



## Thirteen Kentuckians up for board membership

Thirteen Kentuckians have been recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards for election to membership on the boards of the convention agencies. They will be voted on next week when the report of the Committee on Boards is presented to messengers to the convention meeting in Kansas City.

Six will be nominated for second terms of service. Board members are eligible for two full terms before rotating and waiting at least one year before serving again.

The six are: John R. McCall, a Louisville attorney, who will be recommended for another term on the Executive Committee; David Jackson, who works in state government in Frankfort, for another term on the Sunday School Board; William L. Wilson, an Owensboro business man, for another term on

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees; Charles W. Midkiff, pastor of Greenville's First Baptist Church, for another term on the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary board; O. M. Kington, Madisonville layman, for another term as a Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary trustee; and Ira V. Birdwhistell, Georgetown College faculty member, for a second term on the Historical Commission.

Seven Kentuckians will be recommended for first terms on the boards of five Southern Baptist agencies. Among these are three pastors, a college president, a physician, an attorney and a business executive.

Three of the seven come from Louisville and two from the same church. Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, is being recommended for the

Foreign Mission Board and John Michael, from the same congregation, is being recommended as a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Michael is a business executive who received his education at Kentucky Country Day School and Brown University. He has no denominational experience but has been very active in Highview as a deacon, a Sunday school teacher and a worker in Church Training and other church organizations.

Hancock is a graduate of Austin Peay State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served in many places of leadership in Long Run Association and in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Highview is one of the fastest growing congregations in Kentucky. According to 1983 records Highview's Cooperative Program contributions were \$22,800 or 2.43 percent of total receipts.

The other Louisvillian, Henry Huff, is being recommended as a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustee. Huff, an attorney, received his training at Wake Forest University and the University of Louisville.

He has served as moderator of Long Run Association and as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has also served on several Southern Baptist Convention committees including the Committee on Committees, Committee on Boards and the Denominational Calendar Committee.

Huff is a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church whose Cooperative Program gifts last year was \$45,835 or 9.84 percent of total receipts.

W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, is being recommended for membership on the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission. He is a native of Missouri and received his training at University of Louisville and University of Arkansas.

Davenport has been very active in Kentucky Baptist life and has served as president of Gideons International. He is a leader in Campbellsville Baptist Church. The church, a strong mission-

minded congregation over the years, gave \$123,742 or 25.39 percent of total receipts through the Cooperative Program in 1983.

Jack D. Amis is being recommended as a trustee of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Amis is a Hopkinsville physician and a very active member of First Baptist Church. He is a graduate of University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and also has attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to extensive local church activities, Amis has been used as an associational speaker and in earlier years was a Baptist student worker.

First Church, Hopkinsville contributed \$50,801 or 13 percent of its income last year through the Cooperative Program.

Wendell Romans, pastor of Boones Creek Baptist Church, near Lexington, is being recommended for membership on the Home Mission Board. Romans is a native Kentuckian and received his training at Western Kentucky University and Centre College. He has served as pastor of several Kentucky Baptist congregations, as moderator of Nelson Association, as a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board and in several other capacities.

Cooperative Program gifts from Boones Creek Baptist Church last year were \$11,088 or 7.1 percent of church income.

William Hall, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville, is being recommended as a member of the Foreign Mission Board. He is a native of Illinois and received his training at Eastern Kentucky State University, Fredericksburg Bible Institute, International Bible Seminary and Universal Bible Institute.

Hall has been involved in associational work and state convention activities. He has a radio and television ministry and also has been on preaching missions to several foreign countries.

The Gethsemane Church contributed \$15,543 or 10.15 percent of its receipts last year through the Cooperative Program.

## Pressler nomination to be challenged

by Dan Martin

A challenge to the nomination of Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge and leader of the inerrancy movement in the Southern Baptist Convention, is being planned for the annual meeting of the SBC June 12-14 in Kansas City, Mo. Pressler, a member of First Baptist Church of Houston, was nominated to fill an unexpired three year term on the SBC Executive Committee by the 1984 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees. He must be elected at the annual meeting in order to serve.

In addition to the Pressler nomination, a challenge to at least one other action is scheduled, and challenges are rumored from Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. (Kentucky executive secretary-treasurer William Marshall and Kentucky editor C. R. Daley say they know of no plans for a challenge from Kentucky.)

The Committee on Boards subcommittee, scheduled to meet prior to the Kansas City convention to fill any vacancies caused by death, relocation or other reason, will hear a protest from Richard Eskew, pastor of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville, N. C., who

was eligible for a second term on the Home Mission Board but was not re-nominated.

Pressler, who emerged into the SBC spotlight in 1979 with charges the denomination was becoming increasingly liberal, was nominated to fill the unexpired term of C. Welton Gaddy, who moved from Texas to Georgia and became ineligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

C. Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Tex., and president of the 2.2 million member Baptist General Convention of Texas, told Baptist Press he will nominate Bruce W. McIver, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church of Dallas, as Gaddy's replacement. In a letter to Charles Fuller, chairman of the Committee on Boards, Moore did not mention Pressler, but instead focused on McIver's qualifications.

Bylaw 16(8) encourages persons desiring to challenge the report to publicize the challenge in advance of the convention to allow the messengers to be informed.

The letter pointed out McIver is immediate past chairman of the Texas Baptist executive board, immediate past chairman of the SBC Committee on Order of Business, and is a past vice president of the BGCT and chairman of the board of trustees of the SBC Annuity Board.

Moore concluded by noting the "proposed amendment will be offered out of a sincere love for our convention and a heartfelt desire to see it move forward in unity and harmony." He added the nomination is "not an 'anti' movement of any kind," but said he believes "we should elect people who are in the mainstream and not 'one-project people'."

Admitting he does not know Pressler, Moore said, "I really haven't talked to that many people about it. I have talked to some (people) since I decided something should be done to present someone who is in the mainstream."

Pressler told Baptist Press "everyone is free to nominate whomever they wish . . ." He said "contest of the report . . . can be disruptive and disharmonious. I would have hoped Moore, whom I do not know, would have made an effort to get to know me before he took the step of proposing someone against me."

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## Presidency tops SBC agenda

Selection of a new president tops the list of issues facing messengers at the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., June 12-14. While the choice of a person to succeed James T. Draper Jr. tops the agenda, it probably is not the most volatile issue facing the estimated 18,500 messengers.

Resolutions generally draw discussion and there will be a variety of statements, including positions on the role of the United States in Central America, abortion, homosexuality, national defense and the prayer amendment issue.

An item expected to draw extended and possibly heated discussion is the relationship of the SBC to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a nine-denomination coalition which has represented the SBC in Washington, D. C. since the 1940s. Funding for the PAC could be challenged during consideration of the SBC budget. Observers say the avenue likely will be to reallocate all or part of the \$450,000 SBC contribution to a "Southern Baptist presence" in the nation's capital.

Turmoil over an equally explosive

issue, the role of women in the church, including ordination to the ministry and to the diaconate, has torn segments of the convention. The debate has heated up, with factions taking opposing sides and citing scripture as justification. Early rumors circulated an effort would be made to refuse seating to churches which ordain women, but the battle apparently will be fought through resolutions.

Also, messengers will consider the report of the denomination's Committee on Boards, already a topic of controversy because of the nomination of inerrancy movement leader Paul Pressler of Houston to a term on the SBC Executive Committee.

Six men have been mentioned as potential presidential candidates. The three most likely candidates are John Sullivan, current first vice president of the SBC and pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Shreveport, La.; Grady C. Cothen, recently retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., and Charles Stanley, current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference and pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta.



C. R. Daley

## daley observations

### There is no errancy faction in the dispute

A letter in the Baptist Forum of this issue raises one of the confusing elements in the present controversy among Southern Baptists. The writer asks if one of the two opposing factions holds to the inerrancy of the scriptures, does the other faction believe in the errancy of the scriptures.

The answer is no. Both groups believe in the inspiration and authority of the scriptures and that the Bible has "truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter" (Article I, The Baptist Faith and Message).

What is the issue then? The issue is a particular view of inspiration and the nature of the authority of the Bible. Inerrancy in the context of the present controversy has come to mean that the writers of the scriptures were inspired in such a way that their limitations in historical knowledge, scientific truth and in every other area were overruled in such a way that every word they wrote was perfect historically, geographically, scientifically as well as religiously. The Bible then is absolutely authoritative in every sphere of knowledge. To inerrantists this is the meaning of "truth, without any mixture of error."

This kind of inerrancy is claimed only for the original autographs since all the copies of the books of the Bible available today are admittedly not perfect. Proving the inerrancy claim is impossible because no autograph of any book in the Bible has ever been discovered nor is there reasonable expectation one will ever be found.

The other position holds that the truth and authority of the scriptures do not depend upon its historical and scientific inerrancy. Its authority is in religious matters and in that realm it is inerrant. It was never intended to be a science or history textbook. Its writers were inspired by the Holy Spirit in such a way that truth about God and man was perfectly revealed.

In this view the original autographs are not that important. Today's copies of these autographs are near enough to the originals to be completely trustworthy. Furthermore, should the autographs ever be discovered, they would likely reflect the limited scientific and theological understanding of the era in which they were written.

Maybe the ancient and modern views of the relation of the sun and the earth will serve to illustrate the two views. It is evident that for many centuries mankind believed the earth was the center of this universe and that the sun circled the earth every 24 hours. This was the prevailing view when the Bible was written and this view seems to be shared by writers of Bible books.

Now we are convinced the sun is the center of this planetary system and the earth revolves around the sun. If this is the ultimate truth of this matter, did God reveal it to writers of scripture? Would an examination of the original manuscripts of the Bible reveal that the writers were guided by the Holy Spirit in such a way that any reference to astronomy in the Bible reflects the ultimate astronomical truth instead of the limited understanding of their day?

What difference does it really make? The truth of Isaiah and Romans is not dependent upon what the prophet and the apostle thought about the relation between the sun and the earth.

Inerrancy has another meaning in the present controversy. It describes not only a view of the Bible but also a movement to enthrone that view in the institutional life of Southern Baptists. Hence the struggle for the presidency of the convention and the control of its agencies and institutions. Inerrancy in this respect is as much or more a political movement as a doctrinal position.

The struggle is not between an inerrancy faction and an errancy faction. It is a power struggle between groups both of whom believe and love the Bible. This is why it seems so useless to many.

### Anniversary celebrations at Leitchfield and Beaver

At least two historic Kentucky Baptist congregations celebrated anniversaries during the Memorial Day weekend. Being present was a delightful experience but there was a slight tinge of sadness realizing for me these were among the last such celebrations I will attend as editor.

Leitchfield First Baptist used more than a year's preparation and three days and nights to celebrate 180 years of ministry. Through its long and illustrious history this congregation has been blessed with unusually outstanding pastors. Some of these were back for the observance. Among these were John Penick, Charles Porter and Charles Jones.

Back also for the occasion were the widows of T. Emerson Wortham and Clinton B. Coots. Robert Kiper, one of the members ordained to the gospel ministry, returned for a part in the Friday evening service.

The celebration was highlighted by a pageant on Saturday evening in which about 80 church members had parts. On display was an unusual collection of memorabilia from every era of the church's history. Collections from the ministries of various pastors were displayed separately and filled a large fellowship area.

The activities were masterfully coordinated by pastor George W. Smith, one of Kentucky's truly outstanding pastors.

The other celebrating congregation was Beaver Baptist in Harrison County. Members and visitors overflowed the beautiful sanctuary which dates back to the last century.

Located a few miles northeast of Cynthiana, Beaver is Judyland. This community and church gave to Kentucky and the world E. Keevil Judy and that contribution alone would justify the 175 years of Beaver Baptist existence.

Naturally Keevil was the featured speaker as he was on the 150th anniversary in 1949. His message was profound, revealing a mind that is as sharp as ever and a delivery as effective as ever.

The large crowd dined sumptuously filling the facilities and overflowing into the church yard. Several former pastors returned from as far away as Florida and Virginia for the occasion. Each brought greetings and testified to the blessings from the church to their lives and ministries.

Lawrence Combs is Beaver's pastor and had not overlooked one detail in planning the occasion.

Such celebrations are important in the life of a congregation. Church anniversaries should be celebrated at least every 25 years.

### What's right at Southern Seminary?

An Aug. 10, 1983 Western Recorder editorial asked the question, "What's wrong at Southern Seminary?" It's now time for a sequel editorial entitled, "What's right at Southern Seminary?"

The earlier editorial was prompted by the retirement or resignation of a half dozen or more outstanding teachers within a few months. This editorial is prompted by the announcement of trustee approval of 12 new faculty additions at one time.

Any idea that the unusual number of faculty losses last year indicated trouble at Southern has been dispelled by the willingness of 12 worthy scholars to come on board this year. Far from being a sinking ship to be deserted, Southern Seminary has been and still is one of the most attractive and challenging places of ministry for Southern Baptist scholars.

Most of these new faculty members have already demonstrated their teaching ability in other institutions. For several it will be their first opportunity in the major leagues of theological instruction.

Noteworthy is the fact that three of the 12 faculty additions are women. The service of women teachers at Southern is not new. Several have been used on the Church Music and Religious Education faculties for a number of years.

What's new and significant is the choice of two women scholars for instruction in Christian theology and Old Testament in the theological division of the faculty. In light of traditional Baptist belief about women in such roles, courage was required on the part of president Honeycutt and the trustees to take this step.

The move will draw some criticism but this is not unusual for Southern which has served as something of a bellwether for Southern Baptist theological education. Other seminaries will be guided by the reaction to Southern's action.

By the nature of their ministry seminaries will always have difficult times and good times. And so it is not surprising that at times the question is, "What's wrong?" and at other times the affirmation is, "All's right." This is the time for such an affirmation.

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# baptist forum

## Drop labels, give an observation

I have heard you confess that you do not always communicate. Maybe the word should be clarify for you seem to adequately communicate your views usually. In your editorials of May 1 and May 15 you used the following terminology freely, i.e., "the inerrancy controversy," "inerrancy position," "inerrancy cause," "inerrancy party," "inerrancy faction," "inerrancy group," and "inerrancy zealots," with reference to some persons operating within the Southern Baptist Convention structure.

Webster defines the word inerrant as exempt from errors, free from mistakes, infallible. Remove the prefix and the word is errant defined as deviating from the true or correct.

Since your editorials are for the purpose of communicating your views, how do you see your communications coming through to your readers? Has it occurred to you that some folk do take words literally? For instance, consider the opposites, black-white, up-down, in-out, inerrant-errant. The conclusion is drawn from your communications that there is an inerrancy group the opposite of which is an errancy group. Is there in fact a group of people within the structure that stands for a scripture without any error on the one side while on the other side there is a group which holds to a scripture with part error and part truth?

How about dropping the labels and giving us an observation clarifying the communication?

Warren Robards, Lewisport

## 'Deeply concern' about appointment

As a Baptist and a Christian for the past 52 years I am deeply concerned about the appointment of Mr. Paul Pressler to our Executive Committee. Mr. Pressler has been quoted as saying he is "going for the jugular vein" of our colleges, seminaries and institutions.

I am a former member of the Execu-

tive Committee and during my time of service on that group I did not know of any one on that group with that destructive attitude. If the statements attributed to Mr. Pressler are true, we are inviting a fox in to help guard the hen house.

The things I read and the information I receive lead me to believe that Mr. Pressler has organized a political network that will control the appointments of board members and seminary presidents.

I believe Mr. Pressler's "nomination" is an evidence of political power and it is my opinion that his election would be a disaster for our convention. I respectfully urge his rejection as a member of the Executive Committee.

Henry Horrell, Nashville, Tenn.

## Tennessee layman has 'seen the light'

I am a Tennessee Baptist layman who, in the past few months, has seen the light as to what is going on in our Southern Baptist Convention. Several things have helped me piece the puzzle together. One was when Mr. Paige Patterson admitted last year that he and Mr. Paul Pressler head a "network" to control the election of our convention officers. He also admitted this "network" had been in existence since 1979. At Wake Forest this spring they further spelled out their "blueprint" to put only super-conservatives on our boards. Mr. Pressler's nomination to the Executive Committee is no accident. It is in keeping with the "blueprint."

Southern Baptists, we are being manipulated. The simple truth is a "political machine" is operating in our convention and, unless derailed, will soon rupture our fellowship, disrupt our mission work, and turn our seminaries into Jerry Falwell specials.

J. D. Cole, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## On the move again in Nigeria

Surprised by a mid-year letter? There's a reason for it. Once again the Sleds are on the move. We'll move to Ogbo-

mosho on May 17.

In January the Frances Jones Memorial Home committee requested us to become directors of the home upon the retirement of Mrs. Novella Bender. We accepted. That job will primarily

belong to Betty. Osad Imasogie, president of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary then requested that Max return to his former position as director of business affairs. That post has been

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## viewpoint

### Is subtle shift occurring in what holds Baptists together?

by R. Keith Parks,  
President, Southern Baptist Foreign  
Mission Board

(Editor's note: The following views are excerpts from recent addresses of Keith Parks and from an interview with him by Georgia editor Jack Harwell.)

Southern Baptists are being sidetracked from their historic basic principles. If we lose our historic perspective and unintentionally or unknowingly allow a substitute for missions to be defined as our distinguishing characteristics, we will have changed the basic nature of our Southern Baptist Convention. This will distort our past, change our present and jeopardize our future.

God is smiling on Southern Baptists for special reasons that we need to understand. Our world is changing, with more radical swings than ever before. . . . In the midst of these world changes, God is pouring out his blessings on Southern Baptist foreign missions efforts as never before. We don't need to dilute those blessings by forgetting our purposes and our directions.

I travel all over America and all over the world. I hear many Baptists say many things. And I watch what is happening in churches, in pulpits and in institutions. I fear a subtle shift is taking place in what holds Baptists together. Many people don't know this shift is taking place; others seem determined to hasten it by their preaching and actions.

I am truly frightened at the lack of awareness of what makes a Baptist a Southern Baptist. Historically and theologically, we have been distinguished by our commitment to missions, worldwide missions, as the hallmark of Baptist belief and practice.

We have believed in the local church, but we have always taught that these local churches had a global mandate to share the gospel everywhere.

But in recent years a growing number of voices within our fellowship have begun to say that missions is not the Southern Baptist distinctive. Their voices would tell us local evangelism and biblical orthodoxy are our vital Baptist distinctives.

This sounds good on the surface and is popular in the current national mood. But it is simply not true to historic Baptist principles. Our denomination has never been a doctrine-making body. We always have believed in evangelism, but we have given a global vision to that belief. That commitment is now in jeopardy across our Southern Baptist fellowship.

I guess I can be expected to voice a concern for foreign missions commitment. I have been a missionary all of my adult life. I am not just speaking out of administrative or professional concern. I am speaking out of my heart, as a loyal member of my Southern Baptist family. We simply must be more vocal and more courageous in articulating our

basic Southern Baptist commitment to the Great Commission around the world.

I believe the Bible with all my heart. I don't know a Southern Baptist missionary who doesn't. But, because of the Bible, I believe in global missions. To be truly biblical, a church must have a global ministry with a local base, but I hear fewer and fewer pastors and denominational board members voicing that belief.

A new emphasis on local evangelism and biblical orthodoxy is manifesting itself in leading churches down two distinct tracks. On one of these tracks churches support any kind of missions effort that comes along, whether it is Southern Baptist or not. These churches see no conflict with giving lukewarm support to missions programs of their convention; they give equal support to every other missions project which seems "evangelistic" or "orthodox."

These same pastors would be scandalized if their church members followed suit; that is, if they supported every other church that seemed to be "evangelistic" and "orthodox."

There is a dichotomy here that needs to be analyzed and articulated. It might not be intentional or deliberate, but it is just as deadly and self-defeating as if it were.

On the second track churches do their own missions program, like our independent Baptist brethren, without full support of their denominational missions ministries. This growing trend to do "Lone Ranger" missions projects is not limited to any one region of the country but it is related to current theological tensions in the Southern Baptist Convention. Controversy tends to push people to extremes. When that happens, we tend to twist our basic nature.

In that context, I have a grave concern that our convention must, I repeat, must elect officers and board members who are mainline, centrist types of Southern Baptists. Extreme people tend to hasten this erosion from historic convictions.

Unless we elect those who have a true concept of supporting who we are as Baptists, they will inevitably lead us away from our basic principles of global missions and evangelism.

Sometimes we have been so committed to local church autonomy, we have emphasized localism out of balance to biblical teachings about worldwide responsibility. This extreme localism is conducted by culture—the "Me generation," permissiveness, anti-establishment mentality, etc. And it often produces one-issue leaders who champion one cause and one church to exclusion of all else in the Christian enterprise.

Southern Baptists need to embrace the entire world spectrum of the Christian gospel and we need to choose officers and board members who understand, articulate and preserve that commitment.

## SBC FORUM

Music Hall, Convention Center

Kansas City, Missouri

June 11, 1984

Presiding: Gene Garrison, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Directing Music: Lowell Dotson, Charlotte, N. C.

1:30 Welcome, Gene Garrison

Worship: Scripture, Charles Wade, Arlington, Tex.

Solo, Lowell Dotson, Charlotte, N. C.

Prayer, Raymond Langlois, Nashville, Tenn.

1:45 "Preaching and the Sovereignty of God"

David Matthews, Pastor

The First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.

2:15 Special Music

2:25 "The Spirit of Learning and Learning of the Spirit"

Kirby Godsey, President, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

2:55 Congregational Hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(Text of hymn on back of program)

3:00 "Women as Ministers"

Sara Ann Hobbs, Director, Missions Division

North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh, N. C.

3:30 Congregational Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Text of hymn on back of program)

3:35 Offering

3:40 "The Revelation We Proclaim"

Duke K. McCall, President

Baptist World Alliance, Louisville, Ky.

4:10 Mini Concert: Dean Wilder, tenor soloist

Professor, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

4:30 "An Encouraging Word"

Kenneth Chafin, Pastor

South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

5:00 Benediction: John Hewett, St. Louis, Mo.

# christian education



Neathamer



Hackett

## Two with Kentucky ties become N.O. graduates

Richard Purdy Neathamer and Clarence E. Hackett III (see photos) were two of more than 180 individuals receiving degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary during spring graduation exercises on the New Orleans campus. Neathamer is minister of music of St. Bernard Baptist Church, Chalmette, La. Hackett is pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Punta Gorda, Fla.

A native of Drakesboro, Ky., and graduate of Murray State University, University of Louisville and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Neathamer received an MRE degree.

A native of Punta Gorda, Fla., and graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary, Hackett completed all requirements for the DMin degree. He is married to the former Barbara Smith of Columbia, Ky.

## Cumberland student receives ABS award

A student of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., Michael David Melson is one of the recipients of this year's American Bible Society national awards for proficiency in religious studies.

Selected each year from colleges and seminaries across the United States, the award winners are top students selected because of their achievement in the field. Melson will receive a Greek/English New Testament with the ancient Greek and Today's English Version texts side by side.

A May 1984 graduate with a major in religion and a minor in English, Melton plans to begin studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1984.

## G-town senior honored for high academic record

Karen Robin Geyer of Lexington graduated from Georgetown College with highest honors. Miss Geyer was named recipient of the dean's award for the outstanding record in her 1984 graduating class.

She was also picked as the outstanding mathematics major at the college and was the choice of Georgetown's Education Department for the outstanding student in secondary education award.

## Endowment to underwrite student wives' activities

A new endowment fund established by Mrs. G. R. Pendergraph of Louisville will underwrite activities "for the spiritual and educational enrichment of student wives at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and its Boyce Bible School division."

Mrs. Pendergraph, an active member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, lives across the street from the seminary

campus. Her late husband, who died in 1972, served 26 years on the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a consultant in church development, church administration and rural church ministries. A native of North Carolina, Pendergraph was a 1937 graduate of Southern Seminary and pastored three Kentucky churches before joining the state convention staff in 1946.

The Pendergraph Fund will provide resources for conferences, workshops, retreats and other activities designed to help wives of seminary students. It may also help sponsor events which would involve participation by wives of seminary graduates who are active in Christian ministry. The endowment will help the seminary develop its comprehensive Center for Christian Family Ministry, approved by the trustees last year.

## Oldham elected head of Georgetown alumni

Robin Oldham, director of communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been elected president of the Georgetown College Alumni Association in a recent national alumni election.

Oldham, who will take office at the college's homecoming in the fall, has been chosen for a two year term. The 1969 alumnus served Georgetown in three major administrative roles before taking up his present duties in Louisville, as an admissions counselor, two years, coordinator of communications six years and assistant to the president four years. He also served as a writer of

foundation proposals.

Other officers selected in the biennial election include Mrs. Peggy Seale Snowden of Winchester, a 1983 Georgetown alumna, picked as vice president and local businessman Bob Barlow elected treasurer of the association. Barlow graduated from Georgetown College in 1951.

## Two Kentuckians obtain degrees at Mid-America

Commencement at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., was held May 11. Of the 43 graduates two were from Kentucky.

Receiving MDiv degrees were David Atherton and Russell J. Lievers.

## Cumberland conducts spring commencement

Two honorary doctorate degrees were awarded and 230 graduate and undergraduate degrees were handed out by Cumberland College during its spring commencement exercises.

Edward Balloff, attorney, businessman and civic leader from LaFollette, Tenn. received the honorary doctor of humane letters degree. John L. Crawford, publisher, writer and civic leader from Corbin, received the honorary doctor of letters degree.

The commendement was given by Carroll Hubbard, U.S. Congressman from Kentucky's First District. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by J. Robert White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah.

## First pre-med scholarship awarded at Georgetown

Brent Terrell, a Georgetown College junior from Buskirk, was recipient of the first annual Dr. W. I. Lewis Memorial pre-med scholarship.

Terrell, an upcoming senior at the college, is preparing for a career in medicine.

The scholarship was given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deen of Dallas, Tex. It is given in honor of Mrs. Deen's father who was a practicing physician-surgeon for 44 years.



Ira J. Porter [left], a 1920 Georgetown College alumnus, was recently honored by his alma mater for long service as a trustee. Reading a citation honoring him is J. Richard Carlton, vice president for development at the school. He was named a Georgetown trustee in 1924. He retired from the board in 1982, a 58-year stretch of service.



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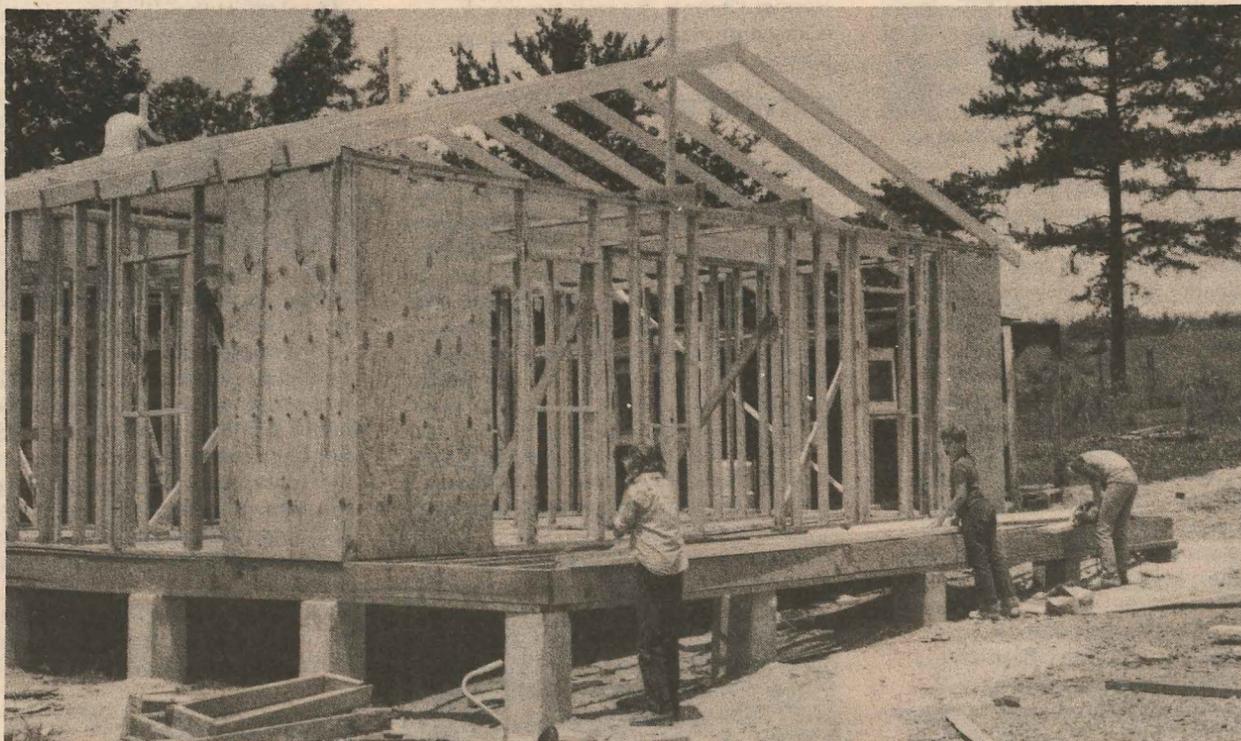
(effective Tuesday, June 12, 1984)

Eastern Time	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00	Changed Lives						
8:30	One In The Spirit	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Cisco Kid
9:00	Insight						
9:30	This Is The Life	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	
10:00	Journeys in Christian Growth	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	
10:30	Bobby Jones	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	
11:00	Prime Timers	Prime Timers	David Wade	Super Handyman	Plant Groom	Human Dimension	Sunshine Factory
11:30	Athletes	Praise Song	Insight	At Home W/Bible	America Sings	This Is The Life	
Noon	Great Churches	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	
12:30			SBC#1				
1:00	At Home W/Bible	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	
1:30	Praise Song	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel
2:00	Profiles						
2:30	Our World	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	
3:00	Invitation To Life	Country Crossroads	Our World	Glorieta Quiz	Athletes	In Concert	
3:30			Profiles	Listen	Our World		Prime Timers
4:00	In Concert	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Super Handyman
4:30		Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	Plant Groom
5:00	Great Churches	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	David Wade
5:30		Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	
6:00	At Home W/Bible	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Laff Movie
6:30	Changed Lives	David Wade	Super Handyman	Plant Groom	Glorieta Quiz	Prime Timers	Funny Man
7:00	This Is The Life						Shari Lewis
7:30	Insight	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Bill Cosby
8:00	Human Dimension	Our World		In Concert	Invitation To Life	Profiles	Country Crossroads
8:30	Listen	Athletes				Our World	
9:00	Journeys in Christian Growth	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	La Vida Hispana de Hoy
9:30	One In The Spirit						
10:00	Bobby Jones	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	In Concert
10:30	Praise Song						
11:00	Our World						Our World
11:30	Country Crossroads	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Insight
12:00		In Concert	Athletes	Great Churches	Our World	Country Crossroads	This Is The Life
12:30	America Sings		Our World		Profiles		
1:00	La Vida Hispana de Hoy	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Saturday Cinema
1:30							

● TUESDAY, JUNE 12: SBC#1—SBC Presentation / SBC#2—SBC Presentation / SBC#3—Home Mission Board Report / SBC#4—ACTS/BTN Report  
● WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13: SBC#5—SBC Sermon / SBC#6—SBC Sermon / SBC#7—Foreign Mission Board Report

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## Cumberland College: *Mountain Outreach*



Many people are richly blessed and live in comfortable homes with many modern conveniences. These people no doubt work hard for their rewards and rightly so, for a man should earn his living by the sweat of his brow. On the other hand, there are those who are unable to help themselves.

These less fortunate people must live in substandard housing, often lacking indoor plumbing and adequate heating. Many times the houses have frayed and dangerous electrical wiring and also leaking roofs and cracked or broken windows.

Such conditions are not a pretty sight.

That's why, in the fall of 1981, two Cumberland College students from very different backgrounds formed Mountain Outreach, a group of Cumberland College student volunteers who began to donate their time, talent, hard work, and even their own money to

improve living conditions for those truly in need.

On September 26, 1981, two crews of five volunteers went on Mountain Outreach's first mission. All day long they labored cutting brush, carrying garbage, and repairing the home of a 77 year old man and his 40 year old handicapped son.

A few weeks later, as word of Mountain Outreach's efforts spread, a force of 100 volunteers built a four room frame home for a couple and their baby who had previously lived in an animal shelter. The total cost of the home was \$2,200.

Mountain Outreach grew from 15 regular student volunteers in 1981 to 30 regular volunteers in 1982 - 83.

Mountain Outreach's proudest and best effort came in the summer of 1983 when 200 volunteers, representing eight churches from six states, com-

bined their time, talent, materials, and money to construct six homes to replace slab and tar paper cabins in the Seed Tic community. The average cost of the homes was \$3,500.

The volunteers of Mountain Outreach know that the pride of these precious mountain people is delicate, real, and sensitive. That's why they never offer a handout, only a helping hand. The homes that are built are financed interest free by Mountain Outreach for a period of 20 years, with payments as low as \$15 per month.

Mountain Outreach encourages the mountain people to work with them, thereby giving these proud people a renewed sense of pride and accomplishment. This work also serves as a payment in kind, further reducing the mountain peoples' indebtedness.

Mountain Outreach has a deeply spiritual dimension as well. All the work sessions are centered around prayer--before, during, and after.

The volunteers are willing to share their Christian witness with anyone who is willing to listen.

On the coldest day of the winter of 1982, the Mountain Outreach volunteers checked the condition of a 77 year old man for whom they had worked. The students discovered the man was very ill and his feet were severely frost-bitten. They persuaded him to go to the hospital and on his way there he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

The man never recovered from his illness and died shortly thereafter.

One volunteer acknowledged that, although the man's house was never completed, something much more important was accomplished. "The old gentleman did accept the Lord before he died."

As you can see, Mountain Outreach is a help to our mountain people. Much has already been accomplished, but the needs are still great and additional plans are being made.



Dr. Taylor,

Please tell me more about Cumberland College students and programs like Mountain Outreach.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to: Jim Taylor, Box 191, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky. 40769.)

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

W. Louis Walters (see photo) assumed responsibilities as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, Apr. 15.

A native of Paducah, he pastored churches in Louisville for over 30 years. He served Lake Dreamland Baptist Church, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Ralph Avenue Baptist Church and Victory Memorial Baptist Church, all in Long Run Association.

He retired from doing supply preaching since that time.

A graduate of Murray State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Walters was moderator of Long Run Association in 1969 and has spent several terms on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

His wife Dorothea has been a registered nurse at Jewish Hospital, Louisville, for over 30 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Mark Hamm is resigning as campus minister at the University of Kentucky, effective June 15. He will become pastor of Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

A native of Louisville, Hamm is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was formerly pastor of Calvary Baptist Mission, Allen Association, and associate pastor of Westport Road Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He left the pastorate of Crittenden Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, to become campus minister in 1979.

Tim Mitchell was called as minister of youth at Decoursey Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He assumed duties May 13.

Tom Lamb has resigned as minister of music and youth for First Baptist Church of Sonora, Severns Valley Association. A native of Nashville and a graduate of Cumberland College, he recently received a degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Hamm

Walters

Charlie L. Ivey assumed duties as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Central Association, June 1.

A recent graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, he formerly pastored eight churches in Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee.

A native of Alabama, Ivey has been active in associational work in each of the areas he has served. He was president of the Coosa Baptist Pastors' Conference, Rossville, Ga., and of the New Lebanon Baptist Pastors' Conference, Lebanon, Va.

He and wife Carol have four children, David, Cheryl, Donna and Tammy.

Michael T. Smith was called as associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. A graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he assumed his new duties May 29. He had previously served as pastor of Oak Island Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, for two years.

He and his wife, the former Sharon Horn, are both natives of Corbin.

Paul C. Lawson, naval reserve chaplain and former Kentucky pastor, has received one of the Navy's highest honors for individual peace time accomplishments. The Navy commendation medal was presented to Commander Lawson for extraordinary service in providing pastoral care to unauthorized absentees and their families in ceremonies in Norfolk, Va.

Lawson entered the Navy in 1967 and joined the naval reserves after four years of active duty. He is now attached to the naval reserve unit in Norfolk and serves as senior chaplain. He is also

pastor of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk. His wife is the former Shirley Strader of Campbellsville.

While in Kentucky, Lawson served as pastor of Mt. Roberts Baptist Church, East Lynn Association; Jamestown Baptist Church, Russell County Association; and Stanford Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association.

## congregations

Macedonia Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, passed a resolution of love and appreciation for Mrs. Thomas [Eva] Poe upon the occasion of her death on Dec. 22, 1983. Mrs. Poe had been a faithful member of the Macedonia congregation for over 65 years and was beginning her 50th year as a Sunday school teacher at the time of her death. She served in many other capacities in the life of the church.

The resolution thanks God for Mrs. Poe, pledges prayer for her surviving family members and promises to profit by her example.

Wayne Henderson is pastor at Macedonia.



George Hemmingway [r], military chaplain, and his wife Linda of Ft. Knox and Lee Gussler, also a military chaplain from Ft. Knox, and his wife Sandra recently attended chaplain's orientation meetings in Atlanta and a commissioning service hosted by Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Ga. These Kentuckians are among some 1600 Southern Baptist military and civilian chaplains endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention and serving throughout the world.

First Baptist Church of Winchester, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 125th anniversary June 3. All former members and friends were invited to join in the celebration as Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke in the morning service. After lunch was served, an afternoon service was held honoring former members. According to pastor Ray England, the theme for the occasion was "Heritage and Hope."

## associations

West Kentucky Association held an appreciation day for James Tharp to mark Associational Emphasis Week. A retired pastor from Mayfield, Tharp was ordained in 1939. The service in his honor was held on May 20 at Milburn Baptist Church where he was ordained with chaplain Talmadge McGary of Blackburn Correctional Institute in Lexington as the speaker. McGary was pastor at Milburn when Tharp was ordained.

Churches Tharp has served in the association gave him special recognition during the service.

## ordinations

Paul Sims, minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church of Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, was ordained to the ministry May 6.

A native of Williamson, S. C., Sims is a graduate of Furman University and received a master of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

W. Thomas Coots was ordained by Glendale Baptist Church, Everett, Mass.

A native of Owensboro, he served in the Navy after high school and prior to his ordination had supplied pulpits, been assistant pastor of Elm Street Baptist in Everett, and was interim pastor of Glendale, to which he has now been called as full time pastor.

Coots is the son of the late Clinton Coots, a Kentucky pastor for many years who died several years ago. Mrs. Coots is well and attended the service.

Coots is married to the former Serena Joyce of Revere, Mass. They have one son William Thomas Jr., 10, and one daughter, Serena Dawn, 15.

Clessie Claiborne was ordained to the diaconate at White Plains Baptist Church, Allen Association, May 27. Charles Norton delivered the ordination sermon.

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When Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, held groundbreaking ceremony for the congregation's new sanctuary Apr. 8, senior deacon John Dawson [left] traveled from a local nursing home to participate in the event from his wheelchair. Dawson is a relative of the first pastor of Dawson, for whom the church is named. Here he is pictured with pastor Joe Thomas during the ceremony.

## May's Lick ok's resolution

May's Lick Baptist Church, May's Lick, has passed a strong resolution in opposition to the recommendation of several women ministers in the 1984 placement directory of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The resolution claims that neither ordination of women nor women preachers is supported by the New Testament and therefore the seminary is involved in anti-scriptural doctrine and practice.

The resolution calls upon the seminary to repent and return to regular Baptist doctrine and practice or cease to call itself "Baptist." The resolution further states that no state of fellowship between May's Lick Baptist Church and the seminary will exist until such repentance is made and published and exhorts other churches in Bracken Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention to take the same stand.

The resolution was passed in special called conference of the church on May 2, 1984. David E. Gonnella is pastor of May's Lick.

## missions

Mr. and Mrs. Larry S. Doyle, missionaries to Ecuador, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 151, Park City, KY 42160). A native of Kentucky, he was born in Park City and grew up in Horse Cave and Cave City. She is the former Rebekah Hill of Greensboro, N. C. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

Katherine and Cherie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley Jr., missionaries to Bangladesh, recently were married. Katherine married Larry Lee McKenney Apr. 21 in Atlanta, Ga. Cherie married Gary S. Marshall on May 19 in Nashville, Tenn. Their parents may be addressed at Box 99, Ramna, Dhaka 2, Bangladesh. They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Nora and she is the former Betty Cecil of Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowling have been selected by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as auxiliary personnel in Gweru, Zimbabwe.

The Bowlings arrived on the field in April and will spend one year there, he working as a book center adviser and his wife Margie as an office clerk.

The Bowlings are residents of LaGrange and members of Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville. He has been self-employed as a farmer since 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley B. Faw, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Mission, Box 310, Gombe, Nigeria). He is from Waynesburg, Ky. The former Geneva Willis, she was born in Madison County, N. C., and also lived in Waynesburg. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell D. Sledd, missionaries to Nigeria, may be addressed at Box 30, Ogbomoso, Nigeria. He is a native of Gilbertsville, Ky. and she is the former Betty Sanders of Detroit, Mich. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

## Missionary appointees claim ties with Kentucky

Three couples with Kentucky ties were among 29 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board May 22 at Chamberlayne Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Barkley will work in Japan where he will be a semi-nary teacher and she a church and home worker. He is currently associate pastor and minister to youth at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, while his wife is an accountant in that city.

Born and reared in Nashville, Tenn., he received his undergraduate degree from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and the master of divinity from Southern Seminary. He recently graduated from Southern, receiving the doctor of philosophy degree. The former Carolyn Vincent, she is a native of Augusta, Ga., but considers Old Hickory, Tenn., her hometown. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville and her CPA certificate in 1983.

The Barkleys have one daughter, Ashley Rebecca, born in 1983. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in August for an eight week orientation before leaving for the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Jones will work in Senegal, where he will be a nutritionist and she a church and home worker.

Born in Pinehurst, N. C., he considers Laurinburg, N. C., his hometown. He earned undergraduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at

Wilmington and East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from Mississippi State University, Starkville.

The former Martha Vertrees, Mrs. Jones was born in Elizabethtown, but grew up in Laurinburg. She has degrees from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The Joneses will go to Rockville, Va., in October for their orientation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Tufts will work in Costa Rica, where he will be a religious education consultant and she a church and home worker.

Born in Dayton, Oh., Tufts considers Carlisle, Oh., his hometown. He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has worked as a summer missionary in Kentucky sponsored by Elkhorn Baptist Association and was youth and education minister at Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington. He is currently youth and education minister at First Baptist Church, Windermere, Fla.

Mr. Tufts, the former Leona Noreen (Sis) Midkiff, considers Germantown, Oh., her hometown. She attended Georgetown College and Valencia Community College, Orlando, Fla.

The Tufts have two children, Zachariah Owen, born in 1980, and Joshua Ray, 1982. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in August for orientation.



Mr. and Mrs. Barkley

Mr. and Mrs. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Tufts

## CHILD CARE DAYS

SPRING MEADOWS CHILDREN'S HOME Saturday, June 23, 1984, 10:00 a.m.  
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## on mission together

### A vital part of the team

Immediately following the executive board meeting in May at Cedarmore, associational directors of missions participated with KBC staff in a three-day conference. There are approximately 1100 directors of missions in the SBC, 53 of whom are in the state of Kentucky, covering 62 of the 79 associations

in our convention. Although the word "director" is used in many of their job descriptions, "facilitator" and "cultivator" more nearly describe their work. An effective "DOM" continually updates and utilizes his awareness of all the resources available to the churches through the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board and the other agencies of the convention whose assignments are geared to educate and strengthen the ministry of the local church. He must be a skilled diplomat in relation to the variety of churches in his association. While he could readily admit that the pastor is closer to the "firing line," he knows that he, too, like a pastor, must prove himself trustworthy and effective if he is to lead an association. And that takes time, experience and hard work.

It doesn't take long for a DOM to

spot the strengths and weaknesses of a given association. Like a good pastor, he will want to shore up the weaknesses and develop the strengths. He is human enough to want his association to be the "best," whatever that may mean in context.

For sure, no one else can or will give the association the time and commitment that a DOM will. His ministry has a remarkable potential for "blessing" the world.

Kentucky Baptists realize this for in our current fiscal year over \$250,000 of Cooperative Program funds have been budgeted to provide assistance to their support.

I left the conference "warmed" by believing that they are a "loving bunch" and have every intention of keeping the "Mission of God" on track in their part of God's world.



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

## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JUNE 10, 1984

Life and Work Series

### Greater than a building

**John 2:13-17** As soon as Jesus saw people sinning against God by making the house of God a place in which to huckster merchandise for financial gain and sinning against man by making the place of worship a den of thieves, zeal for God consumed the Lord Jesus and

he proceeded to cleanse the temple of its desecrators. Christ poured out the changers' money, upset the tables, scattered the money on the ground, took a whip and ordered them to remove the animals and doves from the temple areas. Without physical injury to anybody, he boldly and authoritatively struck such a powerful blow against the selfish interests and sinful practices of the participants that the entire crowd fled in fear before him.

This incident brings before us a side of Christ's character which is largely ignored. We generally think of Christ as being gentle and compassionate, and such he was and is, but that is not all. In dealing with that situation he established an eternal principle, namely, his authority over the lives of men. His purging the temple courts shows the need of purity and order in everything connected with the worship of God.

**John 2:18-22** Instead of confessing that they had done wrong, the Jews asked Christ what sign he would offer them as proof that he had the right or the authority to cleanse the temple. They challenged Christ to prove that he was authorized to take this matter in his own hands. To them it was usurpation unless he could prove he was a prophet sent from God.

Christ informed his challengers they could not ultimately thwart the purpose of God. He declared that, in the event they should destroy "this temple,"

meaning his own body, he would raise it up in three days. Destroying the temple was a reference to the crucifixion of Christ and raising it up in three days refers to the resurrection of Christ's body.

**Matthew 12:6** When confronted by religious leaders who sought to impose restrictions upon him, Christ told them that the presence of God was not to be identified with a place but with a person. He acknowledged God dwelt in him. As certainly as a person is of greater value to God than a building, Christ, in whom God was present and active, was of much greater value than was the temple in Jerusalem.

### International Series

### When jealousy dominates

**1 Samuel 28:5-9** Upon slaying Goliath, David became the hero of Israel. To David the people gave great praise and upon him conferred a great honor. Saul decided to use David's ability and courage by giving him a high position in his army. Whatever Saul directed him to do, David did with dependability. The people were highly pleased with David. Saul's royal attendants admired David very much. This widespread popularity caused suspicious Saul

personal insecurity.

When Saul heard the women singing, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his 10 thousands," he interpreted their action as an act of humiliation to himself. From that day Saul saw David only with the eye of jealousy.

**1 Samuel 18:10-11** While David was attempting to soothe Saul with music, the jealous and angry king made two attempts to pin him to the wall with a javelin, but David dodged and escaped death.

**1 Samuel 18:12-16** Realizing the Lord was with David, Saul was filled with fear and a sense of helplessness. Out of bitter hatred, Saul dismissed David as his attendant and gave him the assignment of captain of a thousand men, hopeful that his life would be of short duration due to the dangers incident to the position.

Saul's fear and hatred of David did not diminish the admiration of the people for their hero. It was to the credit of David that he refused to be embittered by the many indignities to which he was subjected. Throughout the entire period in which Saul was trying to get rid of him, David gave good account of himself. Meanwhile, David enjoyed the favor of God upon his life. Because David "behaved wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him," the same will be true of God's children today if they will follow the noble examples set by David.

## forum

Continued from page 3

vacant since we left and much of the work has fallen to Imasogie who is already overworked. He is also president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. So we will both be very busy but are happy to be leaving our living situation in Lagos.

In Ogbomosho we will have a temporary home of a four room apartment until December when we move to Frances Jones and further condense our living space to two rooms. That's quite a change from the eight rooms we presently have. In our next letter I'll give you a little history and run down on Frances Jones—person and home.

So many, many of you reported going way beyond your Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We are proud of you, especially so since we know of many who are jobless and the cost of living is high. We here will be very careful of

our stewardship of your gifts to missions.

Please use our new address: Box 30, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, soon and often. Be patient as you await our reply. Be assured of our love and prayers for and interest in each of you.

Max and Betty Sledd  
Ogbomosho, Nigeria

### When I was a student at Georgetown

Recently I was attending a class reunion at Georgetown College and James Bailey, a fellow classmate, now a supreme court judge in Frankfort, called attention to the fact that a high percentage of the preachers in Georgetown in our day are still in the ministry. He said, "Many of you were World War II veterans; you had seen the world and what it is like; you had heard the voice of God."

This started me to thinking about

those of us still in Kentucky and the towns in which we are serving, to say nothing about those in other states and in other countries as missionaries. The following 28 preacher friends, graduates of Georgetown when I was a student, come to mind:

1. Henry Johns, Versailles
2. Bill Jagers, Cynthiana
3. George Munro, Ft. Thomas
4. Billy Marcum, Brandenburg
5. George Price, Greensburg
6. Jim Lewis, Louisville
7. Rolfe Dorsey, Louisville
8. Ronald Dearing, Louisville
9. Richard Carlton, Georgetown
10. Richard Shields, Cox's Creek
11. Bob Hickman, Florence
12. John Dunaway, Corbin
13. Chester Culver, Whitesville
14. Kit Zuberer, Owensboro
15. Kit Yeaste, Bardstown
16. Robert Wallace, Paris
17. Curtis Warf, Richmond
18. Odell Leigh, Danville
19. Bill Barnard, Alexandria

20. Ernest Carpenter, Paducah
21. William Cubine, Paducah
22. Robert Clark, Campbellsville
23. William Marshall, Louisville
24. Robert Jones, Louisville
25. Grover Waller, Owensboro
26. Ernest Cruse, Lexington
27. Calvin Perry, Alexandria
28. J. W. Farmer, Carrollton

Three of our colleges—Dunaway, Jagers and Warf—have served as presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. William Marshall is presently executive secretary-treasurer of our Convention. Dearing is librarian at Southern Seminary. Clark is a vice president of Campbellsville College and Carlton is a vice president of Georgetown College.

At least one-sixth of the counties in Kentucky are represented in this group.

I attended Georgetown College as a junior and senior and graduated in May 1952.

J. W. Farmer, Carrollton



**Leon Simpson**  
President  
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Pineville, KY 40977

## clear creek comment



**Barkley Moore**  
President  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
Oneida, KY 40972

## oneida journal

### About the campus

May 9—Chapel was very special this morning. Our school band and choir gave an end-of-year concert under the direction of Debbie Fraker, who has



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## homes for children

### Continuing challenge, changeless Christ

It is that time of year when Southern Baptists make their annual trip to a selected city to meet at the annual Southern Baptist Convention. This year we are meeting in Kansas City, Mo., and as always, the "more the merrier." The annual convention is a time of reporting and inspiration to the messengers who come from Southern Baptist churches all over the nation. It is a time

done such a fine job directing these past two years. I always thrill when our band plays. We began that program in 1973 with a special gift from Kentucky Baptist WMU. We have always had a strong choral music tradition.

After the concert, the 1984 yearbook was presented. No one had seen it except myself and Mrs. Pauline, the yearbook advisor. Those honored in the book were presented a free copy. The yearbook staff had voted to dedicate the book to Mr. Cooper, our nearly 86 year old gardener. He had come to chapel in his work clothes having no idea he was to be so honored. He wept as he received a standing ovation from our boys and girls and staff. He is such an inspiration to everyone and much loved. Within 30 minutes he was back in his flower beds.

In the afternoon we had a meeting of our architect, the electrician who is going to do the wiring for our new dining room project, and several electricians from our local utility. Mr. Hiram Campbell and his brother Curt attended the old Presbyterian boarding school at Buckhorn 45 years ago. They heard me speak in Hamilton about six years ago and became very interested in our work. In the years since, they and other family members have probably done at least \$20,000 worth of electrical work for us free of charge, paying their own traveling expenses. They are princes with hearts as big as this world. Mrs. Hiram Campbell came

when we hear about God's work through Baptists in every facet of life. This truly is Bold Missions in action.

The meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention reminds me of my pride in being a Southern Baptist and serving at a Southern Baptist Convention school. Clear Creek Baptist School is supported by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and we are proud to be Kentucky Baptists. We are proud, also, that our graduates have spread to the ends of the earth carrying the gospel. Currently, we have alumni serving in 46 states and three foreign countries. This makes us truly a Southern Baptist Convention-wide school.

Conventions also remind me of how good it is to see friends, share fellowship and review the happenings of the past year. Churches, agencies, boards and our institutions are proud to tell of their many ministries. Booths are set up for the purpose of ministry and pub-

licity. Clear Creek Baptist School has an exhibit, of course, at Kansas City. Many of us who serve at Clear Creek touch shoulders with God's people from all over the United States at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Finally, the SBC annual meeting gives us at Clear Creek a chance to "toot our horn." We are proud of what God has done and is doing at Clear Creek. The school was founded for the purpose of serving God-called men in preparing for ministry. We are training God's men for God's churches, and as long as God-called churches need God-called men, there will be a purpose for Clear Creek Baptist School.

When we leave Kansas City after the Southern Baptist Convention this week I hope that we will be more committed to Christ and his cause and more united in the fellowship of the Lord. Truly we have a continuing challenge and a changeless Christ.

with Mr. Campbell today for her first visit and it was a thrill to show her around.

We had many other visitors during the day and a new girl arrived to stay from Tennessee.

May 10—Some folks from Lexington Avenue Church, Danville came for lunch and to look around. Also, I had a visit from a doctor and his wife who are considering working with us in our clinic. Our school provides the clinic building and a home for a doctor, our community provides the equipment for the clinic and the doctor runs the practice. It is a wonderful cooperative project, and means much to our school community as well as this end of Clay County. We started this project in 1976.

May 11—170 of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders left early this morning, with our middle school teaching staff, to attend a special performance at the Lexington Opera House. They got back just before supper, having had a picnic lunch along the way. Everyone reported an enjoyable day. It is a good day for me when everyone is safe and sound and accounted for.

Mr. Hewins' science class left for a trip to the Smoky Mountains after school. They will spend the night at Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Tennessee and will get back here late tomorrow night.

A group of 11 men and women arrived about 11 p.m. tonight from Lewisport Baptist Church. It is the first

time for most of them to visit our school. But they were too tired to look at anything tonight. Tomorrow.

May 12—I showed the Lewisport group around. Also, Bro. Dewey Keys came from Elizabethtown with a layman of his church, Al Kirschner. They brought a lot of kitchen equipment to donate to us. I interviewed several student families in the afternoon.

May 13—Mother's Day. I got to worship at home for a change. It was a quiet day, no large number of visitors, so I got a little rest. I needed it.

May 14—Bro. and Mrs. Curtis Warf and their daughter made their first visit to Oneida. Bro. Warf gave a wonderful chapel message. It was great to fellowship for several hours with this great family. Many guests during the day, several staying overnight. A lot of work preparing for graduation.

May 15—The usual rounds. Mrs. Elsie Patrick came in the afternoon to discuss plans for our annual RA-Ga-Ac- teens camp held each summer at Oneida. This year the camp will be July 9-13. Many souls have been saved over the years in camps at Oneida.

Two of our graduates of last year, now having finished a year at Campbellsville, were married this evening in our church. Larry Downer and Lucinda Burkhardt became husband and wife in a very beautiful ceremony. They faced the congregation throughout the ceremony, and he sang to her. A reception followed.

love and happiness, but also with hurt and sorrow. Sometimes you can help what happens, but a lot of the time, you and the people in your environment make things happen. You can either make it a fun, happy place to be, or a sad place to be.

"This world was made for you, and you should appreciate that and the person who gave it to you; the very special, important person is our Lord.

"A lot of people go through life telling others that they are the most important thing to them and the best thing in their lives. I think they are wrong. The most important thing in my life is God and his son, Jesus. They put up their lives and their all for us. They forgive and forget our sins each and every time . . .

"Sometimes you feel like the world is coming down around you,

and you don't know what to do. I think the only thing you can do is leave it to God to get you through. He will lift things from you and guide you in the right direction.

"I think it is very important to take life step by step when you are in your younger years, but when you start getting into your teens, you should . . . set some goals that are reasonable and when you reach those, set more!!

"I don't feel that someone should be dependent on another person to get them through life. . . . You will never stop making mistakes or learning."

I am grateful for the growth this young person expresses and her honesty in expressing her struggles and willingness to learn. Pray for her and many others like her. Also pray that our staff will be able to continue to give proper guidance.

### A teenage concept of the universe

A young lady living on one of our campuses recently fulfilled a writing assignment. The assignment was a paper expressing her concept of the universe. I have permission to share portions of her paper with you. As you read her thoughts, I believe they will speak to you about the influence of Baptist Homes on her life.

"I think the world and universe are very confusing. It is filled with

# baptist news in brief

## Little Bethel association shares left over funds

Little Bethel Association has done an unusual thing in sharing the financial balance left from a World Mission Conference with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. Hughlan Richey, director of missions for Little Bethel Association, has informed executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall that \$1730 left over from a recent associational world mission conference has been designated by vote of the associational executive board for the Cooperative Program.

Executive secretary Marshall has thanked Little Bethel executive board members for this unusual expression of support for the Cooperative Program. He points out the special significance of the gift at this time when Cooperative Program income is below the anticipated level and expresses hope that such a spirit may be contagious in other associations.

Richey says 28 churches were involved in the world mission emphasis. In addition to other expenses, each visiting missionary received a \$528 honorarium.

## Annuity Board names Blokas to new position

John D. Blokas will rejoin the Annuity Board staff as vice president and associate director of endowment.

Effective June 1 Blokas was reunited with the board where he will work with D. William Dodson Jr. in securing endowment funds to supplement the incomes of retired Southern Baptist ministers, missionaries and their spouses or widows.

Blokas spent 23 years in the board's public relations department before accepting a position as a marketing vice president of a Dallas-based corporation three years ago. However, he has remained as a member of the board's endowment committee for several years.

## Singles conference set for Ridgecrest

William Blevins, chairman of the division of religion at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will be the featured speaker at the annual Single Adult Labor Day Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Set for Friday, Aug. 31, to Monday, Sept. 3, the conference will be centered around the theme "Single Adults Are Family, Too."

Sponsored by the family ministry department of the Sunday School Board, the conference will also feature Bible study sessions, worship, seminar groups, recreation and fellowships.

Included in the \$93.45 conference cost is three nights' lodging, eight meals and program materials. A \$30 per person deposit should be sent to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

Additional housing information is available from the conference center.

## SBC renewal means best still ahead: Elder

Liberal scholars have written the Southern Baptist denomination is over and done with, that the SBC has already had its finest day. Not so, says Baptist Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder. In fact, he has begun a

personal crusade to change that thinking—a crusade for denominational renewal. It's a crusade which has been in the making for 32 years, Elder explained, and has been born of concerted thought. "I feel deeply about this message, and I want to say it to multiplied audiences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention," he said.

Elder made the remarks while in Waco, Tex., May 22 to speak to area pastors and to the National Conference on Aging for Southern Baptists, held at Baylor University.

"I am here to affirm that Southern Baptists are indeed a great people of God," Elder said. "That does not affirm a perfect people. That does not say there aren't small people within the denomination who would try to tear it apart. But I can say from my experience that Southern Baptists are a great people."

The convention has a life cycle with identifiable stages of development, Elder said. After the birth of the SBC, the convention went through a period of survival and expansion. Next came the convention's youth, and therefore its stability and identity, followed by a stage of heightened pride and reputation in which Southern Baptists became a "proud people who delighted in our enlargements and expansion."

That expansion led to fragmentation, Elder said, which now brings the convention to its "most favorable place." The SBC "can now be seen as being at the very edge of adult maturity," Elder said. "If we are willing, we can move through turbulent times to a time of maturity as Southern Baptists. The critical thing about maturity is when and how to change."

The true measure of success for Southern Baptists will be seen in the local churches, he said. "We need to focus our attention back on the local church. If we do that effectively, the denomination will be dynamic and flourish. Our institutions and agencies may whimper, but if we do what we're supposed to do, they'll be service organizations for local churches."

## Senior adult ministry suffers lack of awareness

Lack of awareness concerning senior adults—both their number and their problems—is an acute problem in Southern Baptist churches, according to a denominational senior adult specialist. Horace Kerr, supervisor of the senior adult section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department, noted while the number of persons 65 and older has increased dramatically during the last decade, the average church has not been aware of the growth and is missing a significant ministry opportunity.

According to a report prepared for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, older persons in the United States represent nearly 25 percent of the membership of churches and synagogues. According to the national statistics, the population segment 65 years and older experiences a net gain of 800 persons a day. By the year 2000, census figures predict Americans over 55 will comprise slightly more than 20 percent of the population.

Kerr attributed the rapidly increasing senior adult population to medical advances such as coronary by-pass surgery, cancer research and pre- and post-natal care. Because of the older segment of the population is increasing daily, Kerr believes the number of senior adult church members equals or exceeds the number of youth in a local

church.

"This is staggering information to a church that is busy ministering to tomorrow's church when today's church is available for ministry to them," according to Kerr. He said senior adults not only provide a new area of ministry for a church, but also contribute to the ministry of the total church.

## Alabama labors in Nigeria bring 13,000 to Christ

More than 13,000 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in 12 major Nigerian cities as a result of a partnership between Alabama and Nigerian Baptists. Now the two Baptist groups are moving into follow-up activities designed to strengthen churches and bring new believers into the churches.

An Alabama team recently returned from leading stewardship clinics in four cities and four teams will travel to Nigeria in August to teach church outreach through Sunday school. Lay evangelism clinics are also planned.

From the beginning of the partnership, Nigerian Baptists said they wanted follow-up to be a vital part of the program, according to John Mills, the Foreign Mission Board's director for West Africa. It is not unusual to see large numbers make professions of faith, he explained, but rarely do they become active church members.

More than 200 Alabama volunteers, most of whom have worked with evangelistic crusades, have gone to Nigeria since the partnership began in 1983. In return, about 20 Nigerians have traveled to Alabama to speak to churches and Baptist groups there.

## BTN, ACTS satellite launch successful

The satellite to carry telecommunications signals for two Southern Baptist Convention television networks was successfully placed into orbit May 22. Spacenet I, a GTE Spacenet satellite, was launched on an Ariane rocket from Kourou, French Guiana. The GTE Spacenet I launch marked the first time a U.S. satellite has been sent into space on a commercial carrier or by a foreign company.

Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN), an educational network venture for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and American Christian Television System (ACTS), a Christian family network of the Radio and Television Commission, will be only two of the several customers using transponders on the GTE communications satellite. BTN and ACTS expect to gain access to their satellite transponders by July 1,

1984, after GTE Spacenet tests the satellite systems, said Dave Piske, vice president and general manager of GTE satellite corporation.

GTE spacenet officials hope to fire on-board rockets during the ninth orbit of the satellite to place it in its final orbiting position 22,300 miles above the earth, Piske said.

BTN and ACTS actually will have begun broadcasts before gaining access to the GTE Spacenet satellite. Transponders for the June 12-14 broadcasts of the Southern Baptist Convention and inaural ceremonies for the networks in Kansas City, Mo., and other programming before July have been leased on the Westar V satellite.

ACTS began broadcasting May 14 when it delivered its first program to almost 70 cable television systems. The network plans to broadcast six hours a day until the June 12 convention broadcast begins. BTN will be broadcast to churches, associations, state conventions and other agencies which subscribe and purchase television-receive only systems. The network has 110 systems (stations) as of May 15.

## Three Kentucky women to lead in WMU program

Three Kentucky women will participate in the Woman's Missionary Union Conference June 26 to July 2 at Ridgecrest Baptist Center, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Betty Jean Chatham of Shelbyville will serve as the pianist at the conference. Brenda Price of Middletown will lead a methods conference for Girls in Action leaders. Ada Young of Louisville will lead a conference on conversational English.

"By Love Compelled" will be the conference theme. Week-long activities will focus on the panorama of foreign missions and the panorama of home missions and "Vision 88," WMU's effort to bring membership up to a total of two million women, girls and pre-schoolers for quality mission education by September 1988.

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# baptist forum

## 'Just be fair and honest'

I have been a Southern Baptist all my life (41 years), a Christian for 31 years, and a licensed Southern Baptist minister for 15 years. I have never written open letters to editors, and I am not in the habit of "witchhunting" against our denominational workers. However, I now feel that I must come out from among the "silent majority" and speak.

For the past five years or so I have read article after article about the "division" between conservatives and moderates, especially articles in our denominational publications. Those articles have subtly, but consistently, accused the conservative crowd of dividing the denomination, of not focusing on Bold Mission Thrust, and of "politicking."

It has been my understanding that these publications were to represent all Southern Baptists, and yet they consistently promote and approve only one side—the moderates. A case in point is the "Alternative Pastor's Conference" (my term) recently announced by the moderates. Although I have yet to read an editorial approving this "Forum," neither have I read anything in our denominational publications or papers accusing this moderate group of seeking to divide the denomination. Why? If the editors of our publications are so free to accuse conservatives of division, shouldn't you be just as quick to point your finger toward the other side? My point is not whether the moderates have a right to hold this conference or not. My point is that if the conservatives had formed such a meeting there would have been editorials on the front pages screaming about disloyalty.

I am not asking our editors to take sides—just to be fair and honest; and up to this moment I do not believe there has been equal time given.

There is all this talk about Baptists being such a diverse group and how all publications seek to meet the needs of all Baptists. Well, if we are so diverse, why is it that most of what we read in our literature and publications is one-sided—the moderate side. If Baptists want to know "the other side," they have to go to independent publications, and this is not right. It is not right that our churches give to the Cooperative Program to support most of these publications and then get prejudiced and biased journalism. Now, before you editors and writers get too angry with me, just stop and think. How many of you have written articles opposing the new pastor's conference? How many of you would have immediately written an article of disapproval if this conference had been organized by the conservatives?

Now, concerning "politicking." It is just astounding to me to see the politics that has always been in our convention. The only difference now is that the shoe is on the other foot. Isn't it amazing that for years and years the power of the president of the convention was never questioned? The president would make his appointments to committees (and by the way, I am sure he appointed people that pretty well were in line with his thinking) and would not announce these appointments until the convention. No one seemed to question this. That is until a "different kind" of president began to be elected. Then, lo and behold, this by-law was not any good. It was being abused. Why is it that when Rogers, Smith and Draper made their appointments, according to the constitution, there were such outcries? It seems to me that the constitution is fine as long as a moderate is

elected and the moderates are in control. Then, when someone is elected that is not in the moderate camp, the moderates want to change the constitution and limit the power of the president. Why? They thought the constitution was just fine when they were in control. I have a difficult time living with double standards.

After writing such a letter I know I have left myself wide open for rebuke. I admit that I am upset. I admit that I am wanting to "blow off steam." However, most of all I want someone in the "upper offices" to listen and seek to do something about the misuse of our funds and the above items are a misuse of Cooperative Program funds. I want those in charge of our publications to be fair and just to all Southern Baptists and represent "both sides," not just those to whom they favor.

James K. Beck, El Paso, Tex.

## Unsolicited journals called 'subversive'

Last week I received two unsolicited publications which are subversive in content and evil in tone. Most pastors like myself will not subscribe to these non-Southern Baptist journals which carry the Southern Baptist name. Yet prior to the Southern Baptist annual convention they send them to us anyway to attempt to sway opinion toward "their side."

The tragedy of this strategy is that many pastors will allow the half-truths and innuendoes of unsupportive non-Southern Baptist publications dictate their decisions on Southern Baptist policy and leadership. Southern Baptists must begin in Kansas City to seek God's will through prayer and cease to follow the boldest, blackest headlines and the loudest, deepest voices.

As a pastor of a church which gives 25 percent through the Cooperative program I will lead our members to pray that God will open the eyes of messengers to see the hypocrites who claim to support the SBC but only nominally support the greatest mission enterprise in the world, Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program.

Lawrence H. Phipps, Cecilia

## Editorials are consistent

I am writing in response to your recent articles, your "Daley Observations." The latest one has continued in the same patterns as the previous articles. I read with interest LaVerne Butler's letter and your response to him.

It certainly seems that you present very one-sided views. In every article you are careful to brand anyone who believes the scripture to be without error as that "Pressler-Patterson" coalition. I resent that! You often speak of "branding" and "name-calling" and similar things and yet your editorials do the same thing.

In your response to Bro. Butler's letter, you spoke of ethics. Tell me, is it "ethical" for a group of people to start up an "alternate" pastors' conference? Bro. Daley, it is very obvious that you feel the presidency of the Convention should be based on the amount given to the Cooperative Program. In every article I've seen concerning presidential candidates, you always include the receipts from the church to missions through the Cooperative Program. Granted, any person chosen for that position must be a mission minded and oriented person, but is the amount given to be the most important factor?

It certainly seems odd that the two men you feel would be good for the job, now or in the future, are pastoring those churches which give large sums of money.

Is it ethical for you to use Western Recorder as a means to promote what appears to be your candidates? Is it ethical to speak of one group as a "coalition" aimed at "taking over the convention," and yet present another group as "good guys fighting against the bad guys"? The dictionary defines "coalition" as a temporary alignment of distinct parties. That fits both "sides," not just the inerrantists.

You speak of room for all. I quote,

"Other Southern Baptists believe it as sincerely but they don't propose to purge fellow Baptists whose views don't coincide exactly with theirs." And yet, isn't that exactly what you've been doing with your articles? Article after article has spoken of nothing but condemnation of "inerrantists." Where is the room for us? I believe the Bible to be truth, without mixture of error, inerrant, infallible. I don't know Pressler or Patterson, but, apparently, that makes no difference. Why not go back in history and see from whence we came? I can't keep from wondering who is doing what to whom.

J. Duane Holland, Kevil

## news in brief

### 13 rejoin overseas force; board appoints 29 others

Thirteen former missionaries with a total of 164 years missionary experience rejoined the Southern Baptist overseas mission force in May.

It was believed to be the largest number ever reappointed at a single meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and brought to 27 the total reappointed this year.

With 29 new missionaries appointed at the same meeting, total missionaries named this year climbed to 110. With these additions, the total missionary force reached a record 3404 on May 23. It will drop slightly May 31 as nine missionary resignations become effective.

Charles Bryan, senior vice president for overseas operations, called the reappointees a "significant group." He noted six field evangelists in the group will help meet the board's priority overseas personnel need.

Reappointees, while still only a small percent of the total mission force, have been increasing in recent years as the board has sought to improve communication with those who for a variety of reasons have had to resign and return to the United States. Twenty-four persons were reappointed in 1983 and a similar number in 1982.

Last year the board lost slightly more than three percent of its missionaries through death or resignation, its lowest loss rate since 1966. But medical consultant Franklin Fowler said it is too early to say whether the lower rate is a trend. In 1982 losses had reached a high of 5.4 percent.

### California Baptist College names new president

Russell R. Tuck Jr., associate superintendent of schools in St. Louis, has been elected the fourth president of California Baptist College in Riverside.

Tuck, 49, will succeed James R. Staples who was named chancellor of the liberal arts college in February. Staples plans to retire in January.

College trustees elected Tuck in a special session May 24. Associate superintendent of Parkway School District in St. Louis County, Tuck will officially assume the new post July 1.

Tuck is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and earned a master's degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., now a part of Vanderbilt University.

An active layman of Kirkwood (Mo.) Baptist Church for 23 years, Tuck and his wife, Marjorie, have a son at Duke University, Russell III, and a daughter, Katherine, in high school.



Roy Edgemon [left], director of the church training department of the Sunday School Board and Tommy Dixon, field services coordinator, look over a script for Video Training Magazine. Edgemon and Dixon will appear on the first message which airs June 18 on the Sunday School Board's Baptist Telecommunication Network.

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