



Southwestern president addresses controversy; says fundamentalists formed 'powerful machine'

The real issue in the strife within the Southern Baptist Convention does not involve "conservative versus liberal theology," according to Russell H. Dilday Jr., president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

In the July issue of Southwestern News, Dilday wrote one evidence of this fact is that "leading conservatives with unquestioned orthodoxy are voicing their opposition to the fundamentalist political machine." Southwestern News is circulated to more than 35,000 alumni, former students and friends of the seminary.

It is not rumor but fact, Dilday wrote, that fundamentalists have put together "a powerful machine, computerized, national in scope, and aimed at control of the democratic processes of this convention."

"The leaders of the machine have publicly acknowledged its existence and have boasted about its success. They have stated their goals as 'going for the jugular vein,' that is, controlling the boards of our agencies and institutions.

"They have publicly accused board members of being 'dumb bunnies and rubber stamps,' and have publicly claimed that they already control the Baptist Sunday School Board and other

areas of convention life. One spokesman indicated that among a few more fundamentalists were elected to the seminary boards, 'perhaps in five more years, more than 50 percent of the professors will be under pressure from trustees to resign'."

Dilday reiterated there are "strong conservatives on both sides of this debate," and thus, "It is not a matter of conservatives on one side and liberals on the other."

"The issue divides itself more accurately along the lines of 'the spirit of Southern Baptist cooperation' on one side and 'the spirit of independent fundamentalism' on the other."

Dilday pointed out "the main differences in the debate are related to interpretation of the Bible but not biblical authority. The issue is not, 'Do you believe the Bible?' but, 'How do you interpret some of its passages?'"

Concerns once voiced about liberalism within the convention are, today, "a mask for other interests," Dilday wrote.

He explained "the evidence raised by the Patterson/Pressler machine (the fundamentalist faction led by Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Paul Pressler, a Houston judge) to

prove that the Southern Baptist Convention is 'drifting toward liberalism' is too thin to support that claim."

Today's Southern Baptists, Dilday wrote, "are a conservative, Bible believing people, and our institutions and agencies, while not perfect and while always needing vigilant supervision, are more resolutely in the mainstream of Southern Baptist theology than ever before in history and God is blessing them with unprecedented strength."

But, Dilday noted, "it is now clear that mainstream Southern Baptists must act to reclaim the convention from the manipulation of political machines and return it to the people. We must restore an open convention and forbid secular politicization from dominating and becoming the pattern of the future."

Baptists must decide, Dilday wrote, "will we continue to be a convention cooperating to do missions and education, or will we revert to the 'society method' with its designated support of favorite benevolences? Remember, it was over the issue of the 'convention method' versus the 'society method' of doing our work that Southern Baptists separated to become a cooperating convention in 1845."

Social Security, audit changes set for churches

A new Social Security option and greater protection from Internal Revenue Service investigations would be provided churches under legislation now awaiting President Reagan's signature.

One section of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 enacted by Congress would permit churches to make a one time, irrevocable decision not to participate in Social Security on behalf of their nonministerial employees. The legislation also significantly tightens the conditions and procedures IRS must follow in auditing churches and further delays for some ministers a 1983 IRS ruling on clergy housing benefits.

Congress included the Social Security option for churches after some church leaders complained that the 1983 change which made participation in the nation's retirement system mandatory for all non profit organizations, including churches, violated their religious liberty. Under the 1983 Social Security amendments, churches would have been responsible for paying the employer's share of Social Security taxes and withholding the employee's portion.

Under the 1984 compromise passed by Congress, churches, including conventions and associations, church schools and church controlled organizations would be permitted a one time election not to participate in Social Security on behalf of their nonministerial employees. (By law, ministers participate in Social Security as self employed persons.) In cases where the election is made, employees would then be liable for self employment tax which roughly equals the combined employer-employee rate.

In order to make the election, the church or organization must state that it "is opposed for religious reasons" to payment of Social Security taxes. The legislation provides a time limit for churches and church organizations to make the elections, which would be effective beginning Jan. 1, 1984.

The bill's church audit provision would make it more difficult for IRS to investigate churches. It precludes IRS from initiating a church tax inquiry unless an IRS regional commissioner has written materials supporting a "reasonable belief" that the church may not be qualified for tax exempt status or has income from an unrelated trade or business. Under the bill, written notice to churches would be required to initiate an inquiry.

Additionally, the new measure would require IRS to notify a church and an IRS regional counsel before examining church records. Such records may be examined only to the extent necessary to determine tax liability. The provisions would permit IRS to examine the religious activities of any organization claiming to be a church only to the extent necessary to determine if the organization is actually a church.

The deficit reduction package would also extend for one year to Jan. 1, 1986, the effective date for IRS Rev. Rul. 83-3 which disallowed ministers tax deductions for mortgage interest and real estate taxes to the extent these expenses were attributable to a tax-exempt housing allowance. The extension would apply only to clergy who owned or had a contract to purchase their residence as of Jan. 3, 1983. For other clergy, the revenue ruling took effect July 1, 1983.

Atlanta Association adopts motion opposing resolution against ordination of women

Insisting that ordination is purely a local church matter, the executive committee of the Atlanta Baptist Association adopted a motion opposing "the resolution against women adopted in haste at the Southern Baptist Convention" in Kansas City.

The brief Atlanta motion affirmed the equality of women in the church, that "we are all one in Christ," that "women have equal responsibility in servanthood and discipleship," and that ordination is a local church matter.

Action on the motion came during the monthly meeting of the 225-member executive committee the day after the Atlanta Constitution-Journal had published an opinion article written by

Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley opposing ordination of women and espousing views consistent with the SBC-adopted resolution.

Stanley, pastor of the largest church in the association—the 8500-member First Baptist Church of Atlanta—was leading a Bible conference in New Hampshire and did not attend the associational executive committee meeting. A spokesman in Stanley's office said he was not aware the issue was to be discussed, although the associational office reportedly sent out special notices indicating such a motion was on the agenda.

Russell Barker, executive director of missions for the association, in response to a question, said in the two years he has been with the association Stanley has not attended a single meeting of the executive committee. He added he has only seen Stanley two times during these two years, one of which was at a fast food restaurant.

Although an official vote count was not taken, association leaders said there were about 15 votes against the motion out of the 125 persons (including non-voting guests) attending the meeting at Georgia Baptist Medical Center.

Barker said at least four pastors in the association had telephoned him following the convention suggesting response by the association to the SBC adopted resolution.

The motion, made by C. Kenny Cooper, pastor of Emory Baptist Church, Atlanta, was worded during a meeting of about 10 Atlanta pastors and church staff members the week before the associational meeting. About 15 members of the executive committee, most of them pastors, debated the motion.

Bill Crowley, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Decatur, said he saw nothing in the SBC adopted resolution

that was unscriptural and argued the resolution was not against women but against ordination of women.

Peter Rhea Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, and a former professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, agreed that evaluation of the resolution should be based on scripture, but prooftexts in the Bible could be used to support either side of the women's ordination issue. Jones said the time has come for a healthy debate within the SBC on women's role in the church and women's ordination.

Cooper, who made the motion, said he was deeply disturbed by the negative publicity on the convention's resolution which he feels has given the SBC a bad image, especially among women.

Although the Atlanta Association motion was brief Cooper said he feels it was significant that one of the largest associations in the 14 million member denomination had gone on record saying the SBC resolution was not a complete representation of Southern Baptist thought on women's role in the church.

The lengthy resolution adopted by the convention stated the scriptures attest to "God's delegated authority" in which "God is the head of Christ, Christ the head of man, and man the head of woman." The resolution also said the scriptures teach "women are not in public worship to assume a role of authority over men lest confusion reign in the local church."

Adopted by a vote of 4793 to 3466, the SBC resolution said the apostle Paul excluded women from pastoral leadership to preserve "a submission God requires." The resolution argued God requires submission of women to men because man was created first (in the account of creation in Genesis) and because woman was the first to "sin" in the Garden of Eden.

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Cooperative Program in Kentucky

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis in 1925 took a giant step forward by adopting the Cooperative Program as the financial means to support a growing program of missions and education. In that first year of its adoption the Cooperative Program received \$411,061 from Kentucky Baptist churches.

The early history of Cooperative Program giving by Kentucky Baptists has been checkered. For example, it was 18 years before Kentucky Baptists gave as much through the Cooperative Program as they had in 1925. In fact, their contribution showed a steady decline to a low point in 1933. In that year of the great depression Kentucky Baptists gave only \$174,596 through the Cooperative Program. However, receipts have shown a steady increase since the 1933 low. By 1943 the Cooperative Program gifts of Kentucky Baptists exceeded the 1925 figure for the first time. The total for 1943 was \$510,981.

The first million dollar year of Cooperative Program giving by Kentucky Baptists came in 1948 with gifts totaling \$1,052,737. Thus it took 28 years to reach a one million dollar a year giving plateau. It took only nine years to reach the two million mark and in 1957 the figure reached \$2,015,970. By 1965, only eight years after reaching two million dollars, gifts climbed to \$3,133,433.

The rate of Cooperative Program giving from 1965 to the present shows a dramatic, continuous rise. In 1971 Kentucky Baptists gave \$4,059,682; 1974 recorded \$5,165,896; 1976 reports indicate gifts of \$6,472,555; the 1977 figure jumped to \$7,050,802; the surge continued in 1979 with \$8,577,206. Only two years later, in 1981, the \$10 million mark was reached with gifts totaling \$10,675,438. The growth in giving continued in 1982 with an offering of \$11,871,274, and a \$12,891,678 offering was posted in 1983.

Since 1925 Kentucky Baptists have been in the front ranks of God's people in support of this unique plan of missionary giving. Our people have been generous in support of the far flung work carried on from this solid financial base. The goal for our Kentucky Baptist churches for the 1983-84 fiscal year is \$15,500,000. The very best effort from all our people is required if we are to reach it.

The person in Kentucky most responsible for Cooperative Program promotion and support is Jesse Stricker, director of the Stewardship Department of our convention. It is his responsibility to keep us informed of needs and provide us ways to increase not only our awareness but also our support of Baptist work the world over. The above history of our giving record was supplied by Stricker who is typical of the kind of people who administer our various programs and services all over the world. According to the report on Cooperative Program presented to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah last year, only a small percentage is spent in administration of the funds given by our churches in Kentucky. The consecration, dedication and efficiency of people like Jesse Stricker is a testimony to the rightness of this approach to mission support.

Kentucky Baptist churches average giving about nine percent of their total receipts to the Cooperative Pro-

gram. If Bold Mission Thrust is to achieve the high goals set for our people this giving level must increase in the years ahead.

There are critics of the way Southern Baptists do missions and even the most loyal supporter knows there is room for improvement in both what we do and how we do it. However, it is sour grapes for me to hear criticism of a plan which enables the smallest church in the poorest section of the nation to share preaching the gospel in more than 100 countries of the world. The most obscure, unknown Baptist in the most remote spot on earth can touch millions of people because the church where he is a member gives part of his tithe to the Cooperative Program.

Just one example of what our cooperative effort produces was supplied by Owen Cooper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Cooper sent a letter he had received from missionary Douglas Knapp in Tanzania. Knapp wrote:

"... I personally baptized more people last year than the 10 most successful Southern Baptist pastors combined... each Sunday I baptize 50 to 100 or more people... If we can claim any personal merit contributing to the success of the work, it has been the willingness to remain in this remote and impoverished area, with terrible roads, complete isolation and a dearth of the most basic commodities of life for these 20 years. God has honored his promise, 'In due time you shall reap if you faint not!'"

Douglas Knapp and more than 3000 other missionary brothers and sisters do their work around the world because people like you care enough to see they have the money needed. Much of that money comes from the small churches who could never touch the world if they tried to go it alone.

Of course the Cooperative Program is a work of man and not an object for blind worship. It has flaws and weaknesses, so that constant review and vigilance must be the order of the day lest the critics be proved correct. Though it is a plan of man the blessings of God on this venture are visible to all who have eyes to see. We Baptists baffle the world not only because of our penchant for squabbles but also our firm commitment to each other as working partners in the spread of the gospel through noncompulsory giving. The key word in our mission plan is cooperative. Churches cooperate freely. Individuals cooperate freely. There is no ecclesiastical control, no denominational assessment, no contractual obligation on any church. The marvel of it all is that last year our 36,500 churches gave \$272,571,144 through the Cooperative Program.

I gladly join thousands of other Kentucky Baptist people who believe we are moving in the right direction. Each Lord's day we are privileged to bring tithes and offerings into the church house with the full assurance we are helping carry out God's command to make disciples in all the world. With the vision of Bold Mission Thrust before us to grow in stewardship grace, the best years for Kentucky Baptists are still ahead. Some day soon we will rejoice together when we report the first \$20 million year of Cooperative Program giving for the churches of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



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

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Top 100 in CP Giving

Nine months ending
May 31, 1984

Church	Association	Members	Co-op Prog.
1 Severns Valley	Severns Valley	3,063	148,276.46
2 Somerset First	Pulaski County	1,895	101,666.68
3 Owensboro First	Daviess-McLean	2,550	98,231.53
4 Campbellsville	Taylor County	1,980	87,623.72
5 Immanuel	Elkhorn	3,316	76,551.35
6 Paducah First	West Union	2,511	74,952.90
7 Harrodsburg	Mercer	2,003	73,319.94
8 Porter Memorial	Elkhorn	2,845	72,016.13
9 Central	Boones Creek	2,099	68,303.82
10 Ashland First	Greenup	1,563	67,459.69
11 Madisonville First	Little Bethel	2,973	64,938.36
12 Central	Mount Zion	1,954	64,195.54
13 Hopkinsville Second	Christian	2,229	62,909.74
14 Hurstbourne	Long Run	1,040	62,421.64
15 Third	Daviess-McLean	1,999	61,694.88
16 Murray First	Blood River	1,931	61,567.00
17 Beacon Hill	Pulaski County	729	61,123.30
18 Bowling Green First	Warren	2,814	54,265.28
19 Walnut Street	Long Run	6,336	51,426.53
20 Mayfield First	Graves County	1,675	48,373.88
21 Shelbyville First	Shelby County	1,566	46,680.08
22 Beaver Dam	Ohio County	1,219	46,216.58
23 Valley View	Long Run	2,111	45,526.78
24 Hall Street	Daviess-McLean	1,608	44,873.26
25 Florence	Northern Kentucky	1,462	44,198.00
26 Bellevue	Daviess-McLean	757	43,116.68
27 Franklin First	Simpson	1,578	42,948.79
28 Buena Vista	Daviess-McLean	1,015	42,903.72
29 Russellville First	Bethel	1,189	41,937.96
30 Greenville First	Muhlenberg	1,199	41,701.32
31 Broadway	Long Run	1,282	41,668.00
32 Mt. Pisgah	Muhlenberg	558	41,585.94
33 Leitchfield First	Grayson County	1,001	41,031.59
34 Pikeville First	Pike	1,159	40,680.41
35 Glasgow	Liberty	2,157	40,000.00
36 Erlanger	Northern Kentucky	1,335	39,873.63
37 Burgin	Mercer	817	39,174.44
38 Calvary	Elkhorn	2,566	38,666.64
39 Latonia	Northern Kentucky	1,451	37,849.03
40 Shively	Long Run	2,350	37,265.91
41 Farmdale	Long Run	1,478	36,731.72
42 Earlington First	Little Bethel	585	36,566.72
43 Immanuel	Franklin	667	35,375.58
44 Central City First	Muhlenberg	1,277	34,728.94
45 Westport Road	Long Run	994	34,225.52
46 DeHaven	Sulphur Fork	1,293	34,068.52
47 Sturgis First	Ohio Valley	601	34,058.12
48 Briensburg	Blood River	537	33,961.96
49 Lyndon	Long Run	1,148	33,897.29
50 Lexington Avenue	South District	1,364	32,910.77

Church	Association	Members	Co-op Prog.
51 St. Matthews	Long Run	3,232	32,500.02
52 Lawrenceburg First	Anderson	1,147	32,478.71
53 First	Tates Creek	1,128	32,066.11
54 Crescent Hill	Long Run	1,445	32,000.00
55 Princeton First	Caldwell-Lyon	1,430	31,546.02
56 Highland	Long Run	1,063	31,367.37
57 Versailles	Elkhorn	1,277	30,809.36
58 London First	Laurel River	1,301	30,796.15
59 Eastwood	Warren	919	30,545.26
60 Lone Oak	West Union	1,811	30,166.68
61 Burlington	Northern Kentucky	932	29,940.55
62 Greenville Second	Muhlenberg	659	29,762.74
63 Horse Creek	Booneville	742	29,756.81
64 Whitesburg First	Three Forks	1,524	29,617.45
65 Unity	Greenup	2,319	29,327.04
66 Harlan	Miscellaneous	1,082	29,296.36
67 High Point	Graves County	714	28,973.00
68 Paris First	Elkhorn	1,184	28,707.81
69 Winchester First	Elkhorn	1,098	27,824.86
70 Henderson First	Green Valley	1,355	27,527.50
71 Belfry	Pike	597	27,080.29
72 Barbourville First	North Concord	1,410	26,947.29
73 Gardenside	Elkhorn	1,378	26,721.39
74 Oaklawn	West Union	676	26,327.82
75 Ralph Avenue	Long Run	992	25,909.08
76 Bruners Chapel	Mercer	494	25,489.09
77 Hodgenville First	Severns Valley	955	25,250.00
78 Highview	Long Run	3,772	25,000.00
79 Northside	Caldwell-Lyon	774	24,747.64
80 Marion	Ohio River	754	24,617.46
81 Mt. Washington First	Nelson	1,365	24,176.68
82 Sand Spring	Anderson	1,021	24,175.00
83 Lancaster	South District	1,022	24,069.33
84 Immanuel	West Union	1,132	23,858.45
85 Benton First	Blood River	718	23,828.29
86 Scottsville	Allen	850	22,825.91
87 Georgetown	Elkhorn	1,325	22,623.87
88 Pleasant Hill	Taylor County	634	22,607.64
89 Yellow Creek	Daviess-McLean	1,089	22,581.00
90 Oakland Avenue	Greenup	976	22,400.00
91 Calvert City First	Blood River	618	22,097.31
92 Madisonville Second	Little Bethel	662	21,949.11
93 Rosemont	Elkhorn	1,449	21,927.05
94 South Elkhorn	Elkhorn	921	21,750.56
95 Macedonia	Daviess-McLean	676	21,710.50
96 Corbin First	Mount Zion	1,355	21,702.57
97 Hawesville	Blackford	900	21,508.02
98 Stithton	Severns Valley	1,740	21,258.49
99 Danville First	South District	1,783	21,031.00
100 Beechwood	Long Run	860	21,002.45

Per Capita Cooperative Giving

Nine months ending
May 31, 1984

Church	Association	Members	Co-op Prog.	Per Cap.
1 Pleasant Home	Ten Mile	130	12,044.30	92.64
2 Beacon Hill	Pulaski County	729	61,123.30	83.84
3 Brooksville	Union	169	13,724.88	81.21
4 Mt. Pisgah	Muhlenberg	558	41,585.94	74.52
5 West Fork	Blood River	148	10,516.49	71.05
6 Mt. Gilboa	Taylor County	150	10,293.92	68.62
7 Good Hope	Taylor County	187	12,724.25	68.04
8 Briensburg	Blood River	537	33,961.96	63.24
9 Earlington First	Little Bethel	585	36,566.72	62.50
10 Hurstbourne	Long Run	1,040	62,421.64	60.02
11 Pellville	Blackford	269	15,807.36	58.76
12 Living Hope	Warren	250	14,641.04	58.56
13 Bellevue	Daviess-McLean	757	43,116.68	56.95
14 Sturgis First	Ohio Valley	601	34,058.12	56.66
15 Highland Hills	Northern Kentucky	278	15,263.17	54.90
16 Old Yellow Creek	Bell	277	14,979.73	54.07
17 Elkhorn	Taylor County	280	15,072.09	53.82
18 Somerset First	Pulaski County	1,895	101,666.68	53.64
19 Immanuel	Franklin	667	35,375.58	53.03
20 Woodland	Muhlenberg	212	11,242.84	53.03
21 Bruners Chapel	Mercer	494	25,489.09	51.59
22 Magnolia	Severns Valley	321	16,058.09	50.02
23 Franklin Crossroads	Severns Valley	356	17,706.00	49.73
24 Concord	Ohio County	169	8,369.22	49.52
25 Severns Valley	Severns Valley	3,063	148,276.46	48.40
26 Burgin	Mercer	817	39,174.44	47.94
27 Belfry	Pike	597	27,080.29	45.36
28 Greenville Second	Muhlenberg	659	29,762.74	45.16
29 Campbellsville	Taylor County	1,980	87,623.72	44.25
30 Cuba	Graves County	298	13,009.85	43.65
31 Grangertown	Ohio Valley	435	18,903.92	43.45
32 Baxter First	Upper Cumberland	59	2,561.81	43.42
33 South Fork	Owen	119	5,143.41	43.22
34 Ashland First	Greenup	1,563	67,459.69	43.16
35 Adairville	Bethel	267	11,412.00	42.74
36 Fordsville	Ohio County	330	14,065.58	42.62
37 Buena Vista	Daviess-McLean	1,015	42,903.72	42.26
38 Salem	Ohio River	285	11,862.57	41.62
39 Sebree	Green Valley	440	18,052.42	41.02
40 Leitchfield First	Grayson County	1,001	41,031.59	40.99
41 High Point	Graves County	714	28,973.00	40.57
42 Horse Creek	Booneville	742	29,756.81	40.10
43 Countryside	Ohio Valley	59	2,369.95	40.16
44 Little Clifty	Grayson County	152	5,939.37	39.07
45 Oaklawn	West Union	676	26,327.82	38.94
46 Owensboro First	Daviess-McLean	2,550	98,231.53	38.52
47 Airline	Green Valley	324	12,459.69	38.45
48 Locust Grove	Blood River	180	6,882.63	38.23
49 Beaver Dam	Ohio County	1,219	46,216.58	37.91
50 Lily Grove	Booneville	4	150.00	37.50

Church	Association	Members	Co-op Prog.	Per Cap.
51 Goshen	Sulphur Fork	70	2,575.00	36.78
52 Harrodsburg	Mercer	2,003	73,319.94	36.60
53 Chevy Chase	Elkhorn	450	16,456.44	36.56
54 Inez First	Enterprise	345	12,522.06	36.29
55 Henderson Memorial	Christian	503	18,163.32	36.10
56 Gilead	Severns Valley	335	12,020.55	35.88
57 Calvert City First	Blood River	618	22,097.31	35.75
58 Bethabara	Daviess-McLean	260	9,278.00	35.68
59 Pleasant Hill	Taylor County	634	22,607.64	35.65
60 Mexico	Ohio River	268	9,507.02	35.47
61 Russellville First	Bethel	1,189	41,937.96	35.27
62 Manchester	Booneville	294	10,348.49	35.19
63 Smithsboro	Three Forks	304	10,686.60	35.15
64 Pikeville First	Pike	1,159	40,680.41	35.09
65 Greenville First	Muhlenberg	1,199	41,701.32	34.78
66 Unity	Crittenden	163	5,645.46	34.63
67 Utica	Daviess-McLean	486	16,790.57	34.54
68 Salem	Little Bethel	363	12,498.95	34.43
69 Westport Road	Long Run	994	34,225.52	34.43
70 Salvisa	Mercer	285	9,821.22	34.46
71 Crosswoods	Elkhorn	96	3,270.50	34.06
72 Gilbertsville	Blood River	160	5,405.29	33.78
73 Elk Lick	Logan	329	11,092.58	33.71
74 Southern Heights	Bethel	207	6,957.82	33.61
75 Hurricane	Little River	219	7,372.72	33.66
76 Bethlehem	Henry County	293	9,842.58	33.59
77 Sutton	Pike	39	1,310.03	33.59
78 Lewisport	Blackford	606	20,275.49	33.45
79 Tunnel Hill	Severns Valley	380	12,669.95	33.34
80 Eastwood	Warren	919	30,545.26	33.23
81 Benton First	Blood River	718	23,828.29	33.18
82 Madisonville Second	Little Bethel	662	21,949.11	33.15
83 Salem	Taylor County	235	7,763.36	33.03
84 Moscow	West Kentucky	71	2,338.15	32.93
85 Central	Mount Zion	1,954	64,195.54	32.85
86 Masonville	Daviess-McLean	298	9,455.48	32.71
87 Marion	Ohio River	754	24,617.46	32.64
88 Central	Boones Creek	2,099	68,303.82	32.54
89 Broadway	Long Run	1,282	41,668.00	32.50
90 Elm Grove	Blood River	363	11,753.76	32.37
91 Macedonia	Daviess-McLean	676	21,710.50	32.11
92 Burlington	Northern Kentucky	932	29,940.55	32.12
93 Barnesburg	Pulaski	30	963.03	32.10
94 Northside	Caldwell-Lyon	774	24,747.64	31.97
95 Murray First	Blood River	1,931	61,567.00	31.88
96 Chaplin	Nelson	399	12,695.89	31.81
97 Walnut Grove	Caldwell-Lyon	314	9,898.15	31.52
98 Lewis Lane	Daviess-McLean	585	18,394.61	31.44
99 Faith	Red River	38	1,196.58	31.48
100 Westport	Sulphur Fork	279	8,701.60	31.18

Planned Growth in Giving task force begins planning

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's 14-member Planned Growth in Giving task force held its initial orientation session June 26 in Middletown, kicking off its planning for the 15-year emphasis to begin in 1985.

The state's participation in Planned Growth in Giving, a conventionwide plan to increase commitment and giving in order to achieve Bold Mission Thrust objectives, was approved at the 1983 Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah. Jesse Stricker, director of the Promotion and Stewardship Department of the KBC, was selected as state director of the program.

William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC, appointed the task force and it was approved by the executive board. T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, was named chairman.

The task force is made up of eight pastors, three associational workers and three laypeople.

The pastors include Joe B. Brown,

First Baptist Church, Whitesburg; J. Howard Cobble, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Gregory L. Hancock, Latonia Baptist Church, Covington; Don Mathis, Central Baptist Church, Corbin; Bill Messer, First Baptist Church, Ashland; Douglas T. Strader, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset; J. Robert White, First Baptist Church, Paducah; and McSwain.

The associational workers include Harold L. Greenfield, Princeton, director of missions, Caldwell-Lyon Association; Eugene Reynolds, Russellville, director of missions, Bethel-Logan Association; and James Rennell, Louisville, director of church development, Long Run Association.

The laypeople are Charles Barnes, Prospect; Glenn Durham, Harlan; and Mrs. Dixie Mylum, Berea.

Fourteen Kentucky Baptist Convention staff are also working with the state task force and will be supporting the 15-year Planned Growth in Giving emphasis as it develops.



Kentucky gears up for simultaneous revivals

Kentucky Baptists have begun to plan for Good News America in 1986, a national simultaneous revival effort hopefully in which at least 80 percent of the 33,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention participate. Theme for these revivals is "Good News America, God Loves You."

Dates for the revivals in Kentucky will be Apr. 6-27, 1986. Suggested weeks of participation in the areas of the state are Apr. 6-13, western Kentucky; Apr. 13-20, central Kentucky; and April 20-27, eastern Kentucky.

The major purpose of Good News America is to give every person in America an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

Kentucky's goal is approximately 25,000 of the conventionwide aim of 560,000 baptisms for 1986.

The Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention began planning and promoting the revivals two years ago and is currently involving associations and churches in commitment to participation.

Ten basic thrusts are planned through 1986. They include:

1. Orientation and training of associational and church leadership;
2. Witness training in the spring of 1985 and 1986;
3. Continuing concerted prayer emphasis, 1984-86;
4. People search and scripture distribution, Oct. 20-26, 1985;
5. Associational evangelism preparation rallies, 1985-86;
6. Cultivate witness actions, February-March 1986;
7. Major media campaign, spring 1986;
8. Good News America simultaneous revivals, Apr. 6-27, 1986;
9. Follow-up, conservation evangelism;
10. Good News America celebration rallies, including associational rallies, May 1986, and area rallies, September-October 1986.

Directors of missions in Kentucky were briefed on plans for Good News America at the directors' workshop May 9-11 at Cedarsville. Each

association was asked to vote in its earliest executive board meeting on participating in Good News America. If the vote is positive, the association will select a Good News America steering committee to be trained by the KBC's Evangelism Department in January 1985.

A second associational orientation and pastors' briefing meeting will be conducted in each association in November 1985.

The deadline for church commitments to participate is July 1, 1985.

The state Sunday School and Evangelism departments will conduct training sessions May 2 and 9, 1985 in

preparation for the people search and scripture distribution.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has made \$276,500 available for an intensive media campaign preceding the revivals. Radio, TV, newspapers, billboards and other media will be used to promote "Good News America, God Loves You" in Kentucky.

Two months before the revivals each association is urged to conduct a rally to motivate pastors and laypeople and to train church revival committees.

A statewide steering committee for the revivals is composed of pastors, associational evangelism chairmen, directors of missions and state conven-

tion personnel. Jay Brown, director of the Evangelism Department of the KBC, is director of Good News America in Kentucky. Fred Halbrooks, director of the Sunday School Department of the KBC, is assistant director.

America has experienced four major revivals in its history. These occurred in 1734, 1800, 1858 and 1906.

According to Jay Brown, revival can become a reality in 1986 if we "pray persistently, prepare sufficiently and promote adequately."

Information about Good News America may be secured from the Evangelism Department of the KBC or from associational directors of missions.

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baptist forum

'Astounding' that Eve held responsible

After reading the resolution on the ordination of women passed by the Southern Baptist Convention, I would like to call for a boycott by women of all Southern Baptist churches. This is my first reaction. It is almost inconceivable that a group of Christians could use such demeaning and abasing words in attempting to explain their rationale. It is astounding that Eve is still being held accountable for Adam's fall when both were given instructions by God.

I would like to call for a worldwide boycott, but instead I will continue to work in my church—supporting the Cooperative Program, Baptist Women, Sunday school, Church Training, Bible schools and missions projects and try to stay firm in my faith. I pray I will be able to teach my children the value of every person in the eyes of God.

Sherry Barrett Cooper
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Deacons express concern

We, the deacons of Deer Park Baptist Church, have observed with increasing concern the drift and tone of the Southern Baptist Convention annual session in recent years. We mention three observations.

First, there is a dangerous trend in electing leaders who have not and do not seem interested in supporting Southern Baptist work through the Cooperative Program. Whatever a church and a pastor choose to do with a local church's resources is the prerogative of that church. However, our convention needs as leaders only those who demonstrate a commitment to Southern Baptist work in all its diversity.

Second, we are concerned about the abuse of presidential power in appointments to the Committee on Boards. The

SBC president should select persons familiar with the broad range of denominational work within the various state conventions. We suggest that the executive secretary and the president of each state convention assist in this selection. This method would insure a more grass roots selection of all boards and agencies. It would also remove the impression of political abuse of power by the SBC presidents.

Third, we have a concern about resolutions passed at the convention in Kansas City. We are grateful that these do not have binding power on the churches. We find particularly offensive the resolution about women in ministry. We reject as unscriptural the concept that women alone are responsible for sin in the world. We reject the notion that anyone has spiritual authority over any other person except the Lord Jesus Christ himself. We hope that Charles Stanley will opt to select men and women of wisdom to serve on the resolutions committee for the 1985 convention in order to prevent similar kinds of resolutions from being presented.

We are not in the Lord's work to gain the praise and admiration of others. Further, we do not need to be the denomination of the Moral Majority; we do not need to alienate half of God's kingdom by passing carelessly worded resolutions; and we do not need to continue electing leaders who are not strengthening the broad range of ministries which Southern Baptists perform.

Jim Wilhelm, Deacon Chairman
Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville

Richland supports ordination of women

I would like to apprise Kentucky Baptists of a recent action of the Richland Baptist Church in Falmouth, Ky., regarding the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention resolution against the ordination of women.

On Sunday, July 8, 1984, the Richland Church adopted a resolution and went on record as supporting the right of women to serve in any capacity in the body of Christ that is afforded to men.

Richland Baptist Church considers this action a way of sharing with other Southern Baptists a witness of our faith and our belief in the scriptures, which teach us that in Christ, "there is neither male nor female."

Andrew M. Manis, Pastor
Richland Baptist Church, Falmouth

Concern for SBC turns to alarm

I followed with growing concern the accounts of proceedings of the Kansas City SBC in the national newspapers. Having read a more detailed report in the June 19 issue of Western Recorder, my concern turns to alarm. The ultra-conservative wing of the SBC has apparently moved from fostering a creeping erosion of the basic tenets of the Southern Baptist doctrine to a broad and frightening frontal attack.

How shall we maintain the bedrock of our doctrine, the priesthood of the believer, when our faith is to be judged by a few mere men, rather than by God's own communication with us?

How shall we follow the admonition from God that we go forth into every nation and preach the gospel if we endanger the Cooperative Program?

How are we to keep separate the "rendering unto Caesar and the rendering unto God," while some of our number try to impose upon all people a code of behavior? To use the powers of the state, while clothed in the robes of the church, is, I believe, the ultimate in pharisaical action.

When my 13 year old son asks why there are no women deacons or ministers, shall I tell him that God doesn't really love women quite as much as he does men or that we are sure God calls women only into those roles approved by the current men of the church?

Do those who would malign our seminaries and agencies believe their interpretations are the only truths? It is impossible for me to believe that God has suddenly lifted the veil for a chosen few; we all continue to "see through a glass, darkly." To assume otherwise is errant.

I am probably a member of one Baptist majority: I've never been to a convention and I've "let the preacher do it" with regard to denominational matters. If we care to preserve the basic tenets of Baptist doctrine, we must all rise up, speak up and participate. While I do not plan to cut my Cooperative Program giving down to 2.1 percent, I have begun to fill at least one sox to support one messenger to the 1985 convention.

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The new first family of Greenville Second Baptist Church includes Rick Shannon, wife Linda and son Brian.

Shannon invited to fill pulpit at Greenville

Rick Shannon accepted the call to pastor Second Baptist Church of Greenville, Muhlenberg Association. He assumed duties July 9.

For the last four years he has been pastor of Mill Creek Baptist Church in Radcliff, Severns Valley Association.

A native of Danville, Shannon is a graduate of Georgetown College. He also holds degrees from the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and wife Linda, also a native of Danville, are the parents of one son, Brian.

personnel

Robert Worden was called as minister of music, youth and education at Olivet Baptist Church, West Union Association.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has held similar positions in Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Don Garrison resigned as pastor of Twelfth Street Baptist Church in Paducah, West Union Association, to become a full time evangelist. He is available for revivals, evangelism conferences, supply preaching and interim pastorates. His address is Rte. 1, Box 328, West Paducah 42086.

Terrence Lee Freeman was called as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, effective Aug. 5.

He formerly pastored Auburn Baptist Church, Bethel Association, and received both the MDiv and DMin degrees from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville.

Freeman is married to Beverly Anderson. They have two children, Tracy and Troy.

Tom Curry accepted the call to pastor Parkland Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He is a native of Natchitoches, La.

John J. Chapman accepted the call to pastor Berea Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Since 1979 he has been pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Franklin,

Simpson Association. Former pastorates include Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Bethel Association, and Sioux Valley Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D. He was also assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

Chapman and his wife, Karen, have two children, Chris and Lisa.

Noble A. Cobb assumed duties as pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Providence, Little Bethel Association, June 3. He was formerly pastor of Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, three years.



Cobb

He has pastored other Kentucky churches and spent 18 months working with the Home Mission Board in Colorado.

He is married to the former Carolyn Morgan of Sturgis. They have three daughters.

Jennings Irvin West is now pastor of Lancer Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, Enterprise Association.

He had been pastor of Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association, since 1973. Other former pastorates include Calvary Baptist Church, Gilbert, W. Va., and Jeff Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

He is married to the former Arlene Ball of Alex. They have three children.

Richard Jones resigned as pastor of McGrady Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

A. L. Meacham was named Citizen of the Year for 1984 by the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce. Former pastor of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, he is currently director of missions for Sulphur Fork Association.

A native of Christian County, Meacham is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been active in several civic organizations in the Oldham County area.

Ray Wood was recently named life deacon at Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association, in recognition of his numerous years of work for the congregation. He has been deacon, trustee, chairman of the building committee and teacher of the Berean Sunday school class.

Tyre Denney, pastor of Alton Baptist Church, and his wife were recently honored on the occasion of their 17th anniversary with the congregation.

Denney went to the Alton pastorate from Alabama in 1967. Since his arrival the church has had 450 additions and built new facilities. Denney is also the writer of a weekly column in the Anderson News. His wife teaches a ladies' Sunday school class and is church secretary.

Billy Joe Hopkins was called to pastor Turkey Creek Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

He is a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He is married to the former Brenda Sue Bivins and they have three sons, Robert, Wilburn and Neal.

Six Kentuckians will participate on the program of the national Acteens convention (NAC) July 18-21 in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Christian vocalist Cynthia Clawson will headline the music portion of the program. Karen Massey will be a Bible study coordinator and Bobbie Coleman will lead one of the Bible studies. William Cromer will lead a youth issues conference related to school and grades. All are from Louisville.

Missionaries Wanda Dobbins and Larry Martin will also be on the NAC program. Mrs. Dobbins is a native of Logan County and is a social worker in Chile. Martin, a Eubank native, is a missionary in the Home Mission Board's Metropolitan Missions Department.

NAC will be one of the largest conventions for teenage girls in the United States. Approximately 14,000 girls and their leaders are expected to attend.

Glenn W. Mollette assumed duties as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, Pike Association, July 8.

He was formerly pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

A native of Martin County, Mollette is a graduate of Georgetown College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Lexington Theological Seminary. He has served on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and written for denominational periodicals.

He and wife Karen have one son, Jared.

congregations

Versailles Baptist Church has joined the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in participating in BTN (Baptist Telecommunication Network), the teaching and training network for churches sponsored by the Sunday School Board.

BTN carries programs from several Southern Baptist agencies, including the Home and Foreign Mission boards, and transmitted its first program June 12 from the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

The network's full telecast schedule began Monday, July 2 with a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CDT) schedule, Monday through Friday.

First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association, is currently enlarging its programs and ministries as the result of estate planning of two church members.

Millard J. Cundiff, a deacon of the church for many years, left an insurance policy with the church as its beneficiary at his death in August 1982. The resulting resources will purchase a computer system for the church, allowing it to improve its record keeping system.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quick, members of the church for many years, left a portion of his estate at his death last year. Along with the sacrificial gifts of other church members, this has enabled the church to pay off its sanctuary debt three years early and to reduce the debt on its gymnasium drastically. A double noteburning service is being planned for this fall.

The congregation recently purchased a nearby plaza which will provide 12,000 square feet of educational space. Shepherdsville's pastor is Stephen B. McSwain.

Springfield Baptist Church, Central Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary June 17-24.

Former pastors of the congregation spoke during the week. They included Lonnie Bradley (1967-82), Prue H. Kelly (1951-56), James Hopkins (1957-



The old and new editors of Western Recorder recently visited Clear Creek Baptist School. Show [l-r] are Glenn Durham, chairman, board of directors, Western Recorder; C. R. Daley, recently retired editor; Jack Sanford, current editor; and Leon Simpson, president, Clear Creek School.

Daley and Sanford visit Clear Creek

C. R. Daley and Jack Sanford recently were special guests at a summer supper at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Local pastors and Clear Creek students joined the faculty and staff to honor the ministry of Daley, recently retired Western Recorder editor, and Sanford, the new editor.

Leon Simpson, president of Clear Creek, called Daley a man "who stands for God and for good." The evening also marked the Daleys' 43rd wedding anniversary.

At the meeting Sanford outlined his three main goals for his editorship, saying he wants "to maintain the traditional editorial content of Western Re-

recorder and challenge Kentucky Baptists at their deepest point, to give strong support to all Kentucky Baptist institutions and to speak the truth in love."

Glenn Durham, chairman of Western Recorder's board of directors, told Sanford, "You may not please everyone in Kentucky but we pray you will please God."

This was Sanford's first visit to Clear Creek and two professors, Robert Fitts and Dudley Pomeroy, welcomed him and described Clear Creek's work. "We have a ministry to meet needs and dedicated to Christ," explained Pomeroy. Fitts asserted, "Clear Creek has always been a challenge to me. God is growing remarkable men here."

63) and Robert Oldham (1963-67).

The week long celebration featured a fish fry, dinner on the ground and "Super Centennial Sunday."

The Springfield pastor is Brad Johnson.

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association, held SWAT (Spiritual Warfare Attack Training) for its youth during vacation Bible school June 11-16. The sessions featured the study of four books and various forms of ministry such as drama, puppets and music during small group time. High attendance was 106, according to Dale Thompson, associate pastor and minister of youth.

Dallas Vincent is pastor of Ormsby Heights.

First Baptist Church of Russell Springs, Russell County Association, subscribed \$341,500 through cash gifts and three-year commitments during its 13-week "Together We Build" program. The program was directed by John Hammett, a consultant with the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with assistance from church layman Ron Finley.

According to pastor Donnie Sutton, "Church members have grown spiritually and their level of dedication has risen significantly. There is a general sense of excitement about the church."

Construction on the church's new building will begin in the summer of 1985.

First Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, is in the process of revitalization and restoration.

Founded in 1786, the church constructed its present edifice in 1913.

According to pastor Bennett F. Hall, some phases of the restoration are already complete including air conditioning the nursery, roof repair, rooms cleaned and painted and installing new grating in window wells. Among upcoming projects is the installation of a new kitchen.

Renovation of the church, said Hall, will contribute to the downtown revitalization of Victorian Square in Lexington.

Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, sent 11 of its youth to eastern Kentucky June 15-24. Under the leadership of minister of youth Jeff Litton, they conducted backyard Bible clubs, a vacation Bible school and helped take a census in conjunction with Warfield Baptist Church, Enterprise Association.

Joe M. Thomas is pastor of Dawson.

ordinations

James Oates was ordained to the ministry June 24 at Mint Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained three men to the deaconate May 27. They included Willard Slone, Tony Hammons and Tommy Thompson.

First Baptist Church of Sonora, Severns Valley Association, ordained Bill Tabb to the deaconate July 1.

Adaburg Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, ordained Austin Ray Baird and J. C. Smith to the deaconate June 3. Pastor Eugene Loy led the service.

Louis Hill, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be ordained to the ministry July 18 at 7:15

p.m. at Parkland Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

associations

Elkhorn Baptist Association will launch its bicentennial celebration at its 200th annual session Oct. 22.

To be held at First Baptist Church of Winchester, the sessions will feature William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Carl E. Bates, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Spiegel, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa Postal 1635, 13100 Campinas, SP, Brazil). Son of missionaries to Brazil, he was born in Elmhurst, Ill. and lived in several states and in Brazil while growing up. He considers Sidney, Oh. his hometown. The former Laura Berry, daughter of missionaries to Brazil, she was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but also lived in Brasilia, Brazil, and Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, missionaries to Zimbabwe since 1981, resigned from missionary service May 31. They lived in Gweru, Zimbabwe, where he was a seminary teacher and she was a church and home worker. He was born in Gadsden, Ala. and also lived in Oakland, Cal., Greenville, Ky. and Boaz, Ala. while growing up. The former Shirley Taylor, she was born in Etowah County, Ala. and considers Boaz her hometown. They may be addressed c/o Jerry Dunn Underwood, Rte. 1, Box 171, Leighton, AL 35646.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Atkinson, missionaries to Colombia, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 2103 Hampton Ave., Nashville, TN 37215). A

J. D. Hughey, 70, dies of cancer

John David Hughey, 70, retired director of Southern Baptist foreign mission work in Europe and the Middle East, died July 8 in a hospital in Richmond, Va., two and a half years after he was diagnosed as having cancer of the pancreas.

During that time he completed two books and continued to be active until recent months as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, Richmond, where he and his wife were members.

His career in foreign missions spanned 38 years. He and his wife, the former Evelyn Wells of Sumter, S. C., were appointed missionaries in 1943. They were Southern Baptist representatives to Spain from 1947-51. He became a professor at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, in 1952, and was its president from 1960-64. In 1964, Hughey went to Richmond to direct the Foreign Mission Board's work in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

The family requests memorials be made in the form of gifts to help build churches in Eastern Europe. Such gifts can be made through the Foreign Mission Board.

native of Kentucky, he was born in Madisonville and also lived in Paducah and Earlington while growing up. The former Elizabeth Sweet, she was born in Lyndon and lived in several states while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Schrier, missionaries to Upper Volta, have arrived in the states (address: c/o First Baptist Church, 1275 Church St., S.E., Smyrna, GA 30090). A native of Michigan, he was born in Ionia and consider Brutus his home town. The former Dixie Robbins, she was born in Louisville and considers New Orleans, La. her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

William N. McElrath, a native of Murray, may be setting a record in 1984. For the second time six of his books in two languages will be published within a single year. The same occurred in 1979.

Two of McElrath's new books are in English and both are being published by Broadman Press. The other four are in Indonesian, national language of the southeast Asian country where McElrath and wife Elizabeth have been Southern Baptist missionaries since 1965.

One of McElrath's new books, *Indian Treasure on Rockhouse Creek*, is a juvenile novel set in 1892-93 in the author's native Calloway County. It will be released in August. *Oz and Mary Quick: Taiwan Teammates*, one of the "Meet the Missionary" series of current biographies being produced jointly by Broadman Press and Woman's Missionary Union, will appear in October.

Nearly all of McElrath's books published in both languages in 1979 and 1984 are closely related either to the Bible or to missions. They include brief biographies of third world missionaries, a Church Study Course book on music in missions, Bible study guides, a simple Bible commentary, a small collection of scripture songs and *Judges*

and *Kings: God's Chosen Leaders* in Broadman's BibLearn series.

McElrath was an editor of children's curriculum materials in the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board before 1965.

Logan County native at Kansas City again

Lucille Forgy Wallace has attended two annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, both in Kansas City.

As a young girl she accompanied her mother by train to the convention meeting in Kansas City in 1923. Her vivid memories of that time include the participation of George W. Truitt in the meeting.

In 1923 she also made her profession of faith in the family church, Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Logan County Association.

A college graduate who has taught elementary school and music in Kentucky and South Carolina, both she and her husband, Furman Wallace, an ordained deacon for 47 years, were enthusiastic participants in the 1984 convention sessions.



Lucille Wallace wore the button she had from the 1923 SBC meeting in Kansas City when she returned there for this year's annual session.

Yellow Creek members march to new facility

The congregation of Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, moved into new facilities in services June 3.

Total cost for the new sanctuary including parking and landscaping was \$740,000.

Ivan Craig, deacon emeritus and moderator of the church, spoke at the closing service in the old sanctuary and then led the congregation in marching

into the new sanctuary. Yellow Creek pastor Donald L. Zuberer then preached the first sermon in the new 800-seat facility with 650 in attendance.

Theme for the special occasion was "Entering Canaan Land."

Founded in 1889 the church completed its former sanctuary in 1949. It will be renovated for use as classrooms and administrative offices.



Yellow Creek pastor Donald L. Zuberer, deacon emeritus Ivan Craig and Bob Ford led the procession when members of the congregation marched from their old facility to a new one June 3. Ford, who cut the ribbon to the doors of the sanctuary, was one of the men who physically built the older building in 1949.



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on mission together

SBC 1984: Further reflections

Two weeks ago I described my dilemma as executive secretary-treasurer in attempting to discern my responsibility to Kentucky Baptists in the current SBC controversy.

The growing interest and concern ex-

pressed by many Kentucky Baptists prompts my further writing.

Kansas City-1984 will not "lie down and be still." On the contrary, adrenaline and activity are flowing with an intensity unlike any previous convention I have experienced in my lifetime.

Editorials and "letters to the editor" in numerous state convention publications and secular press clippings from across the U. S. indicate the rift is wide and deep. Conversations with "old timers" leave no doubt that, barring a miracle, we have crossed the bridge to a major confrontation. Why? Because for many, Kansas City "went too far"!

There is a basic disagreement as to just "who" truly represents the majority of Southern Baptists. While on the one hand some feel that the "majority" has been reflected in the voting of recent Southern Baptist conventions,

others feel just as strongly that recent conventions have been politicized, that many messengers have been instructed and bused and that, therefore, the conventions have been "stacked," representing a powerful minority.

Approximately 1300 messenger cards were requested by 358 of our 2200 churches, though fewer actually attended. Did these messengers truly reflect the "majority" of Kentucky Baptists? We can never know, nor must we. We do know that only about five percent of our "potential" messengers attended.

If the newly elected SBC leadership and any of the resolutions were and are not truly representative of the majority of Southern Baptists then Baptists who disagree will need to prove it by vote—not by talk.

Kansas City has made that very clear.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 22, 1984

International series

Reform: By force?

2 Kings 10:18-19 A new dynasty began with the accession of Jehu to the throne of Israel and the destruction of all the descendants of Omri. Desirous of annihilating the religious influence of Ahab and Jezebel and of exterminating the worship of Baal from the land, Jehu

was faced with the problem of how to achieve these goals. Pretending to be an ardent devotee of Baal, Jehu issued an urgent nationwide call for all who worshiped and served that god to meet him in the temple which had been erected in honor of Baal, on the pretext of offering a great sacrifice. To prevent any of the prophets, priests and worshipers of Baal from absenting themselves from the assembly, Jehu threatened to execute any and all who failed to be present.

2 Kings 10:24b-31 Jehu implemented his plot with meticulous care. When he gathered all worshipers of Baal in the enclosed area which he had designated, Jehu assigned 80 men the task of preventing any of the worshipers of Baal from escaping. He warned his appointees that if they allowed any to escape they would forfeit their own lives. When the officiating priest of Baal "had made an end of offering the burnt offering," Jehu ordered "the guard" and "the captains" to enter the enclosure and execute all worshipers of Baal found therein. As soon as his order was carried out and the executions were completed, they proceeded to destroy the temple of Baal and all of the idols which were kept therein. The temple itself was desecrated and defiled.

After Jehu had done everything he knew to do to destroy the worshipers of Baal, and their temple and its images, he continued to exercise leniency

toward a more subtle form of idol worship by championing the worship of Jeroboam's golden calves. Because Jehu refused to do anything to get rid of the golden calves, the worship of which was no less a form of idolatry than the worship of Baal, and because he failed to do anything to restore the worship of Jehovah to its rightful place, idolatry continued to exist and to prosper in the nation.

Life and work series

Unity in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22 From this passage of scripture we learn it is a good thing for the children of God to recall their previous spiritual condition before they received Christ and his salvation. Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians that formerly they were dead in trespasses and sins, disobedient to God, deserving of wrath, without Christ, without a place among God's people, without a share in God's covenants, without hope and without God. How wonderful that while they were in that terrible hopeless condition, God loved them and made provision for them! Due to the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the way into the presence of the Father was available to them. Christ wrought out our redemption and the Holy Spirit worked it in us. Let us always be thankful that through Christ we are able to

approach God and to enjoy a wonderful fellowship with him. As God's children we are the center of his interest, love and concern. In addition to the superb fellowship which we have with God, we also have delightful fellowship with the members of his family and that is certainly an enriching experience.

As Christians we should be deeply grateful for the wonderful change which has been wrought in us. The means by which this change was wrought was the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Through the shedding of his precious blood on the cross Christ broke down the wall that separated Jews and Gentiles.

God's Word frequently refers to those who Christ has saved as saints, which is simply God's name for believers in Christ. Having been set apart to him, God's children should be encouraged and strengthened in the assurance that they are the center of his love and life. Let us as Christians think of ourselves as being the Lord's temple and the habitation of the Holy Spirit. When Christ returned to the side of the Father, the Holy Spirit was sent to earth and he came claiming believers in Christ as his abode. How wonderful it is to have the Holy Spirit indwelling, directing and empowering us in our service for Christ! Through us, who are God's children and members of his churches, God's presence is to be revealed, his power is to be manifested, his message is to be proclaimed and his will is to be accomplished.

baptist forum

The affable Mr. Zig Ziglar

Until the recent SBC meeting, the name of "Zig" Ziglar conjured up for me only pictures of motivational experts and high pressure salesmen of which he is one.

On Tuesday morning I heard some of our people expressing strong opposition to some statements he had made at the Pastors' Conference the night before regarding the presence of pornographic materials on seminary bookshelves.

Knowing this could not be true I

"stewed in my own juice" all day then decided he must be confronted as to his sources.

A lady (I assumed it was Mrs. Ziglar) answered his phone and assured me he would return the call. This he did—in a matter of minutes.

I found him to be very open, affable and charming. When I would say "I know you have other things to do, so I will let you go" he would say "No, nothing is so important as Christian brothers understanding each other." This attitude I could appreciate.

Now, to the gist of our conversation. Zig admitted that only one seminary was in question. He has never seen the pornographic books which he so vehemently criticized, but a friend whose word he trusted had told him they were there. Although Zig was very confident in this friend, he felt he should have complete confidentiality on his statements and he could not reveal his name.

So we have a broadside denunciation

of a seminary on the hearsay evidence of a man who must remain anonymous. This is pretty thin soup!

I have since written Zig pointing out that he should have talked to the president or librarian of this seminary before making these attacks. If satisfactory answers were not forthcoming (and he does believe the scripture), he should have taken witnesses in order to establish what was being said.

At the time I talked to him I was not aware he was the new first vice president of the SBC. That would seem to make very little difference, however, as he is anything but proud or arrogant. He has been a Christian only 12 years. Although he is a Sunday school teacher in First Baptist Church of Dallas, I was told that this was probably the first Southern Baptist Convention he had attended.

Two other things should be mentioned. Zig says he felt God impressing him to use this material as he prepared the speech. Also, he said many people

came by and told him that his criticism was very timely and badly needed. This figures because most of the pro-seminary men, who would have objected to his statements, were attending the alternate conference in Music Hall.

In closing, let me reiterate Mr. Ziglar was all courtesy. He is a very enthusiastic Christian. One likes him on first sight.

On the other hand, given the tensions now existing in the SBC, one should be very careful where he gets his material and a layman brought to speak at a pastors' conference should come as a healer.

I am glad to find that again our seminaries have stood the test. Finally, we will be hearing "Zig" Ziglar many times in the next year. My sincere prayer is that he will, as the weeks go by, become a constructive force in our great convention rather than was the case this time.

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clear creek comment

Approaching U-Hauls

I wrote earlier about the disappearing Ryder trucks on our campus. The sadness of saying goodbye is always touching.

However, recently I was involved in moving someone to our campus and how exciting that is! We used a U-Haul trailer in the move, so I am using this article to give U-Haul equal advertising space with Ryder (no, I am not writing a future article on Jartran!).

As we drove the long distance from Cincinnati to Clear Creek, pulling the

heavily laden U-Haul behind us, I began to think about trailers and life.

The first thought I had was concerning the uselessness of a trailer without a 'puller.' As Christians, we are like trailers. We need a great source of 'pulling' energy. Jesus is the great leader of our lives who leads us onward in joy and triumph. The call of the gospel always includes what our Lord said to Matthew, "Follow me" (Mark 2:14).

The corollary truth is that we should be good followers. As I kept watch on the U-Haul behind, I marveled at how well the trailer followed. We would change lanes and the trailer would too. We would go faster and the trailer stayed right with us. As Christians, we should faithfully follow our Lord. We should not follow fearfully (Mark 10:32) or at a distance (Mark 14:54). Rather, we should follow with full commitment (Luke 5:11) looking unto our leader (Heb. 12:2, Weymouth).

A final thought learned from my 'trailer experience' is that, as followers of Jesus, we are also leaders. As the car led the trailer, so the trailer led the following cars. As we follow our Lord, people should hear us speak and follow Jesus also (John 1:37).

At Clear Creek we shall soon see many approaching U-Hauls. Please pray for us that we will train the families the trailers bring to be good followers of Jesus and to be great leaders, leading men and women, boys and girls to become followers of Jesus.

He who would lead must first himself be led; Who would be loved be capable to love

Beyond the utmost he receives, who claims the rod of power must first have bowed

And being honored, honor what's above: This know the men who leave the world their names.



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Houchell in June 1941. They had been schoolboys together at Oneida. Both had played on Oneida's undefeated 1912 baseball team, had been coworkers at Oneida many years. Houchell left his professorship of English at Eastern Kentucky State Teacher's College at Richmond to return as president. Prior to going to Eastern, Houchell had taught at Oneida 17 years, also serving as principal 16 of those years.

The world was again at war. Many things that needed doing could not be done because of war restrictions on materials. Finances, as always, were a serious problem; but the bills were paid and the endowment was increased some thousands of dollars.

Returning to Eastern Kentucky State in 1946, Houchell was succeeded by Eri J. Shumaker, an English professor at Dennison University, who served until June 1948. During his two years, Shumaker made many physical improvements and began to improve the school's farming operation.

D. Chester Sparks assumed the presidency in 1948 and served until Aug. 1, 1962. He served longer than anyone other than Burns as president. He, too, had been a student of Oneida and was on the baseball team with Saul Houchell and Charlie Goins. That same ball team produced, besides three Oneida presidents, a dean of a Virginia university, a medical doctor, two college professors with their doctorates, a minister

and a captain in the army. They were winners on the baseball field and also in lives of service.

During the Sparks' years, the school's farm was brought to its highest peak of production, the physical plant was much improved with the building of a new gymnasium and the James A. Burns Hall, a girls dorm, and still Oneida's largest building. The enrollment of the school increased 75 percent. Oneida's first yearbook was published in 1949 and the first senior trip to Washington was made in 1950. Sparks' wife, Zella Mai Sparks, served as dean of the school during his administration. During their administration the spiritual life of the school was greatly strengthened with daily vespers in addition to chapel, summer camps, and the organization of the Baptist Student Union. Lyn Claybrook, pastor of Oneida Baptist Church, 1948-56, led in the building of a church building and parsonage and the most comprehensive church program in the history of the community.

David C. Jackson was called to the presidency of Oneida on Aug. 1, 1962, and served until Aug. 1, 1972. He had previously served as math teacher and coach, 1954-57, and as principal 1958-62. During his administration, boys and girls track, and swimming and diving were added as sports. The first floor of Sparks Hall (the gymnasium) was completed in 1965 and Oneida had a totally modern classroom facility for the first

time since 1925. Old Marvin Hall burned in 1966 and Carnahan Hall, built in 1905, was razed in 1967. On and near the location of the old Marvin Hall, two new boys dorms were constructed in 1968 and a student center and heated indoor swimming pool were added in 1970.

When Jackson became president of Oneida, I served for the first two years of his administration as assistant to the president. Having grown up in the Oneida school, I did my undergraduate work at the University of Kentucky and also studied law for two years there. In the eight years before returning as Oneida's president, I served with the United States Peace Corps, six and one-half of those years overseas.

We often remember our founder writing in 1928: "The work of Oneida Institute has scarcely begun. It shall be carried on into the ages, a heritage for generations yet unborn. Workers will live and love and labor till their tasks are done—others will rise up to take their places—to carry the banner still further to the front—whither, we do not know. But when the end has come, and the sheaves are garnered, we'll cast our trophies at his feet."

So it has been. So it is. God blessing, so will it be.

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Heritage for generations

No longer able to continue because of declining health, president Charles Goins passed the torch to Saul

Go for the gold

One hundred and thirty-five years ago great numbers of people were going west. They were going for the gold.

History records that 1849 was the year of the California gold rush. Word came that gold had been found in California. Many people loaded all they had on wagons and faced the hardships of the unknown west. They risked all they had, even life itself, to go for the gold. There were those who made it and really did find gold. But some who got to the west coast did not find gold and great numbers of people died on the way.

July 1984 is another time when many go for the gold. This is the month of the Olympic Games in California. Athletes from all over the world (well, almost from all over the world) will gather to compete in many events. For years these athletes have disciplined themselves and trained to be at their best. They will go for the gold—the gold medal awarded to the winner. Not every participant will gain the gold, but every participant will gain.

There are many ways people go for the gold. The athlete goes for the gold medal. The business person goes for the gold of commerce and wealth. The student and scholar goes for the gold of academic excellence and a degree. The research person goes for the gold of discovery. In the realm of Christianity we go for the gold described as an incorruptible crown.

We Christians go for the gold in

many ways. For one thing we are to live disciplined lives so as to be strong in the Lord. We go for the gold as we study the Bible to know the truth of God. We go for the gold as we bear witness to others that they may experience the redeeming power of Christ. We go for the gold trusting Christ and living for him, believing we will receive a crown of righteousness in Christ and we shall reign with him.

At Baptist Homes for Children we are going for the gold. We go for the gold in ministering to children who have not had a chance to experience the gold of life. Life for so many has been hard, dull and disappointing. When they come to us, we give them love, guidance, discipline and nurture and point them to the shining light of Jesus Christ. That's going for the true gold in life. As you pray for us and support us, you help us go for the gold. Our gold is the changed life of a youth.



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baptist news in brief

Former Kentucky pastor named Ruschlikon pres

J. Altus Newell has been named president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, in a parallel process involving European Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board.



Newell

Newell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala., and his wife, Diane, were appointed Southern Baptist missionaries July 6 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, the final step in the approval process.

Newell, 40, will formally assume the presidency of the seminary in January 1985, succeeding acting president Thorwald Lorenzen, systematic theology and ethics professor at the seminary. Lorenzen was tapped after Clyde Fant resident as president in August 1983.

Newell, a native of Meridian, Miss., holds a bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also studied a year at the University of Bonn, West Germany.

He was minister of music and youth at Macedonia Baptist Church, Meridian, and associate pastor at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. His pastorates include Rock Hill Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss.; Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Shelbyville; Crestwood Baptist Church; and St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. While pastor at St. Matthews, Newell was visiting professor of preaching and pastoral studies at Southern Seminary.

Elder claims adherence to biblical conservatism

Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder urged employees to adhere to the institution's 93-year heritage of maintaining a biblical conservative stance and staying in touch with Southern Baptist people during a recent chapel address.

Elder made his comments to employees and eight new trustees attending orientation sessions, describing his personal deepening impressions of the denomination after the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

"If we stand as biblical conservatives we're standing right in the middle of where we've been since 1845 (the year the convention was formed)," Elder emphasized. "There is a new rise of those of us who are biblical conservatives to reassert ourselves as mainstream grassroots Southern Baptists."

Elder said he will not describe himself as a moderate (a label sometimes attached to persons described as denominational loyalists). "I'm zealous about the conservative position," which he said includes belief in the authority of scripture, the virgin birth, atoning death and visible return of Christ.

However, he emphasized, "That does not mean I have taken a political stand. It just means that Southern Baptists are biblically conservative and I don't want a small group to claim that as a political wedge in Southern Baptist life."

"We (Sunday School Board) will not be conquered or controlled by any faction of the convention. We are going to

stay out of the political battles of Southern Baptists," Elder said. "But we are going to speak up for the denomination and the board."

Nonprofit postal rates to remain stable

Actions by the U. S. House of Representatives and the Senate appropriations committee signaled the probability of a slight or no increase in nonprofit postal rates for fiscal 1985.

In passing its fiscal 1985 treasury-postal service appropriations bill June 27, the House allocated \$793 million for the "revenue foregone" subsidy which provides reduced mail rates for a wide range of nonprofit and other mailers, including churches and Baptist state papers. The next day, the Senate appropriations committee approved \$801 million for the subsidy, the amount estimated by the Postal Service needed to maintain current rates through fiscal 1985.

Nonprofit rates are currently at step 14 of a 16-year phasing process Congress began in 1970 to gradually move these rates toward covering the full costs directly attributable to handling these classes of mail.

Both House and Senate figures are well above the \$400 million requested by the Reagan administration for fiscal 1985. Earlier estimates indicated the administration proposal would result in increases of 29 to 58 percent in nonprofit rates.

Georgetown's Snyder dies at age 83

The funeral of James Foley Snyder, a retired Georgetown College official, was held July 17, 1984.

Snyder died July 14 at his Georgetown home. He was 83.

Snyder served at Georgetown from 1948 to 1970, holding the positions of dean of men, director of admissions and registrar. He received Georgetown's alumni achievement award in 1976.

Snyder is survived by his wife, Kate Rickman Snyder, and three sons.

The funeral was at 11 a.m. July 17 at Johnson's Funeral Home in Georgetown.

Challenges to private, tax-exempt schools limited

Private elementary and secondary schools received a major boost July 3 when the U. S. Supreme Court ruled black parents who allege such schools illegally discriminate on the basis of race have no legal standing to challenge their tax exempt status.

At stake in the case, *Allen v. Wright*, was the ability of parents of black school-age children to challenge the Internal Revenue Service practice of granting tax exemptions to such schools if they claim to be nondiscriminatory in their admissions policies.

One of the schools cited in the complaint by the seven parents was the Briarcrest Baptist School System, of Memphis, Tenn. W. Wayne Allen, pastor of the sponsoring Briarcrest Baptist Church, denied emphatically that his school practices race discrimination.

Allen, who entered the case on the side of the government, told Baptist Press that if the black parents' claim of standing had been upheld, "other tax exempt organizations, including churches, would not be able to operate

without having the tax code used against them." For the Supreme Court to rule the black parents had standing to bring such action against allegedly discriminatory private schools, Allen declared, "could have been disastrous."

In the high court's 5-3 ruling (Justice Thurgood Marshall abstained), Justice Sandra Day O'Connor held the parents failed to show "that their children had been the victims of discriminatory exclusion from the schools whose tax exemptions they challenge as unlawful."

FMB sounds alarm about Israel statement

The Foreign Mission Board took a strong stand against a statement made by some Southern Baptist leaders appearing to give preferential treatment to Israel and moved closer to providing help in evangelizing Canada in its meeting at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center July 2-8.

The 84-member Foreign Mission Board said it, too, opposed any statement, such as that of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhand, which slanders any religious group. But, at the same time, members sounded dismay at the statement made by newly elected Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley and eight others which pledged solidarity with the state of Israel.

The board said such a statement alienates Arab countries and came out with a statement of its own to that effect after a second day of discussion on the issue. At the board's suggestion, board president R. Keith Parks called Stanley to urge him to the meeting for the discussion but Stanley said he could not. As SBC president, Stanley is an ex officio member of the board.

The statement adopted by the Foreign Mission Board emphasized the danger to missionaries and their work by a preferential stance toward Israel and said Southern Baptist missionaries "work with all Semitic people and they stress God's love for all people. They do not enter into the political debate of their countries and do not assume positions over against one another. Their message is one of reconciliation."

An amendment was made to strike paragraphs of the board's statement that referred to Stanley's statement but was defeated. The board adopted its recommendation with two abstentions.

2000 women reaffirm 'missioning' role

More than 2000 Southern Baptist women who recently assembled for WMU week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center were reaffirmed in their "missioning" role as speakers addressed the meeting theme, *By Love Compelled*.

"We are missioning women. We are late 20th century women who are seeking ways to express our missionary zeal, our concern for a world that is lost without Christ," said Carolyn Weatherford, Woman's Missionary Union director.

Lela Hendrix, special projects coordinator for the Christian Life Commission, reminded the women that they could not "escape from being active by buying into a thought pattern that said we are not accountable because we are women."

Mrs. Hendrix expressed concern for women in Southern Baptist Convention life today. Referring to the recent SBC resolution against the ordination of women, she said, "Women who are Southern Baptists, who compose 55 to 60 percent of the 14 million membership of the SBC must not become slain lambs in the political battle that a few Southern Baptists are fighting."

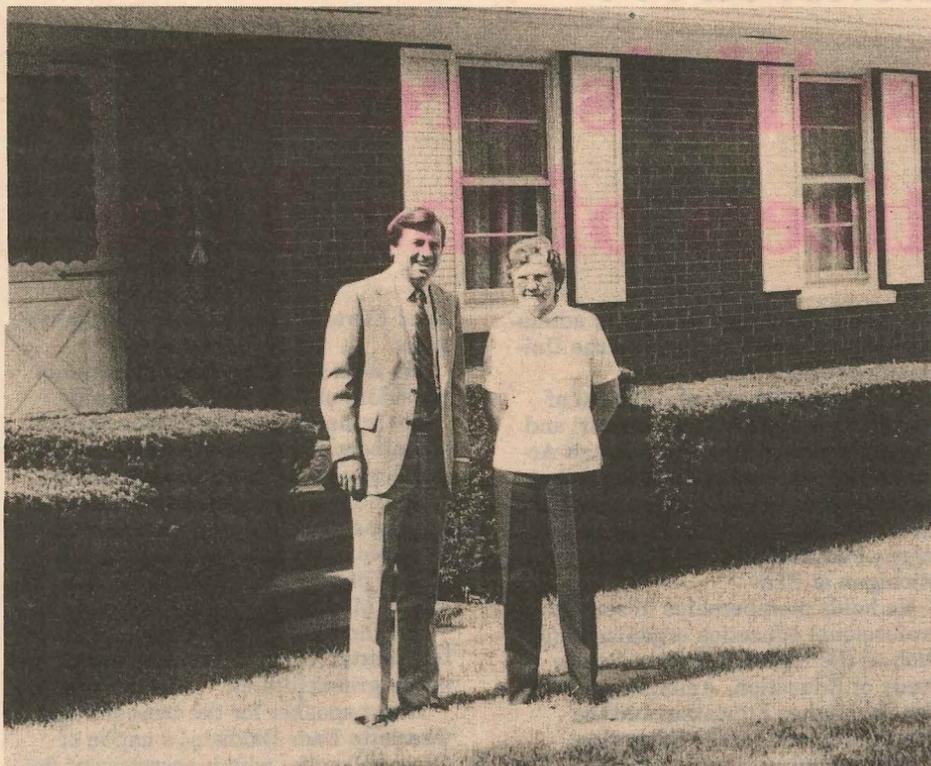
Clarifying WMU's position on the ordination issue, Miss Weatherford said, "WMU has not spoken for nor against the ordination of women which we think is the activity of the local church and to which we would not speak." She did, however, remind the women that WMU is an organization of ministry and witness and has historically tried to help women and girls hear, understand and respond to God's call for their hearts. "I hope you understand our long term commitment in mission support. I hope you as leaders of WMU would be able to answer the critics who would pervert our use of the term ministry," Miss Weatherford said.

WRITERS? RIGHT!

If you can communicate clearly, concisely and uniquely, we may be interested in you. Western Recorder is looking for three state correspondents immediately who are comfortable producing the written word, are active members of a local Southern Baptist congregation, who have some understanding of Baptist practices and relationships and who live in any of the following associations:

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- Rockcastle
- Pulaski County
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If this doesn't apply to you, perhaps it does to a friend. Interested applicants should send samples of their writings (preferably previously published), resume and photo **this week**. Applicants will receive a personal reply. Contact: James H. Cox, Associate Editor, Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101. There's nothing to lose and maybe a byline to gain!



Ramona Wright [r] has donated her home to Campbellsville College as a part of its deferred giving program. Pictured with her is Jay Orr, director of financial development.

Will 'continue to work for the Lord' Hart Countian wills home to Campbellsville

"I wanted to do something that would continue to work for the Lord after I was gone, but I just didn't know what that was to be. Now I do and am very pleased with how God has led."

According to Ramona Wright, a quiet but energetic 72-year-old from Hart County, Ky., a lot of praying and thinking things through went into her decision to will her home to Campbellsville College, but the decision brought with it a peace of mind.

"I knew the Lord was wanting me to do something like this or he wouldn't have kept it on my mind for so long," Mrs. Wright said. "My husband was a wonderful man, always wanting to help people. I think this decision is one that would have pleased him a lot, especially knowing you can go on helping people even after you are gone."

Before his death five years ago, Barnett Wright and his wife had served as active members of Aetna Grove Baptist Church for 46 years. His early years were filled with farming and serving as director of the Magnolia Bank for 35 years, but after his retirement he stayed young in spirit by helping with the Training Union program and Bible schools at the church. It was through their church work that the Wrights would come to meet H. E. Coker, a professor of Christian studies at Campbellsville College, and develop a respect for him and for the college.

"Bro. Coker used to come to the church and preach and teach Bible courses," remembers Mrs. Wright. "He would then come by the house and spend some time." She recalls one particular time when she tried to teach Coker the best way to dry apples for dried apple pie.

It was through Coker and the current pastor of Aetna Grove Baptist Church, Randy Smith, that Mrs. Wright first learned of Campbellsville College.

"Barnett and I had given money through the church to help boys going to the college," said Mrs. Wright. "This year, though, was when I learned that I could do more."

With the help of her attorney, Robert Hensley of Horse Cave, and Jay Orr, director of financial development at the college, Mrs. Wright decided to leave her home to the college as part of its deferred giving program. Because she expressed concern about also wanting to financially help a relative, a program was designed to sell the home and establish a trust fund at her death. Income from the fund will go to her relative and then pass to the college in the form of The Barnett and Ramona Wright Endowed Scholarship.

"People like Ramona Wright can have a tremendous impact on the financial future of the college," commented Orr. "The College needs daily income from individuals and other sources so we seek that support constantly. But the deferred giving plan is a way to insure the financial future of the college."

Mrs. Wright's attorney assured her that the college was very competent in its handling of the paper work. She felt a sense of pleasure knowing she can help her husband's work continue.

"Without Barnett's help and work none of this would have been possible anyway. This was a way of knowing his work would go on to help other people later when they need it. And the best thing is that it will go on helping until the Lord comes."

"I feel very at ease with the decision I have made and know it is the best choice I could have made."

Campbellsville College is an independent senior liberal arts college located in central Kentucky. Affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the college believes in academic excellence in a caring atmosphere.

Cumberland students aid learning disabled students

Cumberland College has established a unique summer program for local high school students who have learning disabilities, according to college president Jim Taylor.

Developed by Robert Schoonover, director of special education at Cumberland, the program not only helps the high school students, but also helps teachers and those who want to be teachers by giving them the opportunity to gain practical experience working with children with learning disabilities.

In the program 17 college students, many of whom are earning a degree in special education, work one-on-one with 17 learning disabled students from the local schools.

The need is great for such a one-on-one teaching method, according to Schoonover. "A lot of the problems we have in education are caused by our methods of teacher-training. Many teachers learn one basic method for teaching and do not understand that some children are incapable of learning through that method.

"The more practical experience we can give our students, the better off they will be as teachers," he said.

Andrea Kesler, a Cumberland student who is a teacher of 12 higher functioning trainable mentally handicapped students in Perry County, said, "In programs like this one, you can learn a lot more about different ideas and techniques others have used in teaching.

"One-on-one is still the best way to meet the needs of the special education student," she said, "but my training,

like many others, was gained in the classroom during the school year.

"This program is really good, in that working with an individual student helps the teacher learn more about the specific problems of these children first-hand.

"It's vital to have the child because so much more can be learned through this contact than any teacher or textbook could explain."

By working with these children during the summer, the students continue the learning process even when school is out and the students do not have to re-learn as much when they return to school.

Working with learning disabled children requires extensive use of multi-sensory materials allowing the child to actively participate in learning by using teacher-made games, puzzles and charts. These materials help to improve oral reading skills, reading comprehension and phonetics.

Cumberland's program gives continuity to the children's learning program and also provides opportunities for emotional growth.

Schoonover said, "We concentrate on giving the child a stronger self-concept. Many have been put down and, for this reason, have poor self-concepts. Programs that focus closely on their strengths and their abilities improve that self-concept."

A mother of a child in the program said, "She feels good about herself. I don't see her having any problem going to a vocational school or getting a job."

Georgetown College sends out four on summer youth team

Georgetown College has sent out a summer youth team of four students to serve in local Baptist churches and camps for the second consecutive school vacation period, according to Steve Cook, director of church relations at the school.

"The nine week long church/camp visitation will attract youth and adults numbering into the thousands," according to Cook.

The four team members were selected from many aspirants who were questioned by a committee composed of faculty and administration.

Those picked for 1984 include Gregg Barr, a junior from Shepherdsville, preacher; Bob Goodwin, senior out of Cerulean, music director; Jennifer Henderson, a sophomore from Campbellsville, pianist; and Doug King, a senior from Madisonville, recreation leader.

Barr, a psychology major at Georgetown College, also claims two academic minors, youth ministries and communication arts. The vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is a former member of the varsity basketball team. He is currently a member of the tennis team. He is on the staff of Georgetown's radio station.

Bob Goodwin is majoring in communication arts and minoring in music at Georgetown. His music interests have included the college chorale, oratorio chorus and an ensemble called Image.

A member of the Baptist Student Union's executive council, he is an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha and has been a church music leader in two western Kentucky churches.

Sophomore Jennifer Henderson calls Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Campbellsville her home congregation. She, too, is heavily scheduled with music activities on campus. The talented pianist is accompanist for several organizations and enjoys playing the flute for variety's sake. Miss Henderson is a mathematics major and plans to minor in music at the college.

Doug King, a member of Madisonville's First Baptist Church, is preparing for a church related career in recreation and youth ministries. He is a professional magician who has decided on using his talent to teach in church relationships. He is called on to perform in numerous magic shows for youth every year. He is this year's worship chairman in the Baptist Student Union at Georgetown. King served as a summer missionary in western Kentucky last year. The gifted Georgetownian has preached in several churches across Kentucky.

The itinerary for the youth team will take it from one side of the state to the other.

According to Steve Cook, the costs for the team are being defrayed by a grant from the V. V. Cooke Foundation of Louisville.

W. R. Davenport honored . . .

Campbellsville's president named Citizen of the Year

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Campbellsville College News Writer

W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College for the last 15 years, was named 1983 "Citizen of the Year" by the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce June 14.

The surprise announcement was made only two hours after Davenport and his wife, Janet, returned from the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Davenport had been asked to give the invocation at the chamber's 35th annual banquet.

After having been given the plaque by chamber president James A. Ewing, Davenport responded, "This is quite an honor."

"This is really sneaky," Davenport laughed. "Mr. Layton (T. G. Layton, executive secretary of the chamber) has almost made me the 'honorary pray-er' for these banquets."

"I am delighted to be a part of this community. We've found a beautiful home in Campbellsville for the past 15 years." Davenport said, "If there is any good in whatever I have done, the glory is to the Lord and to my colleagues."

Davenport took over the reins of Campbellsville College in 1969, succeeding J. K. Powell who retired.

He has had a long career in the field of education. He was educated in elementary and secondary schools in Missouri, his native state, and received his AB degree in chemistry from the University of Louisville.

His master of science degree was in science education from the University

of Arkansas and his EdD was in administration and supervision from the University of Arkansas.

He was a teacher and principal of schools in Arkansas and Missouri and had professor roles in Indiana and Arkansas. His immediate job before becoming president was as professor of education and chairman of the department of education at the University of Michigan at Flint.

He holds memberships in several professional education organizations such as the National Society for the Study of Education, American Association for Higher Education and the Association of Teacher Education.

He is noted as a successful author in the field of education having written several items such as "Handbook for Secondary Supervising Teachers and Student Teachers" with D. C. Land and other various articles and features.

Davenport, who is retired from the United States Navy Reserve, has been active in community and church activities in Campbellsville and the other communities in which he has lived. He is a member and deacon of Campbellsville Baptist church, member of the

local Kiwanis Club and other organizations.

He is an active member and former president of Gideons International.

He is married to the former Janet Chambers of Louisville who holds an AB degree in English and psychology from the University of Louisville and has done graduate work in secondary education and library science at the University of Arkansas and the University of Michigan.

He and his wife have four children Liz, Marty, Mary and Susan. They have seven grandchildren.

Guest speaker for the banquet was Charlotte Eads Baldwin, a native of Campbellsville, who is secretary of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet in Frankfort.

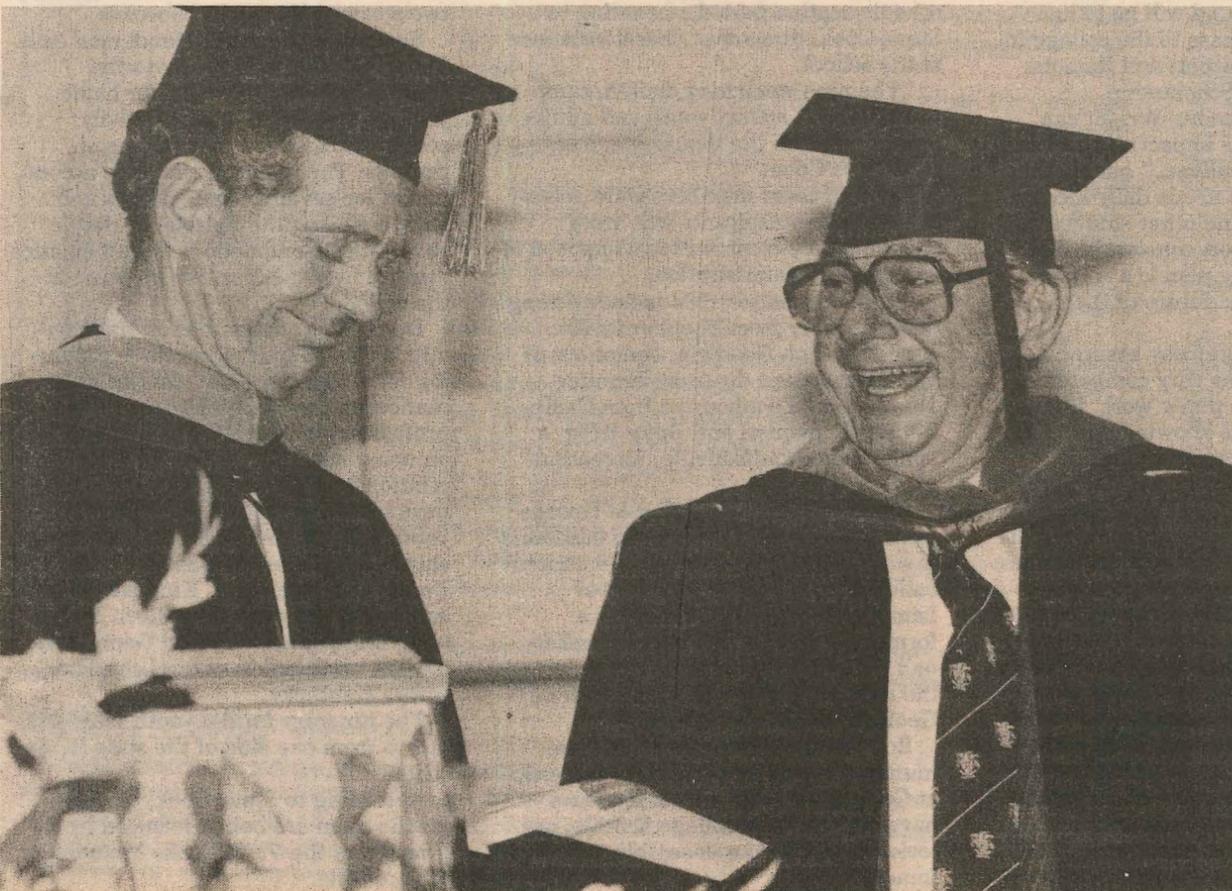
Mrs. Baldwin is a graduate of Campbellsville Junior College and was the recipient of the Campbellsville College distinguished alumnus award in May.

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"Grandpa" Davenport spent some time with his grandchildren, from left, Michael, Jonathan and B. J. Wilson, sons of Bill and Liz Wilson, during the annual July 4 celebration in Campbellsville in 1982.

Graduation is always a special time for W. R. Davenport. He shared a laugh with Grady Wilson, baccalaureate speaker, in May. Wilson is an associate evangelist and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Board. [Photo by Joan C. McKinney]



One of the joyous events of 1982 for W. R. Davenport was the ground breaking ceremony for the new library addition. Pictured with Davenport are his wife, Janet [1], and Alice Edrington Lee, a 1942 graduate of the college and wife of college trustee Everette Lee. [Photo by Joan C. McKinney]



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