graduate of Murray State University, Murray.

ordinations

S. K. Mohanty was ordained to the ministry at Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, May 6. Anne Davis, dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, preached the sermon.

Mohanty is a native of India. He re-



Pictured [l-r] are Mark Snowden, Media Department director, KBC; Roger Kehrt, general manager, Centel Cable Company; and Henry Johns, president of the Woodford County ACTS board and pastor of Versailles Baptist Church.

Henry Johns, president, and David Wallace, treasurer. South Elkhorn Baptist Church ACTS board officers are Sam Jordan, vice president, and George Leagans, secretary. Other

denominations in Versailles may form an advisory council to WC-ACTS.

Versailles joins over 1200 other cable systems throughout the United States in carrying the ACTS satellite network.

ceived the MRE degree from Southern Seminary in 1982 and is currently working on his MSSW at the University of Louisville.

deaths

Corinne Samuels of First Baptist Church of Lebanon Junction, Nelson Association, died Feb. 28. The daughter of the late J. H. Thurman, a Baptist minister in Murray for 50 years, she taught school in Bullitt County from 1937-77. She was an active member of WMU and was serving as assistant church clerk and secretary of the adult Sunday school department at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, William S. Samuels; one son, Joseph H. Rexroat, Murray; one daughter, Mrs. James Hudson, Boston, Ky.; three grandchildren and one sister.

Mr. R. Lovett died March 30 after a long illness. He was 89.

Lovett entered the ministry in 1920. He pastored 13 Baptist churches and organized 15 more in Kentucky, Virginia and Michigan. He completed work at Clear Creek Baptist School in 1940 and was the first student to receive a certificate of graduation from that institution. He later served as director of missions in Mt. Zion and Bell associations. He is reported to have baptized over 5000 people during his ministry.

Romie Dustin Judd, 92, a former Georgetown College official and professor, died May 4 at his home of an apparently heart attack.

Judd became head of the Education Department at Georgetown in 1945. He was named dean of the college in 1951

and during the 1953-54 school year served as acting president.

While at Georgetown he also re-established the graduate program and became dean of graduate studies in 1957, a position he held until his retirement in the mid-1960's.

A 1916 graduate of Georgetown College, he later received degrees from the University of Chicago and George Peabody College. He also studied at Columbia University, Harvard University and the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Aid requested for Pike flood victims

The Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is requesting that state Baptists contribute aid for victims of recent flooding in Pike County and surrounding areas, according to Rob Carr, department associate.

Carr said canned goods and clothes, especially children's, are needed but any persons interested in contributing should first contact John Pate at the Pike County association office, (606) 432-2660, for further details and an update on current need.

Any persons wishing to make monetary contributions for flood assistance should direct their donations to Disaster Relief, Kentucky Baptist Convention, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown 40243.

Carr said that, under the direction of Bob Simpkins of Hodgenville, Brotherhood disaster relief units from Tennessee and Illinois are presently working to aid flood victims in Kentucky.

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Toward a full partnership

The other day, a Kentucky Baptist Convention church wrote in to say it was discontinuing its gifts to the Co-

operative Program. It was the first such letter in my year as executive secretary and, naturally, it got my attention.

It prompted further inquiry concerning this church and, in that process, I learned that as many as a score of such letters are received annually. I was relieved somewhat to realize that about that same number "re-new" their relationship each year. The wounds mend or pastoral leadership changes.

Note that I said the church did not ask for withdrawal from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. As a matter of fact, about 300 of our 2200 churches currently belong to the KBC but contribute nothing through the Cooperative Program. That number has remained rather constant in recent years. Some of these churches are small and struggling; a few are nearly defunct; some are rooted in an earlier anti-mission theology; a few are strongly antagonistic toward the convention; some just

don't "trust" the Cooperative Program or don't approve of everything supported by it. We are challenged with the task of communicating anew the unequalled plan of Southern Baptist cooperation called the Cooperative Program. While some "few" choose to "knock" it, it goes right on blessing a lost world for Christ. The "many" still believe it is worthy.

So far this fiscal year only eight of our 79 associations have 100 percent church participation in the Cooperative Program—Fulton, Bethel, Grayson, Little River, Salem, Taylor County, Ten Mile and White's Run. Twenty-seven other associations lack only one or two churches in having full participation.

I shall continue to hope and work for the day when all the churches of the Kentucky Baptist Convention participate as full partners in the mission of God, given to every believer . . .

And that's a hope worth working for.



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International Series

Be responsible to God

James 4:1-10 Taking note that the friction, wrangling, quarreling and strife existing among the believers of the opened the fourth chapter with a

question designed to probe them to the depths. He understood that their hostile feelings and heated arguments had their source in lust or an unsatisfied desire for praise and preeminence. The unhappy condition which prevailed was the result of their carnal desires.

God will not condone his children walking in worldly ways. A Christian who forsakes the world is compared to a woman who leaves her husband in order to go with other lovers. Unfaithfulness to Christ on the part of believers is spiritual adultery.

To live triumphantly Christians must resist Satan, the enemy of God and the destroyer of men. Satan will flee from a Christian who resists him in the name of God and with the strength God imparts to him. Communion with God must be preceded by the cleansing of the hands and the purifying of the heart, or both the external and the internal life.

We shall need God's grace every day until the end of this life. There is sufficient grace for every need, but we should ask for it in true humility, while frankly admitting our unworthiness. If worldly Christians will humble themselves in penitence before God, he will forgive, bless and use them in a great way. As they come to love him devotedly, their love for the things of the world will disappear and he will enable them to overcome the allurements of the world.

James 4:13-17 Here is a timely reminder that life, like a vapor, is here for a very short period and then it vanishes or goes away. Since we are only passing through this world, let us be careful to spend each day in the service of our Lord, whether our days be few or many. Instead of trying to control your life, yield it fully and cheerfully to Christ and let him control it. Your influence will increase or diminish the sum total of human happiness and it is permanent.

To know the word of God is not enough, we must do what it teaches. Verse 17 is perhaps the most striking verse in the Bible on the sin of omission. To know right and not do it is as sinful as doing wrong. It is definitely our responsibility to live in accordance with God's will as it is expressed in the Bible.

Life and Work Series

The believer's family

Matthew 13:54-57 Near the end of his Galilean ministry Christ made a visit to Nazareth, where he had lived and toiled in an honorable vocation during previous years. The people of Nazareth and its environs thought of Jesus as an artisan who had labored diligently and efficiently as a carpenter in the shop of his foster father, Joseph. Their famil-

ilarity with him in the past blinded the eyes of his fellow citizens to the fact that he was the son of God who had been performing numerous and wondrous works in different places. Since they knew the members of his earthly family and recalled his work in the local carpenter shop, the people wanted to know where he had gotten the remarkable wisdom he had demonstrated in the performance of various mighty works or miracles. To those with the human viewpoint, only his wisdom and power were inexplicable. Consequently, instead of recognizing him as the true messiah, the people were jealous of Christ and resentful toward him.

Matthew 12:46-50 While the Lord Jesus was speaking to the people, "his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. His preaching was interrupted by the individual who announced that his relatives were desirous of speaking with him about some matters of great concern to them. **Matthew 10:35-37** Loyalty to Christ must take precedence over loyalty to the members of one's family or to one's friends. Love for Christ and loyalty to him must have preeminence over any and all other claims. Love for Christ must always and everywhere be placed before and above love to father, mother, brother, sister, or to one's best and dearest friend or friends.

baptist forum

Canadian Baptist proposal addressed

The current proposal to include Canadian Baptist churches within the Southern Baptist Convention must be viewed in light of our accepted purpose, "to win men to God and Jesus Christ." How can we best help persons in Canada accept the Lordship of our Christ?

There already exists several Baptist unions in Western Canada and the North American Baptist Association are both evangelistic Baptist communities. The Baptist Union is especially indigenous to that part of Canada. They would like to develop their own seminary and establish their own publishing house. Such action would significantly

strengthen the indigenous Baptist work there.

SBC extension into Canada might further encourage "y'all club" isolationism rather than contribute to strengthening the indigenous Baptist witness. Experience validates that an indigenous witness is more readily and widely received than a foreign one. Surely the privilege of voting on the distribution of Cooperative Program funds is not as important as the salvation of the lost. The high priestly prayer of Christ in John 17 might be better fulfilled for Canada by Baptists joining together in union rather than accepting further SBC fragmentation from the outside.

Russell Bennett, Louisville

Associational emphasis appreciated

I want to commend Western Recorder for the full page on associations and three areas of associational work that appeared in the Apr. 17 edition. Also, the listing of the 79 associations was most appropriate.

Associational Emphasis Week, scheduled for May 21-27, will emphasize Churches Reaching All Peoples.

Your support for associational work across our state is deeply appreciated.

Louis W. Shepherd, Russell Springs

Thanks Kentucky Baptists

Thank you, Kentucky Baptists, for nurturing me in the faith, training me and giving me opportunity to exercise my calling in ministry as pastor.

Thanks to my parents, Thomas and Louise White, for a wonderful Christian home. Thanks to George and Helen Rogers for a wonderful Christian wife, mother and coworker in ministry.

For pastors Charlie Wilson, Reed Rushing, Leon Winchester, R. J. Burpo, Travis Terrell and J. W. Crowley I will eternally be grateful. They served my home church, New Bethel in Caldwell-Lyon Association, during my formative years.

Educationally, Bethel College and Southern Seminary greatly blessed my life.

Thanks to Mt. Zion Church of Caldwell-Lyon Association, Poplar Springs and Memorial Church of Blood River Association for the grand privilege of being your pastor during 20 years of ministry with Kentucky Baptist churches (the past 14 years being with the great Memorial Church of Murray).

As of Apr. 22 I will be pastor of Second Baptist Church, Union City, Tenn. However, Kentucky Baptist work will continue to have a portion of my attention and my prayers.

My family and I thank God for Baptists of Kentucky!
Jerrrell G. White, Union City, Tenn.



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

I remember

I remember, I remember
The house where I was born,
The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn.

I remember, I remember
Where I was used to swing,
And thought the air must rush
as fresh
To swallows on the wing.
(Thomas Hood)

Memory is God's wonderful gift to man. The ability to remember and visualize events and circumstances long gone by helps all of us. Someone has said, "The memory of things precious keepeth warm the heart that once did hold them."

May is the month for remembering. Mother's Day reminds us of "the dear one who is most responsible for the person I have become." Christian Home Week reminds us that we owe so much debt to the homes where we were reared. Senior Adult Day reminds us to remember and honor those who served faithfully and well and now serve as our examples. And Memorial Day reminds us to honor American servicemen who gave their lives for their country.

A Christian should use the gift of memory. I remember exactly where I was sitting in a church in Lubbock, Tex. struggling with the Lord. About

halfway through the sermon I said, "Lord, if you want me, you've got me." I remember so vividly the night I was saved, although it was many years ago.

I love to encourage and help God's ministers because I remember my own call to the ministry. I remember feeling deeply the need of humanity and God's churches for preachers and pastors to serve and lead them. A growing realization led me to believe that God wanted me to commit myself to him in full time ministry. I remember yielding to God's call and saying, "Wherever he leads, I'll go."

I remember the day (less than three years ago) when I knew that God wanted me to serve him at Clear Creek. How marvelous to realize that God is willing to put his treasure in earthen vessels! Certainly, the excellence of the power is of God (2 Cor. 4:7)! And how wonderful he is to let us remember!



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More precious than money

"I have never heard of anything like (Oneida) anywhere else in the country." So wrote a mother of one of our students from Miami. We shared this

and other parent/guardian letters last week, and have some others to share this week.

A \$5 donation recently came. The mother wrote, "My husband has been laid off since Dec. 31. But we are grateful for all the kindness you gave our two sons while they were there. James is doing fine and still at home. Kelly is in school and very much in sports. He played football last year and their team went undefeated. He also plays basketball. Our daughter is a junior this year and a FHA member. So this finds us all well and healthy. Hope to hear from you soon. God bless each and everyone."

From Paintsville: "Niven is attending Johnson Central. He is doing surprisingly well. He has expressed a desire to come to Oneida this spring as this is the year his class graduates. He has grown quite a bit since leaving Oneida. I shall always be grateful to Oneida, the fine staff there, that has left a lasting impression on my children's lives. Tara has a good job with a coal company as a computer operator. Chris now has the training for work in the mines. Pray God to bless his efforts in finding a job. Tara hears from Michiko Yamaguchi often. After she graduated from Oneida, she graduated from a university in California and went back to Japan. She has a job with a trading company. Tara was at Richmond last weekend visiting friends at EKU. She

saw a boy she thought she knew. She found it was Eugene Charles. She came back filled with wonder that no matter where she travels she probably has a friend or acquaintance thanks to Oneida. I don't know if you've heard or not but John Holbrook who graduated from Oneida in 1979 graduated from the State Police Academy in November. He is stationed with the Pikeville post. He married a girl who went to school with my children in the grades. She's a fine girl. I know hearing how Oneida has blessed lives makes you feel all the more dedicated to your work there. I hope you are well and that the school is doing well. May God bless you and your efforts."

Yes, Mrs. Maynard, your letter has blessed. We really feel like "family" when we get such letters daily from so many people in so many places. Yes, Mrs. Maynard, I knew about John Holbrook's wedding. He was thoughtful enough to invite me and I got to go. How proud I am of this young man, who was an Oneida boy for three years. The pastor invited me to pray at the end of the ceremony and I was almost too choked up to do so. Two days later I was speaking at Prestonsburg and John and his beautiful bride, still on their honeymoon, came to hear me speak. I chided him a bit about interrupting his honeymoon to hear me, when he had heard me so many times before. But I was pleased. It is always great to see

my girls and boys, anywhere, anytime.

A \$1000 gift recently came from a dear couple at Horse Cave, whose grandson came to us from New Jersey. They wrote: "We have been to Oneida several times this year. We have enjoyed so much the things we have seen and the ones we have talked with. We were there to get our grandson at Christmas break. We were at the daily chapel program. It gave us so much to be thankful for. Thank God for all of you at Oneida who are giving so much of yourselves. For the boys and girls that have the opportunity of being a part of Oneida. Hope all will realize and take advantage of the opportunities that are there for them."

We have had the three sons of the man who directs the Baptist Brotherhood work for the nation of Nigeria and their several million Baptists. Their mother writes: "Thank you for the love of God in taking care of our children over there." They will be our first students from Nigeria to graduate.

We had an only child to graduate from Oneida last year. He was born when his father was nearly 60 years old. We took care of the boy for three years and he made great progress here. The old father recently sent a \$50 donation to us and these words, more precious than money: "I owe you all so much for what you have done for my son. Keep up the good work. God bless you all. I love you all."



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More precious than gold

There is an old story of King Midas who wished to have everything he touched turn to gold. His wish was granted and he eagerly began to touch everything within reach. Sure enough,

it turned to gold.

He took a walk in his garden and touched the beautiful roses. Suddenly they turned to gold—beautiful, but cold and without fragrance. His darling little daughter came running to embrace him. She instantly turned into a beautiful but cold, golden statue. His food became gold as soon as it touched his lips—cold, tasteless and indigestible. Sadly the king realized that there are things more precious than gold. In due time the king's wish was revoked and he was able to touch all the golden objects and turn them back to their original state. Life took on a new meaning for King Midas.

When we were young children, many of us learned the song: "Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

There is much truth in this little verse. Jesus does love all the children

of the world and they are precious in his sight.

As we receive youth into our Baptist Homes for Children, we realize that each one of them is a very rare and special gift from God. Made in the image of God each one is unique and has great potential for fulfilling a special place and purpose in God's plan for his or her life. Also, each one is a person for whom Christ died. Therefore, each one is far more precious than gold.

What a privilege and opportunity we have in our hands as Baptists! We are given an opportunity to help lead, guide and direct these precious lives. Nothing is sweeter or more precious than a living, moving, breathing boy or girl, made in the image of God. Each one can become either a blessing or a curse in our world. Each one is an impression which will live throughout eternity. With your prayers and support, together we are helping many of them become blessings in our world.

baptist news in brief

BSSB gets collection of 20,000 Scofield slides

A collection of more than 20,000 photographic slides of biblical archaeology sites taken by the late Fon H. Scofield Jr. has been given to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board by the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Scofield, director of audio-visual production for the Foreign Mission Board for 29 years, took the photographs beginning in the late 1950s until his retirement in 1977. The recommendation to transfer the large volume of resources was made by his widow, Johnni Johnson Scofield, to R. Keith Parks, president of the FMB.

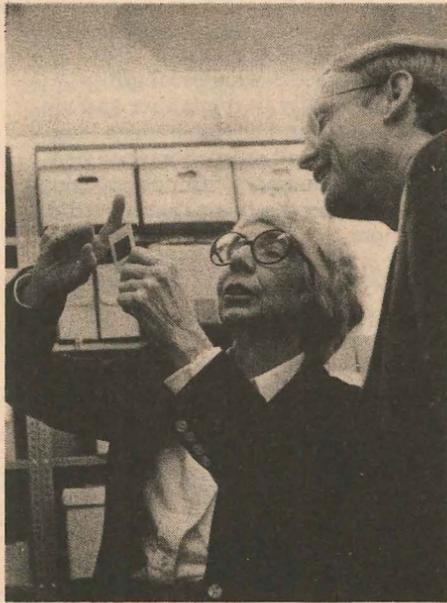
"The Sunday School Board uses resources more than we do now," said Mrs. Scofield, vice president for communications at the FMB. "The Sunday School Board continues to deal with these subjects, whereas we used them when they were contemporary. I recommended to president Parks that we transfer the collection to the BSSB where it would be a live and working resource. Everybody in our office is very pleased."

While many of the photographs were taken as contemporary illustrations, Scofield's interest in archaeology and his stewardship of travel led him to take historical photographs of biblical sites as opportunities were available.

"Every time he went into the Middle East, he would take some time to work on a site or a group of sites," recalled Mrs. Scofield. "His dream was to gather resources for small schools and for seminaries. He was serious about Bible study and he had wanted to develop programs to take to small churches to introduce them to those sites."

While Scofield died in 1978 before realizing his dreams for the photographs, Mrs. Scofield said she believes her husband would be "complimented and highly gratified the resources will continue to be used."

According to Jerry Ross, manager of the BSSB's art department, the collection "is a most valuable publishing resource for Bible study materials. The great need for photographs of biblical sites for Bible Book Study Guide, Biblical Illustrator and other periodicals and books makes this acquisition very



Johnni Johnson Scofield, vice president for communications at the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and Jerry Ross, manager of the Sunday School Board's Art Department, inspect slides from the Fon Scofield photographic collection. More than 20,000 slides dealing with biblical archaeology have been donated to the Sunday School Board by the Foreign Mission Board.

significant."

Bill Stephens, editor of Biblical Illustrator, noted Scofield "made photos in countries where we cannot go today. Warfare and economic development have changed some of the sites, and some important structures that existed when Fon was traveling no longer exist. His photos are invaluable in capturing those sites."

In accepting the gift, Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder said an additional use of the collection would be for "serious students of the word of God who want to do their own research. We believe the Sunday School Board will indeed honor the work and memory of Fon Scofield in the way we maintain and use this collection."

Transfer of the collection to the Sunday School Board's Dargan-Carver Library began in early 1984 and is expected to be complete by February 1985.

Wife of Alabama Baptist executive secretary dies

Louise Green Potts, wife of A. Earl Potts, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, died May 5 at Baptist Medical Center, Montgomery, Ala., after an extended illness.

Mrs. Potts, 64, became the first woman Baptist Student Union director at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1944 and also served as BSU director at Appalachian College, Boone, N. C.

During the time her husband was pastor of McElwain Baptist Church, Birmingham, 1950-70, she taught ministerial wives and kindergarten teachers at Howard College and Samford University, Birmingham, and was kindergarten and Girls in Action director at McElwain Baptist Church.

She became Mission Friends director for Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in March 1971 and retired in August 1983.

She is survived by her husband; a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

NBC special describes making of ACTS network

The National Broadcasting Company network will feature a one hour documentary on the American Christian Television System (ACTS) which the producer describes as "almost awesome" in its plans for satellite communications.

The system is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The NBC program is scheduled for May 20 (1 p.m., EDT) but time broadcast may vary in local areas.

Stan Lozack, producer and director of the program entitled "ACTS: A TV Partnership," said the documentary will show what "goes into the making of a TV network." He describes the system as "the most ambitious telecommunications effort ever attempted by a private group." He said there was nothing special about such basics as satellite, cable, low-power stations, "but it's the scope of this thing that is almost awesome."

Jimmy R. Allen, present of both the Radio and Television Commission and

the American Christian Television System, was among several executives interviewed for the program.

The documentary will be telecast on Radio and Television Commission Sunday.

Draper 'elated' over missions

James T. Draper Jr. ventured onto what he has called the Southern Baptist Convention's "common ground" of missions and will return to the United States "both elated and grieved."

"I'm elated in seeing our missionaries down with the people starting churches, witnessing for Jesus Christ, paying the price," said the SBC president from Euless, Tex., during a 25-day working tour of foreign missions. He preached, taught and worked with missionaries as they witnessed, dedicated a church, planned evangelism strategy and visited mission points.

"I'm grieved when I realize how little Southern Baptists really understand what the missionaries are doing," he declared during his tour of Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Egypt, Jordan and Morocco. I find myself grieved in spirit and emotional at times because I realize I'm 48 years old and didn't fully realize that myself," he said. "Historically, Southern Baptists have found it convenient to give large sums of money to pay someone to do their mission work."

Draper said his experience on this and previous trips to Southern Baptist foreign mission fields has proven "missions and evangelism are definitely the SBC's common ground and the glue which holds us together."

"I see missions as a common ground now more than ever," he declared. "We can never be held together through our academic institutions. We will always argue in academia. That can't be the glue. Evangelism and missions in the U.S. and overseas are going to have to be the things that bind us together."

He said the experiences continued to his satisfaction foreign missionaries do the right kind of jobs in evangelism, Bible teaching and church development — despite "erroneous perception" to the contrary which some of his fellow inerrantists have developed during the SBC inerrancy debate.



These women sew in a quilting class sponsored by Southern Baptist missionaries on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. Mrs. Jacque Sauterue [r] is a volunteer worker who assists missionary Jeanie Wood with the classes, which are designed to help women learn a skill which can help them earn a living. Volunteer Ella Mae Baker from Kentucky returned to the states earlier this year after serving as supervisor of the quilting program and another volunteer is expected to take her place.



Sometimes up to 120 shoes are strewn on the floor outside this apartment 25 stories up in a Singapore high-rise building. The Chinese custom is to take off shoes before entering a home, and this flat is a home. For the past two years, however, it has doubled as a church. Johnson Tjiong, who owns the flat, opens it on weekends for use by the Ang Mo Kio Baptist Fellowship. In Singapore land is costly and churches must be creative in finding places to worship together.

(The following editorials are from past issues which dealt with matters that continue to be significant for Kentucky and Southern Baptists. — Editor)

Daley Observations reprise

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

(From May 9, 1968 issue)

Will Southern Baptists fiddle while America burns?

Up until recently predictions have pictured the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention as another routine convention with the selection of a successor to president Franklin Paschall as about the most interesting item. These predictions had better not be true. If Southern Baptists do business as usual this year in Houston, we may well be out of business in a short time so far as being an influential force in American life. The movements in modern American life and the dramatic events in recent days make 1963 one of the truly crucial periods in Southern Baptist history.

There is much that is right about Southern Baptists, and we can be justifiably proud of much of our record. But in one area we have miserably failed up to now, and our whole future may rest on what we do about this failure. This is the area of our attitude and our action toward our Negro brothers and their human rights.

In the struggle of American Negroes for equal opportunity and first class citizenship Southern Baptists have done almost nothing. We have refused not only to work for full rights for black Americans ourselves, but in many instances we have actually resisted the efforts of others in the struggle for full emancipation.

Now the times demand that Southern Baptists be counted for or against a new day of freedom and justice for American Negroes. The world must know where we stand on the burning issues that hourly threaten to plunge America into a holocaust of destruction and a bloodbath of interracial war.

We must no longer justify our silence with high-sounding arguments. One of these is historic Baptist polity which puts so much emphasis on local autonomy and independence that no Baptist speaks for another nor any Baptist group for the rest of Baptists. This is a precious part of our heritage and must be preserved, but we can no longer hide behind it in our silence. At least, Baptists who gather at Houston can speak for themselves. And since the vast majority of all Baptists at the convention will be pastors and their wives, their voices will be significant.

Another reason given for non-involvement by many Southern Baptists in the human rights struggle is their objection to many policies and methods employed by civil rights leaders. To many of us, many methods employed have been highly objectionable and even unchristian and could not be endorsed. But we must not forsake the ideal while rejecting the methods. Let us join the struggle, choosing our own methods in keeping with our own convictions.

Southern Baptists in Houston should take two monumental steps. One is to come forth with a loud and clear voice sounding our convictions on human rights. This voice should be so sharp and strong that no one hearing it could ever doubt where we stand.

The other step that should be taken will be much more difficult. This is to implement these convictions with an educational program directed to all Southern Baptists to overcome our traditional prejudices and come to the practice of love and fellowship which know no color distinctions. For this step there must be divine transformation as well as human education. It's a pious sounding suggestion, but the only hope for many of us in this matter is the miracle of God's power to change our thinking. Let every Baptist who prays stay in the closet with God until he has God's mind on this matter.

Such heartsearching will necessarily produce heart breaks. Some good people will never change their basic attitudes in this life toward the Negro. That means that to take a stand will in some instances put brother against brother, congregation against pastor, father against son and even husband against wife.

More pastors will have to go as some have already gone. To be headless and right, however, is better than to be secure and wrong. Denominational leaders must be fearless for God's sake rather than fearful for position's sake. They must be climate-makers and not climate-reflectors. This will be at the cost of being branded modernists, liberals and even Communists. Furthermore, some loss of denominational revenue due to withholding of

contributions can also be expected. Our denominational unity will be seriously strained if not broken. This is a high price but it must be paid, if necessary. Too long we have protected denominational harmony by compromise and silence.

America is on fire. Will Southern Baptists fiddle while it burns? God has been more long-suffering with us than we have deserved. This is our great moment of truth. If we fail we need not ask for whom the bells toll. We can be sure they toll for us.

(From April 25, 1968 issue)

Baptist ideals and Martin Luther King

The recent assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. had an unprecedented impact upon America. It dominated the news for five full days and even pushed the Vietnam peace efforts to a secondary place. Few would have predicted such a tremendous reaction to the death of one American, especially a Negro.

Many religious groups and leaders spoke out and identified themselves with the ideals of the martyred Negro leader. Hundreds of memorial services were held all over the land, but, one religious group was noticeable for its almost complete absence from participation in the public mourning for Dr. King.

Except for widely-scattered instances, Southern Baptists were silent on this historic occasion. Baptist spokesmen expressed regret for the tragedy when asked by reporters, and at least two Baptist pastors joined in the Memphis march and rally on the day before the King funeral. But on the whole, Southern Baptists treated Dr. King's death as untouchable as they did his life and ministry.

The day-long televised funeral service in Atlanta showed a veritable array of political and religious leadership of the United States. Everybody but white Baptists seemed to be there. Governors from far away came, but the Baptist governor from Georgia stayed away and had himself protected with armed guards.

There is a strange irony about the absence of white Baptists in memorial services and in the tribute paid to Martin Luther King. After all, he was a Baptist. Why should other religious groups recognize his ideals and courage while Baptists ignore them? Not only was he a Baptist, but the great majority of all black people in America are Baptists. It is estimated that 60 percent of all Negro church members are members of Baptist churches. This percentage will likely not be this high very long.

A sadder truth is that the ideals King lived and died for are Baptist ideals. No doubt his life and mission were greatly influenced by the insights of his early life as a Baptist. For Baptists have always been known through history as champions of freedom and defenders of justice. In much of our history we were the disfranchised, the persecuted and the poor. Our interpretation of the scriptures has led us to stress the sacredness of human personality and the dignity of every individual.

Could it be that Baptists provided the insights and dreams for Martin Luther King, only to reject him when he sought to bring them to realization? Why have we preached equality and justice for all, only to deny it to the black people?

Part of the explanation is that we have been influenced more by culture than by the Bible. Southern Baptists began as a denomination and flourished in a culture that condoned slavery of blacks, and after slavery was abolished we still treated Negroes as inferiors and relegated them to be hewers of wood and drawers of water. We even found scriptural justification for their racial, social and economic inferiority.

It's high time as Baptists we recovered our historic witness to the worth of every man and the equality of opportunity for all persons of all colors. How ironic that most Negroes are Baptists and fellow Baptists are about the last to champion their full rights. Let's repent and be in the front instead of the rear in this righteous crusade.

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