

Six Kentucky Baptist leaders took part in the dedication of the KBC's satellite dish Wednesday. They are pictured above in front of the new dish and include [left to right] Mark Snowden, media director of the KBC; Harold Polk, director of missions in Elkhorn Association; William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC; William Hancock, chairman of the Ohio Valley ACTS board and pastor of Louisville's Highview Baptist Church; A. B. Colvin, administrative assistant in communications for the KBC; and Willis Henson, president of the KBC and pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah.

## Dish dedication marks KBC technology use

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A mixture of laymen, pastors and denominational staffers attended a 20-minute ceremony Wednesday morning (June 27) outside the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown dedicating the KBC's new satellite dish.

The dish will receive programs of the ACTS and BTN networks in the Baptist Building for use by staffers in augmenting their work, according to W. Mark Snowden, Media Department director.

William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, termed the use of such advanced communications "a privilege Jesus himself never had."

Speaking at the dedication, Marshall allowed that "in five years we'll wonder how we ever did without it, in 20 years

we won't even remember these primitive beginnings."

Others extolled the theme of high technology's capabilities.

Snowden allowed that ACTS may eventually reach 100 million Americans.

Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, believed this ministry "will do more than anything we have ever done" to strengthen the local church.

William Hancock, chairman of the Ohio Valley ACTS board and pastor of Louisville's Highview Baptist Church, claimed "we can give hope and light like we never have before" through these tools at hand. He said he was thankful we have "finally harnessed this medium before it's too late."

And Harold Polk, director of missions in Elkhorn Association, Lexington, called it "a historic day" for Kentucky Baptists which would "improve the quality of our teaching." Let it be a day of rededication "of ourselves to teaching and discipling the people in our state," he declared.

Henson and A. B. Colvin, executive assistant for communications of the KBC, offered prayers during the ceremonies. An open house in the Media Department followed.

### No paper next week; next edition July 17

In keeping with a previously announced policy, there will be no issue of Western Recorder published July 10. The next one will be dated July 17. Additional Sunday school lessons are included this week to provide for the week when there will be no paper. Western Recorder normally does not publish the second week of July or the fourth week of December each year.

## S. C. Baptist official admits \$35,000 theft

by Larry Crisman

An audit which followed the resignation of former South Carolina Baptist Convention missions department director N. Larry Bryson in March disclosed financial discrepancies in excess of \$35,000 in the missions department budget, according to Ray P. Rust, executive secretary-treasurer of the state convention.

Rust said the audit indicates financial discrepancies occurred in the department budget dating back to 1981.

The audit was conducted by the Columbia, S. C. accounting firm of Clarkson, Harden and Gantt.

In a memorandum to Rust and the executive committee the firm said problem disbursements related to the missions department budget involved the years of 1981, 1982, 1983 and January and February 1984.

The memorandum also said, "The problems encountered with disbursements from the missions department were discovered by the general board's own internal control procedures, prior to the time that we were called in to make this special investigation. It appears that your internal control procedure did in fact function and discover the fact that improper disbursements were being made. We also understand and have reviewed the changes in your procedures that have been made to assure that similar types of unauthorized disbursements do not take place.

"In our review it appears that the only person involved was Mr. Larry Bryson and we found no indication that any other employe or outsider was in collusion with him."

Rust said full restitution of the funds in question, as well as payment of the cost of the audit amounting to \$7680, already has been made by Bryson.

"We are extremely distressed that the audit has shown that these additional questionable activities and transactions took place," said Rust. "But I want to assure our churches and their members in the South Carolina Baptist Convention that these losses are fully insured and that no actual loss would have been incurred by any church, churches or other entities of the South Carolina Baptist Convention even if restitution had not been made."

In explaining how what he described as the "problematic transactions" took place, Rust said, "A position of trust was used to requisition funds for non-existent meetings in the name of people who rendered no service or who otherwise were reimbursed. Then personal use of these funds was made."

Bryson, a member of the denomination's Baptist Building staff in Columbia for about 10 years, submitted his resignation to Rust in a letter dated Mar. 21. The resignation became effective immediately.

The resignation then was reported to the state convention's executive committee Mar. 27. At that time Rust explained Bryson's resignation related to financial matters. With the authorization of the executive committee, Rust issued this statement:

"The executive committee confirmed the action of the executive secretary-treasurer in accepting Rev. Bryson's letter of resignation, which said he was

resigning because of 'misappropriation of funds for which I was responsible'."

In the course of submitting his resignation, Bryson made restitution of the more than \$1400 known to have been misappropriated at that time.

After Bryson's resignation, however, Rust asked the outside firm of certified public accountants to perform an audit of missions department budget activities.

"All of this is extremely unfortunate and we are deeply hurt that it happened," said Rust. "However, South Carolina Baptists can take assurance in the fact that their general board staff has a system of accounting checks and balances that works. It was because of our routine checks that problems were detected. This, of course, led to the special audit of the missions department budget."

## Baptists say no, committee ok's gambling bill

On the same day the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., passed a resolution in opposition to gambling, legislation which would lift federal restrictions on gambling advertising cleared committee hurdles in the United States Congress.

The Senate judiciary committee June 14 reported out a bill introduced by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.), a former casino owner and presently general chairman of the Republican National Committee. The legislation, S. 1876, would modify sections of an existing law in order to allow interstate advertising of gambling sponsored by a state.

If the changes were approved, casinos and state lotteries could advertise even in states where such gambling activities are illegal.

Hearings on companion legislation, H.R. 5097, were held in the House on the same day. The House version was introduced by Rep. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), a former member of the Nevada Gaming Control Commission.

Congressional sources familiar with both pieces of legislation expressed surprise at the lack of opposition from Congress and the Reagan administration.

"If this legislation passes, with no restrictions or limits on advertising, we will be subjected to a barrage of pro-gambling advertising which will glorify every conceivable form of gambling," Larry Braidfoot, a staff member of the Christian Life Commission and an expert on gambling issues, predicted. "With the current approach of the Federal Communications Commission and its commitment to deregulation of the media, there will be no limit to what may be done by the gambling industry to hawk its wares."

He urged Baptists and other Christians to communicate their concerns with elected representatives. The legislation, he emphasized, "is on a fast track and will be passed if we do not act quickly to derail it."

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# sanford's perspective

## Foreword

It seems right to me that readers of Western Recorder should know who the new editor is and something about his background. To that end I want to use this first editorial offering as a way to introduce myself to you, not because I am important, but because you have the right to know your paper and the people who run it.

I was born in Cincinnati, Oh. to a young man and woman from Kentucky. My father, now with the Lord in glory, was from the Bohon community in Mercer County, and my mother, now living in Danville, was one of the Haggard sisters from Junction City. These two young Kentuckians married, moved to the big city during the roaring '20s and brought me into the world just before the great depression hit our country.

From kindergarten through high school I attended public schools of Ohio, except for a brief period when my dad was out of work and had to take his family back to the home place so we could eat.

First Baptist Church of Cleves, Oh. is the place where I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal savior. The Cleves church came into existence because a group of Texas people, who had moved to Ohio to operate a Gulf Oil Corporation refinery, could not find the kind of spiritual satisfaction they sought in Northern Baptist churches. They organized what they still believe was the first Southern Baptist church in Ohio, though that claim is in dispute by at least one Ohio Baptist church.

A Texas girl, Margaret Reeves, caught my eye during high school days and she is responsible for me discovering Baptists and the Lord Jesus. One of the rules in the Reeves household was that whoever wanted to date one of the Reeves girls had to take her to First Baptist Church of Cleves. I wanted to date Margaret, and Margaret said we must go to church, so to church we went, and there my Christian life began.

That small, struggling church had bivocational pastors in the early days. However, every pastor I knew in the Cleves church had a great love for the Bible, a passion to win people to Jesus, and a deep commitment to missions. Those high ideals became my model for ministry, and to this day I love the Bible as the inspired Word of God and use it to guide my daily life. In every church I have served as pastor I have had a hunger to win souls for the Lord and my commitment to missions, both at home and abroad, is proved by the fact that every church where I have served as pastor has increased its mission giving every year.

World War II was in full blast when I graduated from high school so I went to war with the Navy Seabees. Near the end of the war I came home for some R&R and married Margaret, as you guessed, in First Baptist Church of Cleves. When the war finally ended I felt God's call to preach and asked my pastor for guidance. He sent me off to a great Southern Baptist school, Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. French Broad Baptist Church in Dandridge, Tenn., called me to be their pastor though I was only a freshman in college. In the mountains of Tennessee I learned what it was to know joy and pain as a pastor of a small, rural church. Again First Baptist Church of Cleves

stepped in to make a mark on my life as they ordained me to the ministry in 1949. After college I came to Louisville to enrol in Southern Seminary, and during my days at the seminary I served Dawson Baptist Church in Philpot, Ky. as pastor. From seminary I went to Hopkinsville to teach at Bethel College and pastor Salem Baptist Church. From Hopkinsville I went to Paducah to serve Oaklawn Baptist Church, then on to Florence to be pastor of Florence Church. In 1970 I was called to serve Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church on the campus of the University of Illinois in Urbana. My last move was to Memphis, where I have had a glorious eight years as pastor of Colonial Church.

Now I have been called to serve as editor of one of the nation's great denominational papers. What can you expect of me as your editor? My background in a pioneer area church gives me some knowledge of how hard it is to make the church go forward whenever there are few people and little money. Because of this experience you can expect me to be sensitive to the needs of small, struggling churches in our state. The 33 years I have spent as a pastor has put me in constant touch with people in sorrow and pain, so you can expect me to have a tender heart for all those who are bruised and in need of encouragement. Since the Bible has been such an integral part of me since the beginning of my Christian pilgrimage, you can expect me to honor the Bible as the living Word of God and to live and work by its teachings without compromise or embarrassment. You can expect me to fully support the mission programs of our convention, and you can expect me to encourage all Kentucky Baptists to give and give so that the gospel of Christ may gain the day in our world.

I sit in the editor's chair today convinced God has called me to this important ministry. But I am a little nervous. I am nervous because I follow one of the giants among Southern Baptist editors. C. R. Daley has had a long and distinguished career as your editor and his shadow will stretch across our state for years to come. That is enough to make any man nervous, but Dr. Daley has tried to give me every assurance I can do the job required of the editor of this paper. He has been generous and helpful and I know he will continue to offer help and support. But I am still nervous and I want you to know that I come to this task with sure knowledge of my need for all the support, encouragement and help I can get.

I have a good background in the church and a good background in Southern Baptist education. I have never been an editor, so I ask only one thing of Kentucky Baptists: pray for me and help me do a job that will honor God and advance his kingdom among us.

These are exciting days with much work ahead for all of us. I count it joy indeed to be able to work with you and I look forward to being in your churches. Ask me to preach for you, ask me to be a part of your church, ask me to teach in your church. I want to be in touch with you and the only way I can do that is to be where you are. So, call on me and let us start this venture closely related to each other in love and service.



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# Ziglar chastised in ploy to discredit agencies

by Craig Bird

Zig Ziglar's election as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention doesn't make him knowledgeable about Baylor University, according to Herb Reynolds, president of the Baptist school.

The June 17 issue of the Dallas Times Herald carried an interview with Ziglar in which the motivational speaker criticized two Baylor professors: a Mormon teaching in the Spanish-Portuguese department and a religion professor who, he said, believes evolution played a part in the creation of the world.

Reynolds, in a formal statement released by the Baylor public relations office, answered the charges while discounting Ziglar's qualifications as critic.

Ziglar has "never been on the Baylor campus to my knowledge," Reynolds said, but is part of a "priestly and self-anointed group" which "is smart enough to know that if they can control the educational system of Baptists and our publishing houses, they can be effective in producing the kind of clones which will make willing followers of demagogues who seek to change the essential characteristics of the Southern

Baptist denomination."

Ziglar, who says he believes the Bible "from Genesis to maps" has not been a voting messenger to a national, state or association Southern Baptist convention prior to this year, according to the Times Herald, but said he decided to become involved recently after learning about the Baylor professors.

He said he was asked to run for vice president of the SBC four to five months ago by a member of the inerrancy group within the convention led by Paige Patterson of Dallas and Paul Pressler of Houston. Not long afterwards, he said, he was told, "I was the first choice of Dr. Stanley" as a running mate.

Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, was elected president of the SBC on the first ballot. Patterson is an associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Dallas where Ziglar is an active lay member.

Ziglar urged that Phillip Johnson, a Mormon who has taught at Baylor since 1977, be removed from teaching duties. "I think since they've made the colossal mistake of putting him on tenure he needs to be put in a caretaker position or in the registration office, away from students," Ziglar said in the interview.

Reynolds defended both Johnson and the unnamed religion professor, saying Ziglar "is a political candidate in terms of our convention" whose concern is "to identify issues to attempt to discredit not only Baylor but our Baptist

related agencies."

A Baylor policy against hiring Mormons went into effect in 1982 after the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board deemed Mormonism a "cult," Reynolds said.

"We are not going to treat this individual to be the totality of Mormonism," he continued. "He has never in any way tried to share his belief with anyone and he possesses a letter of instruction from me that any such action would result in action being taken against him."

"The best witness we can be is to treat him in a Christian fashion. He doesn't have a thing to do with religion. No Southern Baptist applied for the position."

Reynolds also said Johnson, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, is very much respected by his students and faculty colleagues.

"If Baylor, as a 140-year-old institution with 60,000 alumni, 10,000 students, 1500 faculty and staff and the undergirding of three million Texas Southern Baptists is not strong enough to prevail in the face of one single individual whose activities have been circumscribed, we are not as strong as I fully believe us to be," he added.

The religion professor, "who has spoken of evolution in relation to God's revelation of his creation, has been a deeply committed Christian since he was a boy," Reynolds said. "He has never stated or alluded to the fact

that there is any creation apart from God and makes it very clear he is committed to 'the Bible as God's holy scripture given to us by revelation and inspired by the Holy Spirit'."

He and all members of the Baylor religion department voluntarily signed the Baptist Faith and Message in October 1979, Reynolds said.

Ziglar told the Times Herald he is convinced he has an important role to play in the 14 million member SBC.

"Mostly I see myself as the individual who will reach the lay people," he said. "I think God has put me in this position for this purpose."

Reynolds said, "I don't think he (Ziglar) is going to have an impact on Baylor. He's a johnny-come-lately on the Baptist scene," but if the "group" of which he is a part is successful, Reynolds warned, "our (Baptist) historical commitment to the priesthood of the believer would be replaced by the belief that we need a priestly group of inerrant interpreters because the rest of us are not considered sufficiently capable of reading the Word of God for ourselves and responsible for our own souls on that day of judgment when each of us must stand alone before him."

## Conferees narrow housing rider

Conferees reconciling House and Senate versions of a large deficit reduction package significantly narrowed the scope of a Senate amendment extending housing tax breaks for clergy and military personnel.

The Senate amendment addressed a 1983 Internal Revenue Service ruling (Rev. Rul. 83-3) which disallowed ministers normal real estate tax and mortgage interest deductions to the extent these housing expenses were paid by tax-exempt housing allowances. The Senate language would have prevented IRS from implementing the ruling before Jan. 1, 1986 and from issuing any similar ruling in the case of military housing before the same date.

However, the conferees drafting the final report for the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 agreed to extend the effective date for the clergy housing ruling to Dec. 31, 1985, only for those ministers who owned and occupied or had a contract to purchase a home before Jan. 3, 1983.

For other ministers, Rev. Rul. 83-3 which reversed long-standing IRS policy on clergy housing took effect July 1, 1983. IRS had earlier extended until Jan. 1, 1985, the effective date for clergy in their houses or who had a contract to purchase houses before Jan. 3, 1983.

Meanwhile the Senate has added a broader clergy/military housing amendment to its version of the 1985 Defense Department Authorization bill now in conference with the House.

Sponsored by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the Senate amendment would by law bar IRS from implementing Rev. Rul. 83-3 or military rulings for both clergy and military personnel.

In pushing for Senate passage of his amendment which was agreed to by a voice vote, Warner argued that the Treasury could experience a net loss of revenue as a result of Rev. Rul. 83-3 because the increase in tax deductible contributions by church members "may well exceed the new tax revenue gained from the minister."



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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	Down Home USA	This Is The Life	
Noon							
12:30	Great Churches	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	
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	Imagine That
3:30		Melting Pot	Profiles	Listen	Our World		
4:00	In Concert	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Melting Pot	Laff Movie
4:30		Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	
5:00	Great Churches	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Prime Timers
5:30		Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Gigglesnort Hotel	Super Handyman
6:00	At Home W/Bible	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Cisco Kid	Plant Groom
6:30	Changed Lives	David Wade	Super Handyman	Plant Groom	Glorieta Quiz	Prime Timers	David Wade
7:00	This Is The Life						Shari Lewis
7:30	Insight	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Bill Cosby
8:00	Human Dimension	Our World				Profiles	Country Crossroads
8:30	Listen	Athletes	Great Churches	In Concert	Invitation To Life	Our World	
9:00	Journeys in Christian Growth	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	La Vida 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	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Our World
11:30	Down Home USA						Insight
12:00	Country Crossroads	In Concert	Athletes	Great Churches	Our World	Country Crossroads	This Is The Life
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# christian education

## Three Kentuckians take degrees at GGBTS

Three Kentuckians were among 86 students awarded degrees at the 36th annual commencement of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., May 25.

Jerold Thornton Cowan of Winchester received the master of divinity degree. The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cowan, he is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

Mitchell Dale Flowers of Louisville received the master of religious education degree with a major in social work. A graduate of San Jose (Tex.) State University, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Flowers.

Roger Corlis High of Augusta was awarded the master of divinity degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow High and a graduate of California Baptist College.

A crowd of over 1000 attended the ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium at the Marin Center in nearby San Rafael.



Cowan



Flowers

The production is being directed by Harold Wortman with musical direction by Russell Hosler. John Schecter is the orchestra conductor.

The Cumberland Regional Lyric Theatre began in 1982 with the production of "Camelot" in an attempt to bring musical entertainment to the southeastern Kentucky region. The group is sponsored by Cumberland College in cooperation with local businesses.

For additional information call (606) 549-2200 ext. 332.

## Leavell named distinguished alumnus

Landrum P. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named the institution's 1984 distinguished alumnus by the seminary's faculty. The award was presented during the annual meeting of New Orleans' friends and alumni in Kansas City on June 13.

Leavell, who has served as president of his alma mater since 1975, earned the bachelor of divinity degree in 1951 and doctor of theology degree in 1954.



Leavell

Prior to assuming the presidency of New Orleans, he pastored for nearly 30 years in Mississippi and Texas. He served as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1967-68), president of the Pastor's Conference (1970-71), preacher of the convention sermon (1967), member of the trustees and president of the Baptist Sunday School Board (1964-70), and member of the Home Mission Board (1961-63 and 1973-74).

In announcing the selection, the faculty noted Leavell's service as a "capable evangelist and teacher of evangelism, a popular Bible conference leader, busy interim pastor, exciting pulpiteer and forward looking denominational leader."

## A capella choir tours Europe, West Germany

Georgetown College's 28-voice a capella choir departed June 9 for Europe and a concert tour/Passion Play performance in Oberammergau, Bavaria, West Germany in company with 14 college alumni sharing in the two week visit abroad.

The choir, under the direction of professor Tony Whitfield, is singing concerts in Vienna, Austria; Salzburg, Austria; Munich, West Germany and at the Catholic Cathedral in Bamberg.

The trip to Europe is a first for the 29 year old Georgetown College a capella choir. Each year the choral group tours regionally giving fall and spring concerts.

The 12 day stay in southern West Germany ends June 22.

## Leverenz appointed dean at Georgetown College

Theodore R. Leverenz, who served as interim dean of men at Georgetown College last school year, has been appointed by president W. Morgan Patterson to the key student personnel administrative post for 1984-85.

Georgetown's new dean of men earned his undergraduate degree at Butler University of Indianapolis, Ind. where he majored in English. He was granted a masters degree in English by the University of Kentucky in 1976 and earned a doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky in 1981 where his studies concentrated in higher education.

## Neathamer chosen to lead chapel service

Richard Neathamer of Drakesboro was one of 18 student worship leaders elected by the student body of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to lead during the annual student-led chapel series.

Neathamer is a graduate of Murray State University and the University of Louisville. In May he graduated in the master of religious education degree program at New Orleans.

The six student-led chapel services are the traditional conclusion of the academic year at New Orleans.



Cloyd



Willoughby

## Two from Kentucky graduate at Midwestern

Two Kentuckians were among the 96 persons receiving degrees during recent commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Earning the master of divinity degree were Charles Brent Cloyd of Georgetown, and Kenneth O. Willoughby of Mt. Sterling. Cloyd is a 1980 graduate of Morehead State University, Morehead. Willoughby is a 1977 graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Members of the graduating class were from 23 states and three foreign countries.

## Cumberland Theatre performance set

"Oklahoma," the classic American play by Rogers and Hammerstein, will be performed by the Cumberland Regional Lyric Theatre through July 24.

Performances began June 26 and will be held each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings beginning at 8 p.m. in the Mary McGaw Music Building on the Cumberland College campus, Williamsburg.

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### Inauguration of Patterson set

A six member steering committee of administrators and faculty has been chosen to arrange the inauguration of Georgetown College's 22nd president, W. Morgan Patterson, Oct. 21-22.

Cochairmen for the steering committee are Joe O. Lewis, vice president for academic affairs, and Tom E. Benberg, vice president for administration and treasurer.

Joining them on the committee are: Richard Carlton, vice president for development; David Forman, financial aid officer; Bert Hawkins, vice president of student affairs, and faculty representative Ruth Heizer.

Carlton will chair a subcommittee to manage invitations and publicity. Forman will give direction to a subcommittee handling hospitality. Hawkins will work with committeemen directing physical arrangements and Heizer will chair the program committee.

The steering committee has been charged with the responsibility "to provide the general leadership needed to insure that the inaugural event takes place in a smooth, timely and dignified manner, which will accrue to the benefit of the institution and the office of the presidency."

### Southern breaks ground for music school addition

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$1.1 million addition to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's V. V. Cooke Hall highlighted the school's 125th anniversary commencement May 25.

Cooke Hall houses the seminary's School of Church Music, which over the past eight years has experienced increased enrollment and has outgrown existing facilities. Last semester, 266 students were enrolled in the school.

Participating in the groundbreaking were Roy L. Honeycutt, seminary president; Milburn Price, dean of the School of Music; Marian Lynne Robin-

son, president of the music school council; and Joe Cross, chairman of the trustee real estate committee.

Present for the groundbreaking were Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller, widow of the former president under whose administration the School of Church Music was begun in 1943; Mrs. V. V. Cooke, a benefactor whose late husband gave the school its first building; Joe Cross, chairman of the trustee real estate committee; Jay Stewart, project architect; and John Campbell, contractor.

When completed, the facility will provide the music school with an additional 12,100 square feet of floor space and air conditioning for alumni chapel.

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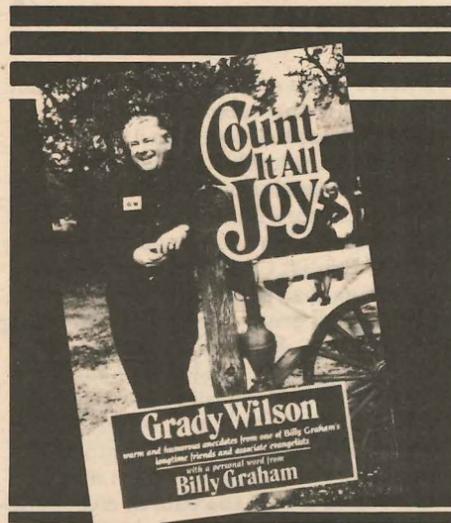
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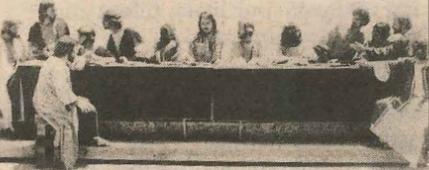
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# 'Commitment to stay and lead'

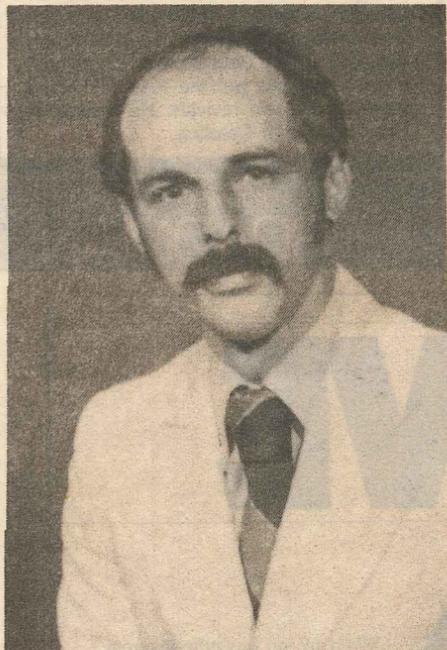
## *A look at the ministry of one eastern Kentucky pastor*

Twelve years may not seem long when weighed in the balance of eternity, but in the lifetime of one man 12 years becomes a measurable portion of his promised existence upon the earth.

For 12 years Dennis L. Brewer has ministered to the congregation of Beattyville Baptist Church and, with God's blessings, has seen the church grow in virtually all areas of church programming and concern. For Dennis Brewer, 12 years represents one-third of his life.

During his first visit to the Beattyville Baptist Church as a supply minister Brewer preached to a faithful 13 who had weathered the storm of division and kept the church a cooperating Southern Baptist church within Lee County. During the past two months the church has averaged 108 in the morning worship hour and, while the number may not seem large, it represents 11 percent of the total population of Beattyville, the city in which the church is located, and makes it the second largest church in the county. The number is even more extraordinary when viewed with the knowledge that only 30 percent of the city's population is in worship on a given Sunday morning. A visitation program recently instituted by the church should bring about greater growth and aid in making the church the largest within the county.

Brewer is one of many men who work under the auspices of the Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Bap-



*Commitment is the key word to any ministry, no matter where you may be located . . . commitment to stay and lead.*

—Dennis Brewer

tist Convention. While Kentucky Baptists offer their financial support, these men offer their lives in the daily witness and effort of the kingdom of Christ. They often work in obscurity and are known by few, save those who are a part of the communities in which they labor.

Brewer is a native of eastern Kentucky and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Luther Rice Seminary and the Southern Baptist Center. He received additional training at the University of Kentucky and has served his association twice as moderator; twice as clerk-treasurer; and six years as associational coordinator in addition to his duties at Beattyville.

When asked to give one word which would be a prerequisite of success for a pastor in eastern Kentucky, Brewer used the word "commitment" and then clarified the use of that word by saying, "Commitment is the key word to any ministry, regardless of where you may be located. Commitment to Christ, commitment to our calling as ministers, commitment to the extent we are willing to devote our lives, talent and energy—commitment to stay and lead."

The pastor of a town or county seat church in eastern Kentucky is viewed as a community leader. He is called upon to serve on committees and boards and his advice is often sought by elected officials within the community.

Brewer is an example of this, having been appointed by the fiscal court of Lee County to serve on the Industrial Development Board for the county and also as Lee County representative on the Lee-Owsley Health Exchange board of directors. While not currently serving as a member of these two boards, he does serve as a member of the board for Southside Water Association; secretary of the Beattyville Kiwanis Club; and recently completed a term as president of the Lee County Ministerial Association, having served in that capacity four times. He is also chairman of the Lee County church softball league and is in constant demand as a speaker or invocator for other community groups.

Not only are eastern Kentucky pastors of county seat churches community leaders, they are often recognized as the conscience of the community, providing a witness by their very presence. A recent letter to Brewer from an "anonymous friend" within the community expressed appreciation for his talents, adding "your friendly greeting to those you meet, whether you know them or not, is an inspiration and a greater help than you shall ever know. Each time you walk down the street, you provide a witness."

While ministry within an eastern Kentucky county seat provides a great deal of satisfaction, there also rests a challenge and a need for the minister to accept certain basic facts.

One of these facts is that a successful ministry within the mountains most often requires a willingness on the part of the minister to remain for several years within one church. This allows time for community identity as well as an opportunity to gain the confidence of the community.

A second fact is a need for the minister to accept the reality that his

church will probably never attain an attendance of 300, 400 or 500 in Sunday school or worship in the smaller county seat towns. His goals and expectations must be based on the population of the town in which he ministers.

Thirdly, the minister must accept the reality that while he may be pastor of the Baptist church, he is also a minister to the entire community. He will conduct funerals, perform wedding ceremonies and counsel with individuals who may never attend his church but who after several years might make the decision to become active members of the congregation as a result of that one event which the pastor shared in their lives.

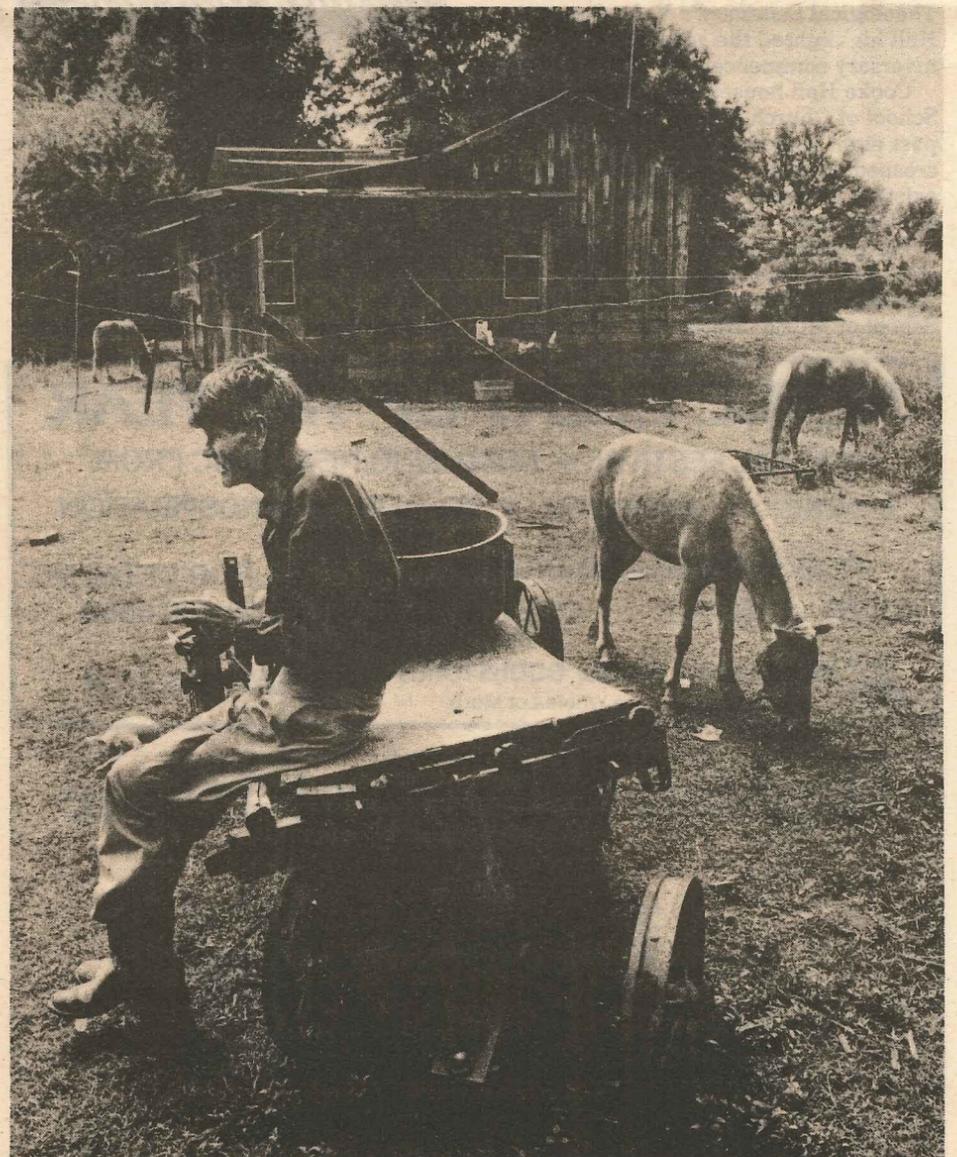
A fourth reality is that of isolation. Red River Association covers an area of six eastern Kentucky counties and includes nine churches. In some instances there is only one Southern Baptist church within these counties as is the case in Wolfe and Menifee counties. Fellowship with other pastors is difficult and week-day gatherings at a local restaurant are not possible. In addition, Lexington remains the financial and health care center for a good portion of eastern Kentuckians. Brewer travels one and one-half hours to make hospital calls in Lexington and, on occasion, has

made the trip as many as four times within a week. While there, he makes a point to visit all individuals who show a Beattyville address.

As noted earlier, Brewer is not nor would he claim to be unique. Kentucky Baptists are providing support for many other men who serve throughout eastern Kentucky. They serve in situations where hardships may exist but where, in each case, God provides nourishment and blessing.

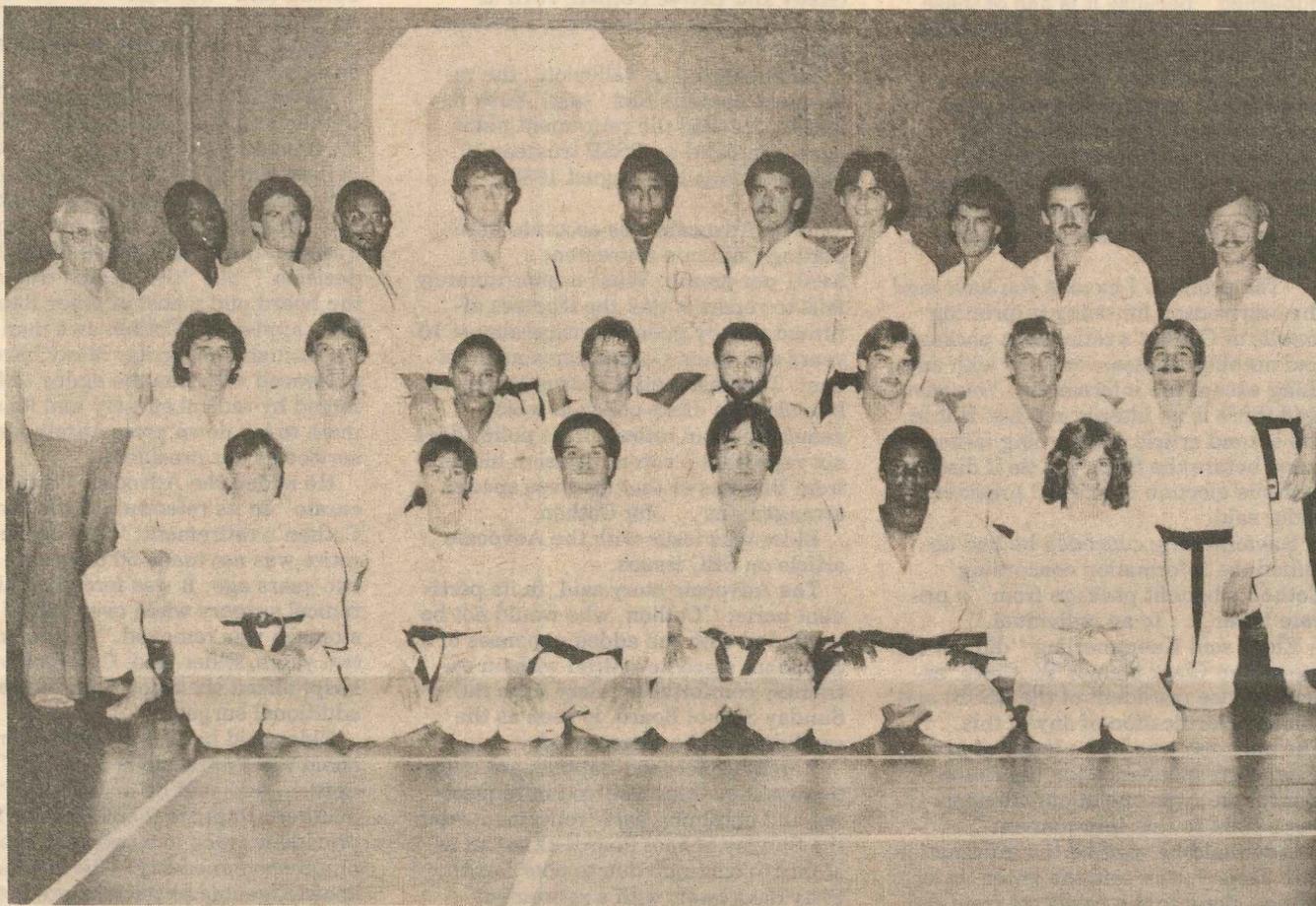
Lives and finances are common factors in missions . . . some give money and others give lives and, these two things—money and lives—are not always separate or distinct. Money may represent life in some cases while sacrifice, labor, toil may sometimes be expressed in terms of money. That is the formula for state missions: money added to life and life added to money, money that is life and life that is money—both joined in a cooperative venture by Kentucky Baptists to provide a witness, a proclamation and a verification that Christ died for man's sins and that acceptance of his sacrifice makes eternal life a reality.

Remember that as your church observes the Week of Prayer for State Missions this year.



Scenes like the one above are not uncommon in Red River Association where only nine Southern Baptist churches are located in six counties. First Baptist Church of Beattyville is one of them and Dennis Brewer, pastor for the last 12 years, says one reality a minister in the mountains must accept is that his church will never reach membership into the hundreds. The isolation one faces in ministering among the mountain people, he says, is another hard reality to accept.

# Cumberland College Judo: National Championships and The 1984 Olympics



Collegiate national championships, judo, and the 1984 summer Olympics are almost synonymous at Cumberland College in Williamsburg.

The Cumberland College Judo Team, under the leadership of Dr. O.J. Helvey, has won the National Judo Championship three of the last four years, with consecutive championships in 1983 and 1984.

Cumberland's National Championship came against such competition as Michigan State, The University of Texas, San Jose State, The United States Military Academy, and the Air Force Academy.

Three Cumberland men's players won individual titles in the NCJA event. David Grosse took first place in the 132 pound class, Greg Ford won first place in the 172 pound class and Shig O'Hara won first place honors in the 189 pound division.

In the women's competition, Doris King took first place in the 134 pound class, while teammates Diane Noll, 123 pound, and Caroline Barnes, 145, posted second place finishes.

Grosse, O'Hara and King also qualified for a berth on the World

University Games team. Helvey was selected head coach of the World University Games Judo Team.

Equally as impressive is the fact that three former Cumberland College students will represent the United States of America in the 1984 Olympics. The three were all members of the 1980 National Championship Team, and each won All-American honors all four years they were in school at Cumberland. Leo White, Eddie Liddie, and Doug Nelson won three of the eight positions available on America's Olympic Judo Team. Nelson is a 1984 graduate of Cumberland, Liddie a 1983 graduate, and White got his degree in 1980.

Dr. Helvey, who was a member of the International Olympic Judo Committee, said, "Our goal in 1980 was to get as many men as we could on the 1984 Olympic team. I'm extremely proud of the three that made it. It shows how hard the boys trained. They had their sights set on making the Olympic team since 1980 and they've been training every minute since then."

Though Helvey is proud of his

players' accomplishments in making the Olympic Judo Team, he is more proud of the fact that his players continued their education while in training. In fact, according to Dr. Helvey, all judo team members must make academics their top priority and they must attend classes regularly.

"We feel it is an accumulation of what our judo program here at Cumberland has accomplished," commented Helvey. "These men have all graduated, but I am very proud to have played a role in helping them accomplish some of their goals. Regardless of where their travels have taken them, they always carry something with the Cumberland name on it, to help spread the work of our tradition."

White earned a degree in business while at Cumberland, Liddie earned a physical education degree, and Doug Nelson earned a degree in computer science.

While at Cumberland, White won several individual national titles and was a four time NCJA All-American. Since 1981, he has not lost any matches. He has won the World Armed Forces Heavyweight judo championship. Other titles include the U.S. Open, Senior National title and the Olympic Sports Festival.

Liddie is a three time NCJA All-American and the tournament's most valuable player in 1980. He also won his weight class at the 1982 Olympic Sports Festival and represented the U.S. in the Japan Open and on a tour of France, South Africa and Holland.

Nelson is also a three time NCJA All-American and won the NCJA heavyweight division in 1980, 1981 and 1982. He competed in the Olympic Sports Festival and won the Senior National Championship in 1982.

Both Liddie and Nelson contributed heavily to the 1980 and 1983 National Championship Teams. Both also competed in the 1983 Pan American Games and captured titles in their respective weight classes.

We at Cumberland are proud of our judo team and especially of the three Olympic Team members. Their dedication, hard work, and discipline have taken them to the top of their field.

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# Elder clarifies details of Cothen's retirement

A statement clarifying retirement benefits for Baptist Sunday School Board president emeritus Grady C. Cothen has been issued by BSSB president Lloyd Elder.

Elder issued the statement in a meeting with Russell Kaemmerling and Robert M. Tenery in response to two articles published in the June 1984 issue of the Southern Baptist Advocate.

Kaemmerling is editor and chief executive officer of the privately owned Advocate, a Dallas-based publication. Tenery, a trustee of the BSSB, is pastor of Burkemont Baptist Church in Morganton, N. C., and editor of Baptists United News, also a private advocacy publication.

The June issue of the Advocate contained one article concerning retirement benefits for Cothen, who took early retirement as president of the BSSB in February because of health reasons.

Another article concerned the June 12-14 annual meeting of the SBC, and prominently mentioned Cothen in reference to the convention presidency.

Elder asked for the meeting with Kaemmerling and Tenery after Cothen was defeated in a bid to become president of the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination. Charles F. Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, won a first-ballot victory over both Cothen and John Sullivan, outgoing first vice president of the SBC.

Elder said he prepared his response in readiness for questions which might arise during the report period for the BSSB, but did not deliver them then since no questions concerning Cothen's retirement benefits were raised. He said he waited until after the election to issue the statement to Kaemmerling and Tenery.

Also attending the meeting with Elder, Kaemmerling and Tenery were Richard T. McCartney, editor of the Baptist Messenger, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, D. August Boto, a Dallas attorney and friend of Kaemmerling, and Dan Martin, news editor of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elder said certain parts of Kaemmerling's article were accurate, but took issue with other sections he said were inaccurate. He said he wanted to meet with Kaemmerling and issue a statement through Baptist Press to clarify the issues.

Kaemmerling concurred after inviting Elder to write an article for the Advocate.

The BSSB president told Kaemmerling he regrets the article was ever published "because it is one of those cases where the facts distort the truth rather than reveal the truth."

Elder agreed the first story was a news article and the figures quoted were correct but said both articles "contain some factual information, some inaccuracies and editorial distortion which makes accurate communication less than available to Southern Baptists."

"The problem I have is you have said the only reason for doing it (printing details of Cothen's retirement package) had nothing whatsoever to do with anything except the information. You have said there is no ulterior motive. But in the second article (concerning issues to come before the SBC) you tie it directly with the election of an SBC president," Elder said.

Kaemmerling conceded he had obtained the information concerning Cothen's benefit package from "a private letter . . . to an individual."

Elder said Kaemmerling "did not call me or Jim Clark (James W. Clark, executive vice president of the BSSB) and ask any clarification of any of this. . . . The only one who had a letter of personal correspondence (on the retirement issue) was one of our trustees. He has a right to that information."

Elder said he verified the information with Tenery, and said the letter "was passed along to the Advocate from the trustee who himself is the editor of a privately owned non-Southern Baptist journal."

Elder said the Advocate was accurate when it reported Cothen received an automobile valued at \$15,883; a satellite receiving system valued at \$2,730; a matching gift for Mrs. Cothen (equiva-

lent to the satellite receiving dish); expenses for trips to the Baptist World Alliance meetings in 1984 and 1985; all-expense paid trips to the SBC as long as he lives, and monthly retirement income of \$4,901 per month or \$58,812 annually.

The information is "exactly accurate," about the cost of the gifts, Elder said, and "commended the trustees for being both gracious and prudent in expressing affection and appreciation to Grady and Bettye Cothen, such as many churches would honor a beloved pastor."

Elder reacted to "allusion" the retirement benefits had "just" been released. He said the retirement plans were approved by BSSB trustees 10 months ago in the August 1983 meeting.

"The Advocate was accurate in reporting Cothen's retirement . . . at \$4901 per month. What it unfortunately fails to report is that the trustees affirmed this by policy decision almost 10 years ago when Cothen came as president. This is a matter of trustee record. It is also the exact policy in which James Sullivan retired. This policy does not represent a recent decision hidden from Baptists or that involves special arrangement . . . for Cothen."

Elder took issue with the Advocate article on SBC issues.

The Advocate story said, in its pertinent parts: "Cothen, who would not be burdened with the added expenses of a president since he retired with an extremely comfortable salary from the Sunday School Board, is seen as the candidate of the extreme left . . . ."

"Many concerned Baptists are questioning the ethics involved in requesting and obtaining early retirement from the Sunday School Board, citing an inability to continue due to poor health. Sixty days later, with a retirement package in hand that guarantees an annual income which exceeds that of 95 percent of all denominational employees, Cothen emerges as a candidate for the convention presidency."

The article goes on to say, "Rumors have circulated for weeks in and around Nashville about Cothen's 'miraculous

recovery.' Many have suggested that the only proper thing to do is either return the money or go back to work. If poor health prevented him working, can he survive the presidency with its demands, or if he is healthy why not earn the salary which Southern Baptists will pay him through increased literature costs?"

Elder said the "assumption" concerning the source of the retirement benefits "is inaccurate." He said Cothen and "our other 750 annuitants are paid primarily by earnings of wisely invested funds already on deposit and designated for that purpose."

He added the retirement benefits for Cothen and other annuitants "will not be affected whether we go up or down in literature costs in the next 20 years."

Elder told Kaemmerling the Advocate "may have the right to call into question the ethics surrounding this decision," but "the elected trustees of the board and a host of other Baptists have applauded Cothen as a man of unimpeachable integrity. Many have experienced with him the agony of being forced by radical surgery and its aftermath to lay down prematurely his service as our president."

He added the Advocate "was inaccurate" in its reference to the timing of Cothen's retirement. "The decision to retire was not made 60 days ago, but two years ago. It was forced on him by radical surgery when over half of his stomach was removed." In the ensuing two years, Elder said, Cothen has been hospitalized six times, four of them for additional surgery.

Elder said he had not heard remarks about the "miraculous recovery" of Cothen, and said he instead has "heard Southern Baptists thank God for his provident grace in a two year agonizing progressive recovery. This is what knowledgeable physicians predicted (would occur) if Cothen would retire."

"We want to trust the Lord and tell the people the truth. We will give you all the correct information you request. We believe Southern Baptists are a fair minded people and will not allow partial facts to separate them from a great board," he added.

## Sunday school lessons for July 15

International Series

### An era of evil

**1 Kings 16:21-25** Approximately 25 years after the death of Jeroboam, Tibni and Omri became aspirants for the throne. For four years they were strong rivals for the kingship. During the interval of their competition, Tibni had the support of the ordinary citizens and Omri enjoyed the loyal support of the army. After the death of Tibni, the followers and supporters of Omri overpowered those of Tibni and Omri established himself as the sole monarch. As the king of the Northern Kingdom, Omri was successful in various ways. After he had resided in Tirzah for six years, Omri purchased land, built a city which he named Samaria, established a new capital of the Northern Kingdom there, won military and political laurels

and made noteworthy achievements. All of his military and political successes were overshadowed by his apostasy and his making Samaria the center of idolatrous worship. His legacy of apostasy was unmatched by any of his predecessors, and it earned for him the epithet, "worse than all who were before him."

**1 Kings 16:29-33** When death came to Omri, he was succeeded as king by his son, Ahab. Weakling that he was, Ahab imitated and surpassed the sins of his father. Worse still, Ahab openly flaunted his contempt for the God of Israel and made the terrible mistake of marrying Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians. Being a determined and zealous promoter of the worship of Baal, it was not long until Jezebel had led Ahab to embrace her brand of religion and to grant the pagan deity of Baal official status in Israel. Due to Jezebel's influence over him, shortly after he became an avowed idolater, Ahab had built for her a temple for Baal worship and then also provided for her a wood representation of Asherah, the female consort of Baal. His introduction of animal sacrifices, sensuous rituals and prostitution in connection with worship earned for him

this appraisal from God, "Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him."

**1 Kings 22:37-39** Ahab was fearful of the possibility of God's prophet, Micaiah. In an attempt to divert away from himself the attention of his enemy, Ahab disguised himself as a common soldier for the purpose of personal protection, but his effort was in vain for an arrow which was shot at random by a Syrian archer lodged in the body of Ahab which was not covered by his armor.

Life and Work Series

### Christ and the church

**Ephesians 1:3-10** Following the doxology in verse three is a hymn of praise of the holy trinity for the definite and distinct part each had in our redemption. The Father's part was threefold—election to holiness, foreordination to sonship and acceptance in the beloved. To Christ the Son we are indebted for forgiveness, enrichment, enlightenment and inheritance. He loosed us from the guilt of sin, the curse of the law and the judgment toward which we are travel-

ing. With redemption as a present possession, Christians who live in his presence are given the wisdom to solve the problems of daily life. The believer can approach God with a perfect trust and a great courage for his future is bright with immortal hope.

**Ephesians 1:18-20** After Paul had thanked God for what his readers were, he prayed for what he wanted them to become. He asked God to give the Christians in Ephesus spiritual discernment and wisdom. He asked God to enable them to understand three things:

1. The hope of God's calling (verse 18b). This calling looked to the time when God summoned sinners to salvation by Christ and it became effectual when they received Christ.

2. The glory of God's inheritance (verse 18c). All the saints have an inheritance in God, but God has an inheritance in them.

3. The greatness of God's power (verse 19). Paul asked God to let the Ephesians know the greatness of his power which he had exercised in raising Christ from the dead.

**Ephesians 1:20** It certainly behooves God's children to adore him and bring him all honor and glory possible.



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## on mission together

### SBC 1984— some reflections

As Alice and I returned to "our old Kentucky Home" from Kansas City, we had the distinct impression that there were no "winners"—that we are all the losers, though the score was 52 to 48 (percentage of voting average).

I would hasten to add that even if the scores had been reversed, the effect would have been the same—a seriously and dangerously divided "team." I said "team" because I have always assumed that's what we Southern Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, are.

Paradoxically, perhaps, Kentucky Baptists have not permitted a serious rift to develop among us. That is to the credit of past and present leadership throughout our state.

As a representative of all Kentucky Baptists, I must use responsibly whatever influence Kentucky Baptists have given this office.

It is one thing to be a messenger with one vote to the SBC from First Baptist Church, Shelbyville; it is quite another to discern the appropriate role for an executive secretary of this state in such a controversy.

Although there are meetings already being held concerning next year's SBC—by both sides—I have not been invited to any. Perhaps that suggests that Kentucky Baptists feel that the position to which I've been entrusted should retain a neutrality, which in the long haul, may be useful in a mediating role.

I shall have to determine, with God's guidance, what is best, not just for Bill Marshall, but for our Kentucky Baptist Convention.

I grieve at what happened to us as a people—just when the floodgates of human and spiritual resources were being opened to us, we make war among ourselves!



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## sunday school lessons

International Series

### Why division came

**1 Kings 11:29-33** Observing the outstanding qualities of leadership he possessed, Solomon elevated the capable, energetic and courageous Jeroboam to a position of trust and responsibility. Disloyal and rebellious in heart, Jeroboam aspired to be king. When Jero-

boam went out to Jerusalem on a mission of obtaining the kingdom, a prophet by the name of Ahijah met him on the highway and proceeded to deliver to him a message from God.

Ahijah was clad in a new garment, which may have been a large square piece of cloth that could be wrapped around his body during the day and then used as a cover at night. This garment was used by Ahijah to enact a prophecy in a symbolic manner. In Jeroboam's presence Ahijah removed his own new garment and tore it into 12 pieces, dramatically picturing to Jeroboam the division of the once-proud and strong nation of Israel. To Jeroboam, Ahijah said, "Take thee 10 pieces." This action and command signified that the kingdom was to be divided, that 10 of the tribes would fall to Jeroboam and that he would reign over them. The tragedy of Solomon's reign consisted of forsaking God and substituting for him the deities of other nations. It was the cumulating effect of their refusing to do what God had commanded and of their doing what he had strictly forbidden which brought the divine judgment upon them. Idolatry and disobedience always produce results which are not desirable.

**1 Kings 12:15-16** After returning from exile in Egypt, Jeroboam led a large delegation which approached Rehoboam and requested relief from the heavy tax burdens which had been imposed upon them by Solomon, along

with other oppressive measures of which they were victims. Rehoboam requested three days in which to make his decision. Instead of consulting with God about the matter, he sought the opinions of men and then peremptorily decided against the delegation, so the reaction of his hearers was inevitable and immediate. When their expressed desires were denied, the leaders rebelled and gave a signal for a revolt. It is foolish for any national leader, or the people who are his subjects, to rebel against God and refuse to comply with his will.

The 10 scribes seceded, formed the Northern Kingdom, and set up a government of their own in Shechem and elected Jeroboam as the king of the 10 tribe nation commonly known as Israel. Instead of leading his people aright, the Bible tells us that he was "the man who made Israel to sin." What a reputation! How inexcusable! He is a typical representative of all those who think they are doing the will of God when they are merely conforming to their own wills.

Life and Work Series

### Citizenship and God

**1 Peter 2:11-12** Addressing the Christians to whom he was writing as "dearly beloved" and reminding them they had direct access into the presence of God, Peter urged them to see to it that their character and conduct pleased

God. He taught the Christians, who were sojourners here and enroute to their eternal home in heaven, that they should praise him who had called them out of the darkness into his marvelous light. He admonished them to abstain from those indulgences which are injurious to the soul, detrimental to their influence and dishonoring to the Lord. He urged them to separate themselves from the world to such an extent that their "conversation" will merit the respect of the non-Christians. God's children are justified in disregarding man-made laws only when these laws interfere with the performance of their duties to God. Christians are rightfully expected to be good citizens in whatever land they may reside.

**1 Peter 2:13-17** Christians should obey civil authorities for the Lord's sake. They have been set free from Satan's bondage in order that they may serve God acceptably and effectively. A sincere desire to do God's will reveals itself in the best citizenship. With enabling help from God Christians can and should live circumspectly and thereby honor and glorify God.

**1 Peter 2:21-25** To do right and then to be paid for it with suffering is neither pleasant nor easy. Experience, observation and study prompt us to expect there will be some suffering for well-doing. It is when we are persecuted for doing right that we begin to understand something of the meaning of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings.



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## campbellsville college today

They are dormitory roommates; they are companions; they are friends; they are sisters!

If there is anything more precious than a beautiful Christian young woman, perhaps it is two of them!

At the college we have the special privilege of ministering through Christian higher education to so many fine young people. They are your kids. Over 75 percent of our students are the sons

and daughters of Baptist families from Kentucky Baptist churches. Each of them is special—to family, to our Lord, and to us.

In many cases, we have the increased enjoyment of having more than one from the same family in Campbellsville College at the same time. Many stories can be written about all of them—one at a time or in multiples. This account is just an example.

Pretty, dark haired Cheryl is teaching others about her Lord in Taiwan this summer. Her A- grade point average speaks of her ability and her discipline in study. Jesus calls for us to be disciplined in our relationships with him. Being BYW president and a 1983 summer mission assignment in Minnesota have helped prepare her for this summer with the Chinese.

When sister Ronda was crowned Valentine Queen of the Campbellsville campus this year, the crowd contained no more enthusiastic supporter than sister Cheryl. Also an honor student

and BSU worship coordinator, Ronda is serving her first summer mission assignment in Oregon where she shares Jesus in a ministry to youth.

It is gratifying to see threads of life which have begun at home and church being woven together into the fabric of committed Christian maturity under the direction of a Christian college program. When the campus scene enjoys more than one from the same family, it's just a multiple blessing for us.

These are the Kennedy sisters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kennedy Jr. of Hawesville, Ky. What a delightful combination of brains, beauty and commitment to the Lord! What a privilege to be a part of the Baptist college dedicated to this education! Thanks for your being a part of it, too, through your prayers and your support. You probably know another Cheryl or Ronda who need to be introduced to the opportunities of Campbellsville College. Don't fail them by failing to give the encouragement which they need.

Double your pleasure—  
a family affair



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## oneida journal

### Well-buttered bread

One of the real joys of working at Oneida is having former students I've worked with come to visit. Generally they arrive without any prior notice



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## homes for children

### Our great country

I am an American and I think it is fitting on this Independence Day to write a few words about our country and our relationship to it. I love America. I am a patriot and proud of it. I think that George Bernard Shaw was wrong and out of touch with human nature when he wrote, "You'll never have a quiet world till you knock patriotism out of the human race." My sentiments are more nearly expressed by Sir Walter Scott:

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,

This is my own, my native land!  
If such there breathe, go mark him well;  
For him no minstrel raptures swell;  
Despite his titles, power, and pelf,  
The wretch, concentered all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down.

I also pray for America. I am grateful to live in a land of freedom and plenty. I feel that our emphasis on individual freedom and our democratic form of government have made our country literally the leader of the world. However, we are far from perfect. Arthur Guiterman speaks of,

Providence, that watches over  
children, drunkards, and fools,  
With silent miracles and other  
esoterica,  
Continue to suspend the ordinary  
rules.

Finally, I do not worship America. Stephen Decatur said in 1816, "Our country: in her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!" Many years later G. K. Chesterton retorted, "My country, right or wrong, is like saying my mother drunk or sober!"

My convictions concerning America lie somewhere in between these two statements. This is my country, right or wrong (although I prefer her to be right). Everyone has a mother, even if she is drunk (although we prefer that she be sober). But I should not accept and worship everything that happens in America.

I am a Christian first and foremost. My allegiance to God stands above my allegiance to any country. My citizenship in heaven stands above my citizenship in America. And God expects me as a Christian to make our country even greater!

adding surprise to the pleasure.

Many others write. Some contribute on a regular basis. Being young most give of their "little" and not their "plenty" for they are struggling for further education or to establish or raise a family. Their gifts and the expressed love and appreciation that come with the gifts especially bless.

Sometimes such letters come when we are especially discouraged as we struggle with present students and providing for them as once we did with former ones. The Lord takes particular notice of the gifts of the heart as he did the widow's mite.

Some of my former students who come are now middle-aged with grown children. I left law school 22 years ago to work here that first time as dean of a dorm and assistant to the president. They were boys and girls then. Others are my students of the past 12 years. They are parents of young children. Many of the more recent graduates are still unmarried.

Just today a letter came from Daryl, a 2nd Lieut. in the Army stationed in Korea. His childhood home was New York. He and his brother came to us because their father grew up in our school, graduating in 1954. In fact they were the third generation of their family to attend Oneida as I had been. I, too, entered Oneida's dorm from another state, my birth state of Michigan.

Daryl was here for four years, gradu-

ating in the 69-member class of '79. Basically he was an average student, just simply a good boy who always had a smile. As I think of him my most vivid single memory is of his profession of faith and his baptism in 1977. Yes, that is what I remember most for some reason. He went on to graduate from Cumberland College and was commissioned an officer in the army.

Daryl writes of Steve. Steve came to us from Princeton at the age of 16. He had been in five different foster homes and schools in the two years before he came to Oneida. He had been in a total of 23 different homes in his 16 years. Needless to say, Steve had many emotional and physical problems because of a childhood filled with insecurity and change and not a lot of love. But Oneida became home for four years for Steve. It was a real struggle for all of us but Steve slowly found himself, love, security and the Lord. He grew and matured and graduated in 1977. He is making the army his career but returns to us at "leave" times. This is home.

Daryl writes from Korea, "I'm glad to hear the dining room is to be bigger. It is one more step in the growing process. I'm very glad to hear the old log cabin is to be utilized more (as a museum area and gift shop). It will help many students to appreciate the hard work that others have done before them from Oneida's opening in 1899. I ran into Steve Saylor here and was his platoon leader until the general heard I

was a physical education major and attached me to headquarters as the new division sports officer.

"I first saw Steve in the hallway of the company barracks. I said 'Steve Saylor from Oneida Baptist!' Being in uniform, all he saw was my Lieutenant bar and he said, 'Sir?!' I said, 'I went to school with you at Oneida. We were roommates for a little while.' After being shocked to death, he recognized me. He's doing well. He said he misses Oneida very much. We are both very impressed with the Mountaineers' performance and the phenomenal progress of the past 5-7 years. Give two of the enclosed pictures to Coach Gritton and keep one for yourself of the two of us together. It is a small world, Dr. Moore. Take care and God bless. I would like someday to dedicate much time and effort at Oneida as a teacher and coach. When I finish the army and get married, I'll put in my application. Keep Steve and I in your prayers."

Five of my former students are returning this year as full time staff members and two other graduates are coming that I attended school with. These are all very special people. My heart is full and overflowing. They have taken cuts in pay of thousands of dollars. Two have sold a several hundred thousand dollar business to serve the Lord full time here. Scripture says, "Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days." Yes, and well-buttered!

members and relatives often come to visit children who live with us. Pastors and various church groups come to visit and see the campuses, cottages, staff and children. Friends of child care often stop in for a visit and tour of a cottage, and former residents come back for a visit.

There are two very special times each year when Glen Dale and Spring Meadows anticipate and prepare for company. These two times are known as Child Care Day and Homecoming. Child Care Day is when individuals and church groups from all over Kentucky are invited to visit the campus and see what their prayers and money support. Homecoming is when all former residents are encouraged to return for a meal and fellowship.

Spring Meadows held their Child Care Day on Saturday, June 23, and Glen Dale held their Homecoming on Sunday, June 24. Plans were made to get ready for the company. Both staff and youth worked hard to have the

grounds neat and the cottages ready to receive company. It was a work time but also a fun time.

When company comes, our young people do an excellent job serving tables, guiding tours through cottages and proudly showing their rooms. Many Baptists come to visit one of the homes for the first time, and these visitors always go away thrilled about this ministry being provided for hurting children.

Recently, a mother of a youth in our care gave a marvelous impromptu testimony about what Spring Meadows has meant to her son and family. This kind of testimony can be repeated over and over.

If you missed Child Care Day at Spring Meadows, plan now to get a group together from your church and visit Glen Dale on Saturday, July 21. We love to have company and you need to see what Baptists are doing in ministry to dependent, neglected, troubled youth.

### When company comes

When company is coming, there is joy, excitement and some extra work to be done. Having friends come for a visit is always a joy, and excitement builds as we await their arrival. But there are things to be done before company arrives. Food must be prepared, special cleaning to be done and things arranged so the company will enjoy their visit.

Having company at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale Children's Homes is not unusual. Many friends come for a visit, and they are always welcome. Family



*After 14 years of hard work and the taunts of skeptics, Norm Tooman's dream of ministering in the South Pacific comes true as he sets sail on the Amazing Grace.*

## Nobody's laughing now

by Joe Westbury

On Apr. 23 a breeze filled the sails of a glistening white schooner in Morro Bay, Cal. and breathed life into a dream that took 14 years to fulfill.

With Norm Tooman at the helm, the Amazing Grace edged into the Pacific Ocean, away from moorings and skepticism that taunted her captain since the day she was conceived. The Grace had begun a five week, 5000 mile voyage in a new ministry to bring God's Word to islands just east of Australia.

The journey hasn't been easy for the 50 year old Tooman, a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Bakersfield. He and his family have endured the taunts of skeptics from the outset.

"We've been the butt of jokes since the first day I gave my life to this ministry," the soft spoken Oklahoma native concedes. "People don't accept what has been laid on my heart so they make fun."

Much of the joking has centered around his building such a large vessel in his backyard, 140 miles from the ocean.

"When I was in the Navy I came to

know and love the islanders and it gave me an opportunity to think about how my particular skills could be useful to them. Years later I saw an article in National Geographic . . . and felt God's urging even stronger."

The problem was how to get from island to island on a regular basis. The solution, he decided, was to build a floating base of operation.

The work began in 1970 when Tooman, \$2000 in debt and without enough money to buy wood for sawhorses, committed himself to the vision. Armed at the start with only a toolbox, he saw the project grow to a cash outlay of more than \$200,000 and a finished product valued at nearly \$300,000.

It wasn't void of sacrifice. Tooman and his wife, Marian, refinanced their house and used the equity to purchase raw materials. "For five years I didn't receive a dime from anyone," he adds.

But that doesn't mean people didn't freely offer their opinions.

"I could understand some guy down at the pool hall discouraging me, but the hard part was the sarcasm from fellow Christians," he recalled.

"Remember, this was 14 years ago when Bold Mission Thrust had not even been conceived. Unless you were a salaried professional, there were no ave-

nues for lay ministry, I was told."

Tooman held no animosity toward those who didn't understand his calling. He just quietly and systematically went about his task. He studied shipbuilding and enrolled in night classes specializing in navigational astronomy and radio communication. He drew his own blueprint and began construction by himself.

Tooman handtooled virtually every part of the schooner. The only exception was the engine, which he rebuilt.

Slowly the boat began to take shape. He picked up jobs to raise money for the work, and his wife enrolled in college to pursue a nursing degree to support the family.

"When he began he told me it would take three years to complete. Seven years passed before we could get it out of the backyard and move it across state to the harbor," Mrs. Tooman says.

Like a 20th century Noah, Tooman worked around his scaffolding and put flesh on his dream. By the seventh year he had exchanged about 16,000 hours for a sleek, 65-foot schooner weighing 57 tons. At his wife's suggestion it was named Amazing Grace.

Then came the seven long years of commuting to Morro Bay to work on the boat during the week and back to

Bakersfield and the family on weekends.

Though funds were never ample, they were enough to maintain some semblance of a construction timetable.

When he reaches the Tonga Islands, Tooman and his six-man crew plan to sail from island to island on a rotating basis, distributing Bibles at cost, helping natives construct water and electrical facilities, transporting doctors and dentists and generally winning the friendship of the locals.

By laying such a foundation of goodwill, the crew hopes to make inroads in sharing the gospel.

"There are 140 islands in the Tongas and 450 more in the Fiji grouping and we can't reach them all, so we plan to have an ongoing ministry among 12 of them," the layman explains. "We hope to be able to go full time with the ministry and have Marian join us as soon as possible, but that will depend on the financial support from the churches back home."

It's going to be a lot of work, but Tooman has proven he's not scared of getting his hands dirty.

In his words, "Sometimes you have to bite off something bigger than you normally would to know that God is in it."

# Western Recorder:

## *Some things you didn't know*

### State correspondents

Today, readers of Western Recorder can get informative news and feature articles about people and events across the state, from Louisville to Pikeville, from Paducah to Lexington.

But it wasn't until 1981 that 10 state correspondents joined the Western Recorder team to begin providing such provocative stories and inside looks at Baptist life around Kentucky.

The correspondents, who may be laypeople or ministers, were added because the small Western Recorder staff is restricted by the limitations of time and escalating travel expenses.

Because correspondents live and work among readers in all parts of the state they experience vital news first hand. In turn, by reporting it, they are able to bring Western Recorder closer to its readers.

The correspondent program is believed to be first of its kind among Southern Baptist state papers. Since its origination, several others have adopted a similar plan.

At present, seven of the 10 correspondent positions are filled, all of them by either pastors or housewives. All vacancies will be filled in July.

### Associational/church page service

Each week a large number of the issues of Western Recorder carry church and/or associational news on one of the paper's last two pages.

This service, begun in 1979, currently involves 44 churches and more than 10 associations from around the state. Two of the churches now participating run two pages of news each week.

Each church or association is required to have its camera ready page prepared by Monday for that week's issue of Western Recorder. When printed, the church news page will go only to that congregation's members. Likewise, each associational news page is delivered only to the subscribers in the association's area.

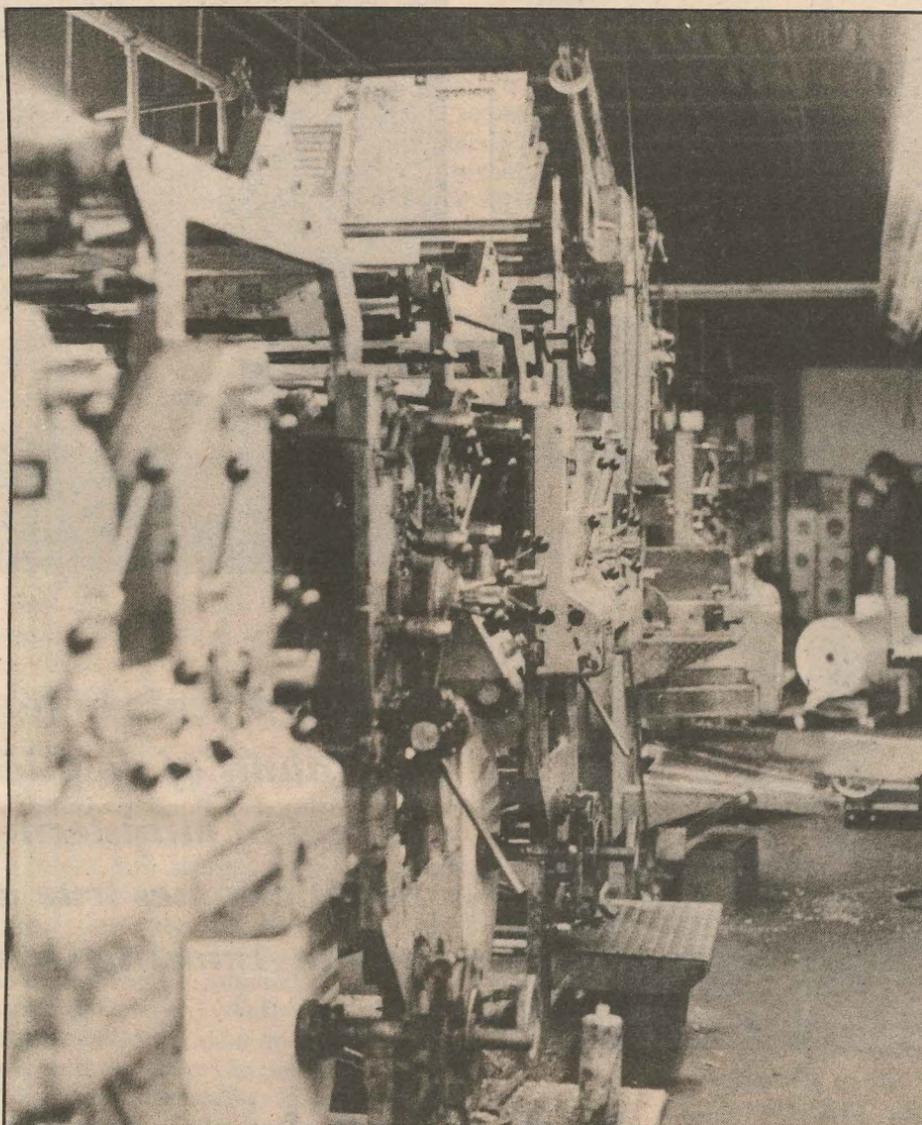
Cost is \$10 per printed page with no minimum number of pages required per year.

Subscriptions are \$4.50 and are usually purchased by each church for all its resident members to insure that they receive the paper and the accompanying church page.

### Courier service

Western Recorder's courier route was begun in October 1982 as a service to those churches and associations in the Elizabethtown and Lexington areas that utilize the church/associational page option.

Because a large number of the weekly church and associational pages originate in and around these areas,



The big web press at Landmark Printing in Shelbyville churns out 55,000 copies of Western Recorder every Monday night.

the courier service was established to allow more time in preparing the pages. Churches, for example, who have to mail their page in must do so before Sunday and therefore are often unable to get the latest news out. Courier stops in these key areas give local churches and associational offices the time needed to get the most up-to-date news to their readers.

The courier, after driving the pick-up route every Monday afternoon, drops off the collected church and associational pages at Western Recorder's contract printing plant in Shelbyville.

A student from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, fills the courier intern position.

### Church page clinics

Western Recorder church page clinics were begun in 1980 to assist pastors, ministers of education, church secretaries, associational missionaries and laypeople in learning more about communication through printed media.

During the course of the one day sessions attention is given primarily to the church newsletter, with special instruction for those who use the WR church/associational page service.

Other areas include the order of

service, letterheads and envelopes, brochures, calling cards, billboards and bulletin boards.

Clinics have been held in Lexington, Louisville, Hopkinsville and Owensboro, involving a nominal fee for instruction, luncheon and learning materials. Wesley M. Pattillo Jr., vice president for development, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been the leader of all clinics.

Additional clinics will be scheduled as requests are made for them.

### Tape cassette ministry

In October 1982 members of Clifton Baptist Church and St. Matthews Baptist Church, both in Louisville, teamed up with Western Recorder personnel to plan a tape cassette ministry so visually impaired readers could receive all the news about Kentucky Baptists.

Arrangements to provide the tapes weekly were made with Anchorage Studio for the Handicapped, a non profit agency with offices not far from the Kentucky Baptist Convention Building where Western Recorder is located.

With the help of donated funds the ministry was begun. Today the visually impaired are fully entitled to the weekly service and can qualify with nothing more than written approval of their

pastor. More than 40 persons are presently receiving their state paper in this manner each week.

There is no charge to the participant for the tapes or postage to and from the studio.

### Internship program

More than a decade has passed since Western Recorder took on a previously untried venture and employed a seminary interested in combining textbook learning with first-hand experience.

Since that time, 30 students from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have worked as interns. Many have gone on to fill major communications roles for SBC agencies and state convention institutions, become regular contributors for Southern Baptist publications, fill positions with secular newspapers and handle public relations/communications duties on local church staffs.

The program's adoption in 1973 was an unprecedented action among state papers. Since that time, three others have initiated similar efforts.

Three students are currently employed. Two of them actually work on the paper each week, while the third is designated as courier intern.

The two engaged in actual production of the paper have among their duties editing, writing, photography, layout and proofreading.

They also assume major responsibility for content and design of the paper when both the editor and associate editor are away. The interns also travel across the state in pursuit of stories as their school schedules permit.

They average 15 to 20 hours on the job a week and receive a stipend from the seminary and the paper for their efforts.

In the summer, one student is employed full time to gain a greater depth of exposure to the state paper process.

Two prerequisites exist for consideration of an applicant for the internship program. He or she must be a full time student at Southern Seminary and must feel called to a career in some form of religious communications.

While Western Recorder benefits from the work of its interns, the students themselves are afforded the opportunity to gain invaluable experience at a time when limited journalistic opportunities are available.

And, according to past interns, on-the-job training is the best method of learning. Larry High, the first WR intern and now the managing editor of Biblical Recorder, newsjournal of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, says "The WR intern experience was the point in my life when I knew God had called me to a ministry I would love. Even though I went to WR with a college journalism degree I remember WR as being the place where I really learned the art of journalism. The 'hands on' experience during my 18-month internship taught me more than four years of school."