



A new perspective

Charles Stanley [r], president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told SBC Foreign Mission Board leaders during the board's September meeting he "kept wanting to clap" as he heard reports of upsurges in evangelism and church development overseas. Here he pauses with FMB president R. Keith Parks [l] and FMB chairman Harrell Cushing of Gadsden, Ala. "I want to thank you for showing me [the board's emphasis on evangelism] in a much deeper way than I've ever understood it before," he said. "Somehow we've got to learn a better way to convey that image to Southern Baptist pastors." The Atlanta pastor also said the time has come for Southern Baptists to lay aside references to jugular veins and holy wars, angry rhetoric, attacks on personalities and false perceptions of each other and talk like adults about the issues that divide them in the current SBC inerrancy crisis.

Stanley tells editors he'll become more involved in convention life

by Karen Benson

An emotional intervention by God convinced Charles Stanley to become president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Now, "eye-opening" encounters with the evangelistic thrust at the heart of Southern Baptist agencies and programs is deepening his involvement with Southern Baptist causes.

Stanley, elected president of the 14.1

million member denomination last June, spent an hour and a half talking with members of the Southern Baptist Press Association Sept. 17 while attending his first meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

He told the editors and associates of state Baptist newspapers he understood the concern of many people over the percentage of his group to the Cooperative Program of 2.1 percent and its support of non Southern Baptist missionaries.

"I have challenged my budget committee to move our Cooperative Program giving to at least five percent next year and even higher if we can, and we are rethinking how our world missions conference involvement can be channeled."

He also promised the editors he would consult with the presidents and executive directors of the state conventions prior to making his committee appointments. Such appointments have become points of dispute in recent years in light of an announced attempt by inerrantists to take control of the boards of trustees of the convention's agencies and seminaries.

Stanley said he is convinced there has been a lot of "misunderstanding of motivation" and "misunderstanding of methods" on both sides. If leaders of both theological groups would "talk soberly" about the principles involved and eliminate personalities totally, much could be done to smooth out trouble spots within the denomination, Stanley said. "I believe there is enough godly wisdom in the leadership of the Southern Baptist in the convention we can find God's solution to the problems."

Honeycutt rejects Patterson challenge

by Dan Martin

Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has rejected a challenge by inerrancy leader Paige Patterson for a national debate.

In late August Honeycutt publicly entered the controversy which has rocked the 14.1 million member Southern Baptist Convention by declaring "holy war" against what he called "unholy forces which, if left unchecked, will destroy essential qualities of both our convention and this ministry."

He made references in the August speech—at an opening convocation of the seminary's school year—to the "Independent Fundamentalist Political Party" in the SBC and its "Texas leaders," referring only once to Pressler/Patterson (Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler) as the leaders of the political organization.

Immediately Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies and associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, issued a call for a national debate, challenging Honeycutt to substantiate his charges and to be prepared to debate whether the Southern Baptist Convention is drifting toward liberalism.

In a statement released to Baptist Press Honeycutt unequivocally rejected any debate, titling the statement released by his office: "There Will Be No Debate!"

He instead proposed a return to an "open convention" and called on Pressler/Patterson "and their co-conspirators to turn off their computers, abolish their mailing lists, quit printing their scandal sheet newspapers and allow Southern Baptists to speak for themselves without external manipulation."

Honeycutt said: "How strange that Dr. Paige Patterson seems to respond to every challenge of his continuing effort to sidetrack the Southern Baptist Convention by proposing a national debate! Despite his challenge and his slanderous and defaming characterization of me as a 'fascist' there will be no debate." He said Patterson "obviously either has misstated the agenda or he fails to comprehend the basis for our fundamental disagreement."

"The crisis facing Southern Baptists is Honeycutt said. 'It is political. However much he and his political party may use biblical and theological smokescreens, this is the issue: our convention is being wrenched apart by an unprecedented political crisis engineered by Dr. Patterson and Judge (Paul) Pressler.'"

In his "holy war" speech in August Honeycutt repeatedly referred to the "Independent Fundamentalist Political Party" in the SBC and to its "Texas leaders." He referred to Pressler/Patterson only once, he said.

Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge, and Patterson emerged into the national spotlight in 1979, claiming the denomination was becoming liberal and promulgating a plan to place like-minded trustees on the boards of the 20 national agencies.

In his statement Honeycutt said:

"Never before in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention have political leaders announced a 10-year plan to take over the denomination as Judge Pressler so clearly stated in his announced plan to replace trustees serving on boards of trustees, whom he characterized as 'dummies'."

Honeycutt said some might ask why not debate the validity of the charges the denomination is being taken over by political action, and replied: "Simply stated—one does not debate self-evident truth."

He said neither Pressler nor Patterson "denies their political strategy," and cited recent articles in the Atlanta Constitution (a secular newspaper) and the Indiana Baptist, the newsjournal of the Indiana Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

In the Atlanta article, Honeycutt said, "Patterson 'acknowledged . . . the annual practice of busing in large numbers of messengers to guarantee the election of their candidate as president.' . . ." Honeycutt added Patterson also "claimed that their political party now controls the (Baptist) Sunday School Board."

Honeycutt cited the Indiana Baptist article of Sept. 4, an interview in which Pressler "expressed the hope that editors of Baptist papers would learn the meaning of metaphors," and cited the well known "going for the jugular" statement Pressler made in 1982.

Honeycutt said he understood the expression to be a metaphor and that "no one thought the Judge intended to commit murder . . . but his metaphor vividly describes his intention to drain the life from boards of trustees. . . ."

Honeycutt said Southern Baptists "have heard enough debates claiming that one person or group believes the Bible more than another, as if God would have us subject biblical faith to a quiz show battle of wits."

He said Southern Baptists "whom I meet throughout the length and breadth of this nation want . . . a termination of the political takeover," and a return to "our priority to the purposes for which the convention exists: our commitment to world missions and evangelism, the discipling of believers and the preparation of every person called of God as a minister to lead a loyal Southern Baptist church to fulfill Christ's Great Commission."

Honeycutt claimed a "win-lose" debate such as Patterson proposed would "further polarize" the convention, and called for a "return to authentic Baptist polity" and an "open convention like those prior to 1979."

He also encouraged "Southern Baptists to reaffirm the lost emphasis of the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local church and the freedom which is every believer's in Jesus Christ."

If these things are done, Honeycutt said, "Southern Baptists will be free to make their own decisions. Individuals by their own priesthood will decide issues for themselves, according to freedom in Christ."

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We think this is important work that could help all our churches carry out their mission under God. Unfortunately we do not reach nearly as many churches as we should. The circulation of Western Recorder is far too low, and it must increase.

Circulation must increase because circulation is the measure of how important, or how lacking in importance, the paper is for Kentucky Baptists. If the paper is not widely used then questions about its reason for existence are in order. The current 55,000 circulation puts Western Recorder in the top half of all the Baptist state papers. However, that circulation figure must increase at least 20 percent for us to have the kind of impact we need across the state. Circulation has been stuck at its current level for many years, both in good times and in bad times. The lack of increase is worrisome to all of us, for we share the Baptist idea that growth is essential in kingdom work.

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fully in agreement with everything we print, but we try to be fair and report it all. Sometimes we are identified with the items we print when we are not at all. We are reporters and you are the final judge of what you want to accept or reject.

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Two items from church newsletters illustrate the kind of concern Kentucky Baptists have for people. The first is from Keith Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Loyall. Rogers said in his paper, "All we need do is recall 1977. The KBC sent financial assistance at the time of the flood. Now let us say 'Thank you' with our gifts."

The other note is from Robert Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset. This great church has an offering goal of \$5000 which Browning calls the church to meet even though the same newsletter which identifies this lofty goal also called for a "budget deficit catchup Sunday." What could be more Christlike than to give generously when your own needs have not been fully met?

The Eliza Broadus offering is now in progress and all Kentucky Baptists should give and give generously.



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

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baptist forum

Have Southern Baptists really spoken?

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is where Southern Baptists speak—literally and authoritatively. According to the prescribed system, churches elect messengers, messengers attend the convention meeting, issues are discussed and voted upon and the will of the majority prevails.

But it doesn't always work that way, say opponents of the fundamentalist sect now engaged in a takeover of SBC control. Fundamentalist leader Paige Patterson bragged to Louisville Courier-Journal reporter John C. Long in August, "For six straight years, conservatives (Patterson's term for his followers) have consistently outvoted the so-called moderates."

Patterson implies his sect has the support of mainstream Southern Baptists. But an unbalanced representation of churches can manipulate a convention vote, making it appear the convention at large is in agreement when, in fact, it is not.

Consider that 1984 statistics show Southern Baptists numbering roughly 14.1 million, divided unequally among 36,531 churches. At the 1984 SBC meeting in Kansas City, 17,101 registered messengers representing 7052 churches were in attendance and voting. That represents only 19.3 percent of the churches in the convention! What happened to the other 14,082,899 people? Who was repre-

senting 29,479 churches?

The cost of travel to convention cities, not to mention the cost of room and board while staying there, is prohibitive to many interested Southern Baptists. The average Southern Baptist church with a resident membership of 278 and an annual budget of less than \$30,000 might send its pastor and possibly his wife, but it cannot afford to subsidize the expenses of other messengers (up to 10, depending upon the size of the congregation or the dollar amount it gives to convention causes) in order to realize full representation.

Enter a sect with an axe to grind or a biased viewpoint to promote: by underwriting the expenses of 10 average sized churches of a singular persuasion, the sect can outvote 49 churches of an opposing persuasion. A five to one majority is defeated for lack of representation!

Kentucky churches sent 996 messengers to the 1984 SBC meeting. Those 996 messengers represented 430—less than 20 percent—of our 2228 congregations.

The SBC does not speak in the election of a president, anymore. Nor does it speak in home or foreign missions, in education, in Sunday school or Church Training or church administration, in health care, or in moral concerns. The SBC has no voice. And as long as it meets and decides issues while excluding 80.7 percent of its members, Southern Baptists haven't spoken—they've been spoken for.

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campbellsville college today

The beauty of student commitment

A few nights ago I was involved in a beautiful experience. It was with some of our students.

The Student Foundation is a new group on the Campbellsville College campus. About a dozen young people, who have expressed a desire to do so, have been chosen as charter members of a group that will work very closely with me and other staff in a number of activities that will promote and advance the cause of the college.

We were involved in our induction ceremonies. There I sat, listening to these precious young women and delightful young men telling the audience why they wanted to be a part of the Student Foundations and what contributions they thought they could make. A recurring theme was evident as each one spoke.

"Campbellsville College has been the instrument of God's blessing in my life.

I want to be involved in seeing to it that this opportunity for blessing and for personal growth and development is shared with other students. Furthermore, I want to do everything that I can do to help strengthen the college and to leave it even more vibrant than I found it." These students were saying it!

I thought, "Surely this is an essence of the best in Christian education at work." Had I written the script for their presentations—individually or collectively—I don't think I would have changed a word.

Preparation of the rising generation for leadership is a major task for education. A basic question for all of us deals with how and in terms of what values do we want them to be prepared.

At Campbellsville, as a Christian college, we can assist these students in growing in their faith and in putting that faith to work in the mainstreams of life. Our new Student Foundation members are leaders to be sure, but they are only examples of the many students following similar patterns in preparation for mature Christian living.

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Autumn

The nights now have become crispy, cool, even chilly at times. The midday sun is pleasantly warm instead of scorching and the sky seems to have a deeper blue. These and many other indicators tell us we have come to the season known as autumn.

Autumn is that wonderful season of the year that lies between the hot summer and cold winter. The leaves begin to lose their shiny green and gradually display a kaleidoscopic array of colors. We enjoy in a special way the bright sunshiny days and crisp feeling air. It is an enjoyable season of the year. The word "autumn" means a period of ripeness or maturity. Therefore, it always signifies the time of harvest. Even the full moon that shines so brightly in September is called the "harvest moon."

August is the harvest time for the farmer too. The growth period is over. The grain is ripening and soon will be dry, ready to be harvested. When the harvest times comes, the crop must be harvested or it will spoil in the field. The good grain also must be separated from the seeds of weeds and other undesirable growth. Fortunately, man has developed machinery that will sift and separate the good grain from the weed seeds.

Caring for, guiding and rearing children is not seasonal like harvesting crops. In the ministry of child care, autumn, like spring, winter and summer is both a time for growth and harvest. The process of training, growth, guidance, nurture and accomplishments all go along side by side regardless of the season of the year.

Children come into our care with a lot of weeds growing in their lives. We work at showing them how to tell the difference between the weeds and cultivate the good. As this happens, the good and positive in them begins to increase and the harvest of accomplishment begins to be recognized and gathered.

As you enjoy the autumn and reap the harvest of the land, include our cultivation and harvest of young lives in your plans. Plan to make a generous gift through your church at Thanksgiving time.



Pressler v. Durham

The student's charges

by Dan Martin

A formal complaint has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission against Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler, alleging the Texan secretly tape recorded a telephone conversation Sept. 1.

The complaint was filed in a notarized letter Sept. 14 by J. Stafford Durham, 28, a third-year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and former driver for seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt.

In the letter Durham said he feels his "civil rights have been violated because information that was obtained illegally" was used as the basis of a "carelessly written" article in the Houston Chronicle Sept. 7.

The complaint grows out of an escalating "holy war" in the 14.1-million-member Southern Baptist Convention over theology and denominational politics.

During a convocation address at Southern Seminary Aug. 28 Honeycutt mentioned—but not by name—a student who frequently drives the seminary president's car.

In the speech, Honeycutt declared "holy war" against the "unholy forces, which, if left unchecked, will destroy essential qualities of both our convention and this seminary."

Honeycutt also told of efforts by leaders of the "Independent Fundamentalist Political Party" in the denomination to recruit campus subversives and told of efforts by a "Texas leader" of the party to contact the student driver. He identified "party" leaders as Pressler and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas.

Initially, Honeycutt declined to identify the student driver but after Pressler denied any knowledge of the event, and telephoned Durham Sept. 1 on his church field, the student identified himself and filed the FCC complaint.

In his letter to the FCC Durham says: "On Saturday, Sept. 1, 1984, at or about 9:30, EDT, I received a long distance telephone call to my residence in Stamping Ground, Ky., from Judge Paul Pressler, who was calling from somewhere in Texas.

"We talked for approximately one hour during which time the conversa-

tion was tape recorded by Judge Paul Pressler without my knowledge, without prior consent and without a beeper to indicate a recorder was in use. Later, portions of that conversation appeared in the Houston Chronicle, Sept. 7, Page 6, in a story that was not accurately written.

"I had no knowledge the conversation had been taped until I read the article in which Judge Pressler admitted to playing our private conversation to the reporter . . ."

Durham sent the letter to Dick Lawson, whom he said is a legal official with the FCC. Lawson, according to a federal directory, is a public utilities specialist with the FCC. Durham's letter further says: "I do not know what course of action I can take to rectify this infringement on my rights. I would appreciate it if you would suggest exactly what I need to do to pursue this matter fully."

Durham cited FCC 263 Section 2.6.1c in the letter. According to legal authorities, the section is part of the Tariff Agreement with American Telephone and Telegraph. The agreement requires AT&T to check out any complaints and to report to the FCC on its action.

"There is no criminal action involved, and it appears the most that could happen, if the complaint is investigated and upheld, would be that telephone privileges could be withdrawn from Judge Pressler," said a Washington attorney.

Durham, pastor of Long Lick Baptist Church in Stamping Ground, Ky., told Baptist Press he had intended to say nothing about the incident "until I read in the paper that Judge Pressler denied knowing anything about this."

Durham, a native of Pineville, La., said he met Pressler in Houston in Oc-

tober of 1979, while visiting a college friend. "I talked to him 10 or 15 minutes, just like you would when you had just met somebody," Durham said of this meeting.

Durham said he next met Pressler when the Texas jurist telephoned to invite him to attend the Heart of America Bible Conference in Louisville in November of 1979. "He wanted me to go with him and I did," Durham said, noting he spent about a day with Pressler.

"I had no idea who Paul Pressler was, but when we got there, he took me into a meeting with Paige Patterson, James Robison, Adrian Rogers and some others who were talking about who the next president of the convention would be and were trying to get some information about some professor," Durham said.

After he took Pressler to the airport, he said he neither saw the Texan, nor heard from him, until February of 1984. "I had not talked to this man for four-and-a-half years and all of a sudden he calls me up in February. I was living in Stamping Ground and I don't know how he knew to contact me there," Durham said.

During the February conversation, Durham said Pressler invited him to a meeting in Louisville. He declined because the event was on Sunday night. Durham said the conversation lasted about 10 minutes and said Pressler "asked me if I knew anything that was going on on the campus that he should know about. He specifically asked who 'they' were going to run for president and fished for anything else that was going to come up" at the Kansas City annual meeting of the SBC.

Durham maintains Pressler knew he occasionally drove for Honeycutt. "I am



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convinced he knew that," Durham said. Shortly after the February telephone call Durham told Honeycutt of the telephone call. Honeycutt told of the incident in the Aug. 28 convocation address.

Four days after the convocation address, on Sept. 1, Durham said Pressler telephoned again, talking for about an hour. The call resulted in the FCC complaint.

Durham said Pressler "called under the guise of friendship and said he wanted to straighten this out." The student added that when he completed the conversation "I felt like I had been on the witness stand with a prosecuting attorney questioning me."

Durham characterized Pressler's actions as "unethical and unChristian."

The student said: "If he (Pressler) did not know what Dr. Honeycutt was talking about, how did he know to call me out of 2500 students at the seminary? If he did not know I was the student driver mentioned, how did he know to call me on my rural Kentucky church field?"

Durham added: "His actions since Aug. 28 prove beyond doubt that not only did Judge Pressler know, but he knew in detail, what Dr. Honeycutt was talking about. By secretly taping the telephone conversation, he incriminated himself."

The student added: "I am the pastor of a small church in a rural part of Kentucky. If I had not been telling the truth about this matter, it would have been foolish of me to challenge an important judge who is widely followed and who could destroy my future if he wanted to."

The judge's response

by Dan Martin

"No honest person should object to a record being kept of what he says," Paul Pressler said in response to the filing of a formal Federal Communications Commission complaint against him.

J. Stafford Durham, 28, a third-year theology student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, filed a formal complaint with the FCC Sept. 14, alleging Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge, had illegally tape recorded a telephone conversation Sept. 1.

Pressler, in Nashville to attend his first meeting as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, gave a statement to Baptist Press concerning the incident, which he saw as part of the "holy war" declared by Southern Seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt Aug. 28 during a convocation address at SBTS.

"Roy Honeycutt in conducting his 'holy war' against other Southern Baptists has attempted to turn non issues into issues in order to divert attention from the legitimate concerns which many have for the spiritual quality of the education of our institutions," Pressler said.

"Dr. Honeycutt made charges which have since been clearly refuted. Since Honeycutt's representations can no longer be asserted successfully, a student who was involved now complains because his comments can be accurately quoted," he added.

Pressler, who has been involved in an effort to turn the SBC to more conservative directions since 1979, declined to comment publicly on whether he tape recorded the conversation with Durham, who also formerly was a student driver for Honeycutt.

He said, however, in his statement that "recent experiences have caused me to be most careful in communications with certain people to make sure

that the content of conversations will not be misquoted."

When asked to amplify his comment, Pressler declined, saying he "has said all I am going to say. Since he (Durham) has seen fit to have AT&T investigate this matter, I have no further comment."

Durham said Pressler invited him to a meeting with key leaders of the inerrancy movement in which politics were discussed, as well as obtaining information on "some professor."

Pressler said the meeting "wasn't secretive at all. After the meeting we just had hamburgers in James' (Robison) room. I took him (Durham) right in there with me. We have always been just as open as we could about everything."

The two agree there was a telephone conversation in February of 1984. Durham says it was to "fish for information" about who the moderate faction was going to run for president of the convention, and "anything else that might come up."

Durham also maintains Pressler knew he (Durham) occasionally drove Honeycutt's car.

Pressler, however, maintains the February telephone call was part of a general operating procedure he follows. "When I was invited to speak in Louisville, I looked through my files to see who I knew in the area and I called a number of people to see if I could get together with them while I was there."

"I had not seen Staff (Durham's nickname) for four-and-a-half years and was not even sure he was at the seminary. I had absolutely no idea he had been the driver for Dr. Honeycutt."

Pressler admitted he "might have said: 'Do you hear any talk about who the liberals will run for president of the convention?'" I was just making conversation."

When informed of Honeycutt's remarks about efforts to recruit campus subversives and the recounting of Durham's story Pressler said he was "absolutely shocked that somebody might be spying on the president. I wondered who in the world that might be."

He said he "had no idea who he (Honeycutt) was talking about. I looked through my files to see who I knew, and he (Durham) was the only one it possibly could have been."

Pressler admitted he telephoned Durham "to find out what happened. It was evident Dr. Honeycutt had turned it (the February conversation) into something it wasn't. It was clear this had been blown way out of proportion."



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clear creek comment

Revival at Clear Creek

A spirit of refreshing and renewal has come to Clear Creek Baptist School. We have observed our first campus revival and how God has opened the windows of heaven and poured out his blessings upon us.

Someone may ask why a school like ours, where every professor and every student is born again and committed to full time service, needs revival. Our response is every person in the entire world needs revival, a drawing near to God, a renewing of spirit and soul and a renewed interest in serving the Lord and others.

During this past week God brought two of his choice servants to Clear Creek to lead us in revival, Don LaBelle, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairborn, Oh., and Haskell Dunn, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Chickasaw, Ala. They have led us to the heights of glory each day in chapel, spoken and taught in classes and preached and sung for us each night . . . and revival has come!

Let me sum up for you what has happened at Clear Creek this week relating to revival in Nehemiah's day. First, we have been fed on the word of God these days. In Nehemiah eight we are told "Ezra opened the book in the sight of all people . . ." (verse five) and "read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading" (verse eight). How the faithful preaching of God's word has blessed us this week.

Secondly, we are told, "all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law" (verse nine). There has been some weeping during our Clear Creek revival (and not all of it by students). We have learned it is not a sin to admit we are sinners in need of God's grace, love and forgiveness. We have learned it is better to confess our sins rather than to cover them.

Finally, we are told the people in Nehemiah's day experienced great joy in revival. Nehemiah said unto them, "This day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (verse 10). What a relief it has been to lay down the burden of sin and receive God's forgiveness. It has been literally heaven on earth to allow God to ban guilt, defensiveness, anxiety and worry from our lives and to allow his love, joy and peace to reign. Thank God revival has come to Clear Creek!

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Homecoming Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 6 is our annual homecoming day at Oneida. The leaves should be a riot of color on our campus and the surrounding hills. Normally the weather is lovely. It would be a great day for you and yours to make your first visit to Oneida, or to come see us again.

A highlight of the day will be two one-and-a-half hour concerts, two totally different performances, by the country music band, Joey Carmon and Crossbow, of El Paso, Tex. Performance times will be at 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Cost of tickets to each concert will be \$5 with the proceeds going to Oneida.

This group has performed before crowds of 40,000, has won several awards and has produced several albums. All the members of the band have been together for four years and perform 46 weeks of the year, five to six days per week.

Leader of the group is Joey Hensley, who has performed at the Grand Old Opry, with the Clark family, etc. Joey's Oneida ties go back to the beginning of Oneida. His great-great grandfather gave the first cash donation to Oneida in 1899. His parents lived for many years on the very spot where our chapel now stands. His father, Omer "Blue" Hensley, graduated in 1929 and was coach and music teacher here for many years before working with East Kentucky RECC at Winchester where he now lives in retirement and is active at First Baptist Church, Winchester.

Also brother Carl Omer, class of '57, and an employe of IBM, is a former chairman of deacons at First Baptist. Brother Davis has been minister of music there for many years. Brother Hunter is the long time minister of music at Central Baptist, Lexington. Uncle Carmon is very active in First Baptist, Richmond. Only sister Betty Gene and her husband, Jimmy Dan, own two furniture stores at Manchester and both are 1954 graduates and will be celebrating their 30th anniversary of graduation at homecoming this year.

Actually, homecoming weekend will begin on Friday with our drama group's presentation of "Poppa Was A Preacher" at 8 p.m. Cost of ticket \$2. Our students have won the drama regional four of the past six years. Last year's homecoming presentation was "A Man Called Peter."

The campus will be humming early Saturday morning. Three or four other schools will join our cross country team in competition. We have nearly 100 boys and girls running cross country this year and as of this writing are undefeated. Our boys won the regional championship last year and our girls were third in the region.

Also on Saturday morning there will be an exciting soccer game. Besides our American students, represented on our team are the nations of Japan, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Brazil, Laos, Nigeria, Korea, Zambia, Senegal and Zimbabwe.

All through the day many other things will be happening. There will be an art exhibit in the library, a continuing reception in Oneida's oldest building, beautiful Anderson Hall, and continuing demonstrations in our two computer labs.

Also open all day will be the James A. Burns Museum and our new craft/gift shop. The museum, housed in a 140 year old log cabin, has been renovated and the craft/gift shop is new. Students and adults work daily on crafts to be sold. There are many special things including quilts, bonnets and handwoven baskets.

Also for the first time we will have campus maps and a campus tour guide, printed in our print shop. Everyone can then take their own tour at their own pace.

We are also having some beautiful color postcards printed of campus scenes. But don't know if they will be available by homecoming time or not.

After a picnic lunch for everyone, our basketball team will have an open practice so those interested can see this year's potential. We are anticipating another great team and season.

The homecoming dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the gym, \$2 a person. Following the evening concert there will be several basketball games in the gym involving alumni and guests who wish to play.

Sunday there will be the usual three morning services, lunch and an afternoon concert by both our choir and band. They will have also performed at the homecoming dinner the evening before.

Yes, it is going to be a big weekend. Come and share with us in the fun!



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 30, 1984

International Series

Life in the spirit

In relationship to Christ the human soul is in one of three states: without Christ or the state of nature, in Christ or the state of grace and with Christ or the state of glory.

Romans 8:1-8 Prior to one's salvation he is under condemnation. Before he can be liberated from condemnation certain things must be dealt with, namely, the guilt incurred through sin, the lack of righteousness due to leaving undone what should have been done, the inward tendency toward evil and the consciousness of spiritual powerlessness and defeat. For those who are in Christ he has removed their guilt, imputed God's righteousness to them, imparted new life to them and absolved them from condemnation.

When the Holy Spirit indwells a Christian he transforms his life and enables him to perform deeds which please and honor God. His life no longer conforms to worldly standards but complies with God's will. As a Christian yields himself to the indwelling Holy Spirit, his life portrays joy, gratitude, humility, power and fruitfulness. When Christians hold in check the inclinations to the wrong manner of life, rely upon the indwelling Holy Spirit for enabling power and walk humbly before God and in the sight of men, they wield a most wholesome and uplifting influence. The Holy Spirit leads God's children away from sin and

from dependence on themselves, and into the paths of service into which he directs and for which he provides the strength needed.

Romans 8:33-39 "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" The answer to this question is "No one." When God has acquitted a sinner of his guilt and restored him to the divine favor, nobody can bring against him any charge that will produce a verdict of condemnation.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The only correct answer to this question is "No one." The seven things mentioned in verse 35, plus all other possibilities, are absolutely unable to separate a Christian from Christ's love for him.

Satan and his cohorts are numerous, crafty, ruthless and powerful, but they can be overcome through the victorious Christ, the source of our strength and the secret of our victories.

Life and Work Series

Serving with the savior

Matthew 27:62-66 The chief priests and Pharisees, recalling Christ's predictions he would rise from the dead, approached Pilate and urged him to take precaution to prevent Christ's disciples from stealing his body out of the tomb and making claim that he had risen. Pilate urged the religious leaders to seal the tomb and placed soldiers there to guard it.

Matthew 28:8-10 Christ's body remained in the tomb until early Sunday morning, when God raised him from the dead and Christ walked out of that tomb a living Lord, triumphant over death and the grave.

At dawn on that morning Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and John, and Salome approached the tomb to anoint Christ's body with perfumes. They beheld an impressive scene—an angel had descended from heaven, the stone had been rolled away and the angel was seated upon it; but Christ was not in the tomb. The angel reminded the fearful women of Christ's predictions and urged them to hasten and carry the news to the disciples that Christ was alive. As they did so, Christ met the women and said: "All hail!"

Matthew 28:18-20 To the 11 apostles and the more than 500 other believers who assembled, Christ spoke the Great Commission recorded in these verses. In it Christ's power was announced (verse 18), Christ's program was advanced (verse 19), and Christ's presence was assured (verse 20).



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on mission together

A crucial matter

Almost as important as the election of the president of our SBC is the election of persons to serve as trustees of our SBC boards, commissions, institutions and standing committees. Kentucky plays a strategic role in the process.

The following Kentuckians will end terms of service in 1985:

- *John R. Christian — Executive Committee
- *Mrs. Carolyn Fitch — FMB
- *John C. Wilson — BSSB
- David Nelson — Annuity Board
- Wayne Dehoney — Southern Seminary
- Joseph Stopher — Southern Seminary

Frank Ellis — Southern Seminary
*Laverne Butler — Radio/TV

(* — Eligible to be nominated for a second term)

The SBC Committee on Boards is scheduled to meet in Nashville, Mar. 18-19, 1985, to recommend their nominees for these positions to the 1985 convention.

The Committee on Boards consists of persons nominated by the Committee on Committees. Kentucky's representatives to the Committee on Committees last year were: A. B. Harmon, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, and Mrs. Bobby Patray, Porter Memorial, Lexington. (These two were named by president James Draper in consultation with the vice presidents, reflecting the significant "power" Southern Baptists presently bestow upon the office of the president.)

The two Kentuckians who were

elected to serve this year on the Committee on Boards and will have the responsibility of nominating this year's eight (8) Kentucky trustees are:

Dr. James A. Hawkins, III
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Each is active in Kentucky Baptist life. Hawkins is a layman; Hopkins, a minister. Both are present members of the executive board of the KBC.

Their selections, if elected by the SBC, will provide Kentucky's representative guidance to the SBC boards, institution, committee, and commission listed here.

These strategic entities need and deserve mature, committed and cooperative Kentucky Baptists.

Hawkins and Hopkins will have many such from whom to choose.

Former Louisvillian accepts God's challenge

Debby Murrell finds new ministry to single students

by Gail Rothwell

Three years ago, after 19 years as a public school teacher, Debby Murrell resigned her job to begin a new career in whatever direction God would lead her.

That step on faith was the culmination of a series of events which had begun in 1974 and ended in July 1981 when Miss Murrell resigned her job to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Then last October, Miss Murrell, 42, began a new career as minister to single adults at First Baptist Church, Temple Terrace, Fla.

A native of Louisville, she had been teaching school in Kentucky since 1964 and had been a part time minister of music in Louisville. In 1974, she and four friends decided to attend the Single Adult Labor Day Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. The conferences are sponsored by the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board.

An avid photographer, Miss Murrell took a picture of the conference banner theme which centered around the question of discovering God's will for your life.

For the next seven years that question would haunt her. "There was a time when I carried a picture of the banner in my Bible and would look at it wondering what God's will for my life was," she said.

In 1977, Miss Murrell moved to Louisville where she taught for a year in a private school. Then in the fall of 1978 she took a job as assistant high school band director and band director for the middle school at Carrollton, Ky.



Debby Murrell, minister to single adults at First Baptist Church, Temple Terrace, Fla.

Opting to remain in Louisville, she commuted the 105-mile round trip each day.

"God had a lot of time to deal with me during the drive," she now confesses.

Remaining in Louisville also gave her an opportunity to become involved with the singles ministry at Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Although Miss Murrell had remained active attending single adult conferences since her first trip in 1974, it was not until March 1981 that she really began to yield to God's leadership.

"The conference question asked the question 'If you could do anything in the world what would you do,'" she recalled. "I remember writing in my journal that I would quit my job, go to seminary and work full time with single adults."

In April, Miss Murrell knew she would resign her teaching position, but her future was still uncertain. She had no money to attend school and had not even been accepted by the seminary.

"By the end of June God had taken care of everything," she said. Miss Murrell was awarded a scholarship by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and was accepted into the religious education program at Southern Seminary.

During her time at Southern she became more involved in single adult work at Walnut Street and after her graduation in June 1983 she worked four months as a special worker doing planning and consulting work for the Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department.

When her role as a special worker ended in September, Miss Murrell again began to seek God's will for her

life.

At that time she was facing throat surgery which led her to refuse a job offer in Florida because of the impending surgery and its uncertain outcome.

"But God began to deal with me and reveal his will for my life," she wrote. "I wrote the pastor of the church and explained my situation."

Within the week, Temple Terrace First Baptist Church called her for an interview and in October 1983 they called her as their first single adult minister. "In fact, I'm the first single adult minister in the association," she quickly points out.

Currently chairperson for the associational single adult committee, Miss Murrell is enthusiastic about the potential ministry opportunities which exist in Florida.

"Approximately 65 percent of the Tampa Bay population is single," she explains. "In addition, we are four miles from the University of Tampa which has an enrolment of 26,000 students."

Miss Murrell says she spends a great deal of her time ministering to single adults but has also begun a choral ensemble for college students.

Because single adult ministry is somewhat of a new venture in the area, a recent Single Adult Day emphasis at Temple Terrace received news coverage by the local papers and one television station.

Miss Murrell proudly points out that for the first time in the church's history there are more single adults and college students involved in Tuesday night visitation than any other church group.

Since last October 52 single adults have joined the church, bringing the total single adult Sunday school enrolment to 173.

In March of this year, Miss Murrell finally consented to have laser surgery on her throat. "Though I still can't sing, it is good to talk without rasping and I don't have to stop and gasp for air," she said.

After her surgery she began seeing a speech therapist. During one of the visits her therapist asked for a tape of Miss Murrell's "old voice" so they could begin the restoration process.

"I just happened to have a 90-minute cassette of my personal testimony that I loaned her," she said.

As a result, Miss Murrell has been able to witness to her therapist, who is a single parent. The therapist and her son have recently begun attending Temple Terrace.

"If it was God's will for me to have surgery so that I could minister to this family, then I give the glory to him," she said.

Reflecting over the last 10 years, Miss Murrell sums up her life saying, "Today God has given me a new voice, a new ministry, a new mission and a new vision."



'Pour yourself out for the hungry'

(Isa. 58:10 RSV)

"Pour yourself out for the hungry." These words provide a clear and strong challenge to the people of God. This graphic command helps to describe authentic religion and the will of God.

To pour one's self out speaks of great commitment. It was deep and determined compassion which prompted our Lord to pour himself out on our behalf. The truth is that proper and compassionate care for the hungry must be combined with faithful acts of worship. The passage promises God's people will become a strong and enduring brotherhood through their caring and sharing.

In our day hunger is not a scourge but a scandal. It is not a plight but a pity. While many diet and even die because of lack of overeating, multiplied millions are starving for lack of minimum nourishment.

We cannot blame God or his earth for the growing problem of hunger. Right now the world produces enough food to ensure a nutritionally adequate diet for every man, woman and child. We have the physical resources and the technological methods to adequately feed every person on our planet. Perhaps our technology has improved more than our theology.

The mandate to "pour yourself out for the hungry" calls for compassionate and practical action by God's people. The idea of emptying or pouring out suggests we are to practice self-denial in order to feed those who are hungry. The results would be staggering and exciting if we were to give and work out of this sense of priority and urgency.

Senator Mark Hatfield has described world hunger as the most destabilizing problem in the world today. "We cannot hope to build a stable world community without fulfilling the most basic human right, the right to eat," he emphasizes.

For most of us our knowledge concerning hunger is greater than our action. A former pastor I know is an excellent photographer. He has the capacity to "see" a good picture. One day he saw a young boy in ragged clothes standing on the sidewalk peering into a bakery shop window.

The preacher grabbed his camera and snapped a picture of the hungry boy gazing at the array of tasty treats which he could not buy. With much enthusiasm my friend told his wife of the "prize-winning" picture. She replied, "But Vernon, what did you do?" "I told you, I took his picture." Elation turned to tears as the preacher realized what he had not done when he saw the hungry child.

On World Hunger Day Oct. 14, and throughout the year each of us must hear and obey God's command to "pour yourself out for the hungry."

Serving Campbellsville

Jennie Stotts calls it quits after working for three college presidents as their secretary

by Joan C. McKinney

"If I could do anything differently, I'd come earlier and stay longer."

Jennie Stotts' introduction to Campbellsville College came as she entered a dust-covered room where she was to begin her secretarial duties. It ended at a point when a new 11,140-square foot library addition is the pride of the campus.

John Carter was president when Mrs. Stotts, already an experienced secretary, came to work. His office also included the business office, and Mrs. Stotts recalls a black plastic couch covered with dust.

She was told to wait to see Carter and to sit on the couch, but it had to be dusted first by Jan Mason, an employee then.

"That was my first introduction to the office," laughed Mrs. Stotts.

Carter said, "Well, you'll need a typewriter," and they found an old one that "came out of the ark," said Mrs. Stotts. "Oh, Dr. Carter, you don't want to do work on that old thing," said the new secretary.

Finances were so tight then that Mrs. Stotts borrowed six paper clips from the admissions office and was told she would be expected to return them when she got her own supply.

Mrs. Stotts laughs about where she has come from then to a point where W. R. Davenport, for whom she has been secretary since 1969, trusts her to do certain jobs while he's gone. "He always stands behind me," said Mrs. Stotts. "He takes responsibility for everything that's done. We've worked together beautifully."

She said she will miss Davenport the most. "He's been a joy to work with. He's always the same—kind and yet he can be firm. His Christian testimony is so good, and he's a wonderful person."

Mrs. Stotts has done the usual typing and filing, but she also took extensive notes for Davenport when he was away. She always had a detailed account of what went on while he was gone, and he went over it when he returned.

"I work well under pressure," Mrs. Stotts said. "I like deadlines."

Her job has had its share of deadlines especially when the trustees are meeting. They meet four times a year, and the president's office is always hectic at those times.

"Lots of people come in the office for one reason or another, and I'll miss the people," she said.

Why Mrs. Stotts decided to retire now has been asked by those who know her to be a vibrant, competent woman. "Birthdays lead you to that point," she smiled.

Mrs. Stotts also had an adjustment period when her husband, Dallas, died in February 1983.

She said she was prepared for her husband's death because he had been ill for awhile. "But I felt I needed to work to keep my sanity," she said.

Davenport was very helpful, she said. "He told me to take my time and come in when I needed to." And Davenport was there when Stotts died and she needed friends.

Mrs. Stotts has seen changes since she's been here. She worked for Carter for the last two years of his 20 years at the college.

"He was a man who went out and beat the bushes. He kept the college alive," she said.

J. K. Powell, who is now deceased, came next. He was Carter's executive vice president on whom he relied heavily.

"He was easy to work for," she said. "He would sit on the stoop on the front of the administration building and talk with faculty."

She saw Old Stapp Hall go and the new dorm built. She saw South and



Jennie Stotts and W. R. Davenport

North Halls and the Athletic Center built.

She has seen a much younger generation of professors teaching now and has seen enrolment at its peak around 1000 students in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

She leaves now when the college is steadily growing in different areas. Her replacement is Judi Stewart, a 1974 graduate of the college who was secretary for Al Hardy, business vice president and treasurer, for two years.

Mrs. Stotts leaves still healthy to do all types of activities including boating and mowing her yard "which I love," she said.

"I plan to live one day at a time and do as I please," she said. She plans to do some traveling, but has no desire to go abroad. She likes to eat in nice places but wants to be able to "read the menu and know what I'm ordering."

She is hoping to visit her native Canada later this year, and she plans to do things and go places with her friends.

She also plans to spend more time with her two sons, Dale of Paintsville, and Graham of Louisville, and her four grandsons.

She plans to remain active teaching the Harmony Class at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

And Campbellsville College will always be in her mind and heart. Recently, she received a request for another position at the college—that of residence hall director.

Mrs. Stotts is now acting director of Stapp Hall while its director, Helen Duncan, is ill.

Mrs. Stotts says she "loves" working with the women students in the dorm.

She says she's not been getting much sleep, but that's okay for awhile.

Whatever Mrs. Stotts does with her new life, she plans, most of all, to stay in contact with Campbellsville College—doing all kinds of volunteer work.