



Cooperative Program

E'town congregation top dollar giver 17th time

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has emerged as the undisputed leader among Kentucky Baptist congregations in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program for the 17th consecutive year.

In figures released by the KBC Accounting Services Department, to be published in full outside the Oct. 9 issue of Western Recorder, Severns Valley made significant strides in its mission giving in the KBC fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1984.

The 3114-member E'town congregation shared \$196,732 of its budget with Cooperative Program ministries, a giant leap of \$36,021 over its previous state-setting record of \$160,711 in the year ending Aug. 31, 1983.

Combined with an additional \$62,294 designated to other missions causes, the Severns Valley congregation sent a total of \$259,027 to all missions enterprises in the year just ended, also a record for the state's 2228 churches.

Severn Valley's forward leap in dollar giving was not the largest in the state last year, however.

First Baptist Church, Ashland, was catapulted into 10th place among dollar givers, bypassing dozens of other congregations by increasing its Cooperative Program gifts \$38,379 in a single year. It gave \$92,066 in 1983-84, a significant increase over the previous years' \$53,687.

A Western Recorder story Oct. 5, 1983 listed the top 25 congregations in dollar giving in the state. Of the 25, nine decreased their dollar amount to the Cooperative Program in the 1983-84 fiscal year, while the other 16 increased it.

In addition to the increases above, two of these top 25 churches exceeded their previous totals by about \$13,000—Third Church, Owensboro, and Central Church, Corbin. There were several congregations not included in the top 25

list a year ago that increased their giving by more than \$13,000.

Decreases among those nine top 25 churches a year ago ranged from a low of \$451 to \$31,511. The latter figure was a 49.2 percent cut in one congregation's giving, dropping that church from 19th place last year to 86th in the year just ended.

Four congregations appearing in the top 25 list dropped below the top 25 this year.

The per capita giving records of Kentucky Baptist churches were not available when this article was prepared, but will be reported as soon as they are released by the KBC Accounting Services Department.

The top 50 dollar givers are listed here with information in the following sequence: rank, church, city, pastor, Cooperative Program gifts only, membership total in parentheses and association. The Accounting Services Department has not reported cents given with dollar amounts.

The names of pastors and membership figures were supplied by the 1983 KBC annual, the latest available source of such information.

1. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$196,732, (3114), Severns Valley.
2. First, Somerset, Robert F. Browning, \$153,505, (1913), Pulaski County.
3. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$135,111, (2555), Daviess-McLean.
4. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$118,156, (2120), Taylor County.
5. Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, \$104,004, (2822), Elkhorn.
6. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$102,309, (2132), Boone's Creek.
7. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$100,489, (3375), Elkhorn.
8. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$98,313, (2007), West Union.
9. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$92,873, (2694), West Union.
10. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$92,066, (1186), Greenup.
11. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$88,881, (1959), Daviess-McLean.
12. First, Madisonville, H. Gary Coltharp, \$87,999, (2996), Little Bethel.
13. Second, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, \$87,288, (2257), Christian County.
14. Hurstbourne, Louisville, T. L. McSwain, \$83,704, (1189), Long Run.
15. First, Murray, Greg Earwood, \$81,929, (1887), Blood River.
16. Beacon Hill, Pulaski, Douglas T. Strader, \$79,767, (786), Pulaski County.
17. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$79,239, (2127), Mt. Zion.
18. First, Bowling Green, Richard W. Bridges, \$75,580, (2953), Warren.
19. First, Mayfield, vacant, \$72,752, (1656), Graves County.
20. Hall Street, Owensboro, C. Richard Dender, \$65,418, (1641), Daviess-McLean.
21. Florence, vacant, \$63,532, (1582), Northern Kentucky.
22. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vassar Jr., \$63,486, (1595), Shelby County.
23. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$63,336, (1295), Long Run.
24. Walnut Street, Louisville, Wayne Dehoney, \$61,112, (6322), Long Run.

25. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$61,023, (1219), Ohio County.

26. Valley View, Louisville, T. Howell Upchurch, \$59,345, (2169), Long Run.

27. Calvary, Lexington, J. Dan Cooper, \$58,714, (2590), Elkhorn.

28. Buena Vista, Owensboro, J. Ray Pruitt, \$58,306, (1078), Daviess-McLean.

29. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$58,150, (1173), Bethel.

30. First, Franklin, David W. Crocker, \$57,244, (1586), Simpson.

31. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$57,193, (1082), Muhlenberg.

32. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howell, \$56,743, (747), Daviess-McLean.

33. Glasgow, vacant, \$55,000, (2157), Liberty.

34. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$54,951, (995), Grayson County.

35. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm G. Lunceford, \$53,006, (711), Franklin.

36. Mt. Pisgah, Archie Oliver, \$53,003, (557), Muhlenberg.

37. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$52,822, (1265), Muhlenberg.

38. Erlanger, William E. Crosby, \$52,059, (1349), Northern Kentucky.

39. Shively, Louisville, Bruce H. Hodge, \$50,239, (2372), Long Run.

40. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$50,188, (596), Little Bethel.

41. First, Pikeville, Glenn Mollette, \$49,754, (1155), Pike.

42. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$48,976, (548), Blood River.

43. Crescent Hill, Louisville, H. Stephen Shoemaker, \$48,335, (1565), Long Run.

44. Farmdale, Louisville, William J. Sullivan, \$47,852, (1537), Long Run.

45. Burgin, Stephen L. Hadden, \$47,831, (847), Mercer.

46. Latonia, Covington, Gregory L. Hancock, \$47,503, (1463), Northern Kentucky.

47. Lexington Avenue, Danville, Robert G. Baker, \$46,912, (1378), South District.

48. Lyndon, Louisville, Hugh Goldsby, \$45,664, (1181), Long Run.

49. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$45,524, (592), Ohio Valley.

50. First, Princeton, Bill Tichenor, \$45,276, (1449), Caldwell-Lyon.

Former WR staffer Bill Webb will edit The Illinois Baptist

Former Western Recorder journalism intern and staff writer William R. Webb of Richmond, Va. will succeed Robert J. Hastings as editor of The Illinois Baptist, effective Oct. 29.

Webb, 34, a native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was a Western Recorder staffer in 1978 and 1979 while a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He holds a BS degree in communications from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Since 1981 he has been a staff writer with the Foreign Mission Board's News and Information Services Department in Richmond. He has had primary writing responsibilities for Europe, the Middle East and western South America.

Married to the former Susan Anne Blue of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Webb is the father of two sons, Justin 9 and Mark 7.

Hastings, whom Webb replaces in Illinois, retired after an editorship there of 17 years. Earlier he was state stewardship and promotion director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Western Recorder journalism interns have now joined the staffs of six state Baptist papers (Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee) upon completion of their seminary studies, as well as SBC Today, an independent publication, all four boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and several state Baptist convention-operated institutions.



A long, long thank you

The student body at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, went to great lengths to express how it felt about Southern Baptists and the Cooperative Program. When the SBC Executive Committee met in Nashville Sept. 17-19 executive secretary-treasurer Harold C. Bennett was presented with a scroll 170 feet long signed by more than 1300 Southern students as a way of saying "thank you" for the support the seminary has received from Southern Baptists for 125 years. Bennett and Roy L. Honeycutt, Southern president, look at part of the list as it trails off the top of the SBC Building in Nashville. Church administration professor J. Ralph Hardee and students from his doctoral seminar surround them. [BP photo by Craig Bird]



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Campaign '84

With election day only five weeks away, the emotional issue of religion in American life has come to the forefront as a campaign issue. Both President Reagan and candidate Mondale have had strong words on the subject. This is ironic since neither candidate attends church regularly nor gives any evidence of strong support to the churches of America. Geraldine Ferraro and George Bush have also injected religion into the campaign.

In an address to the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, Bush offered support for aid to parochial schools, prayer in public schools and a "right to life" amendment to the Constitution.

Miss Ferraro spoke to the press on the lawn of a Methodist church in Minnesota and said, "The President walks around calling himself a good Christian, but I don't for one minute believe it because the policies are so unfair."

Mondale has said Reagan is "out to lunch" when it comes time to put Christian values into practice.

Reagan has harsh words for Democrats whom he accused of killing tuition tax credits, tolerating abortion and not accepting the Pope's interpretation of events in Central America.

Parallel to the candidate's venture into religious matters is the rise of preacher involvement as political activists. There are many arenas across America where preachers are involved in political activity, but the one receiving national attention at the moment is the American Coalition for Traditional Values (ACTV). Among the leaders of ACTV are such well known evangelicals as Tim LaHaye, Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Bakker, Adrian Rogers, and newly elected SBC president Charles Stanley. ACTV has the official backing of the White House, yet claims to be bipartisan in its program.

Among the issues on the ACTV agenda is opposition to federal aid to public education. ACTV endorses tuition tax credits, prayer in public schools, a strong defense and is opposed to homosexual rights, pornography and "misguided" welfare programs.

Campaign rhetoric can be appealing to people who have strong religious convictions they want to see spread throughout the land. These same flights of rhetoric can also be politically fatal because not all religious people have an identical agenda. There are strongly held views on both sides of the prayer in public schools issue. Not all religious people see arms buildup as a way to peacemaking.

What it boils down to is personal responsibility. We must choose for ourselves, not be overly persuaded by pious politicians nor ardent preachers. We must learn to filter the rhetoric to discover the essence of the issues and the essence of the person behind the issues.

It is never easy nor simple to be a Christian in a sinful world, yet all of us are called to face up to the challenge of citizenship and render a decision Nov. 6. I cannot see how any Christian would not see his vote as a required exercise in the practice of his faith. The pious rhetoric makes our choice difficult and the active presence of

well respected preachers in the fray compounds the problem of decision making. Yet the responsibility rests upon each of us to choose. We cannot turn away from this important Christian and civic duty.

Family fight

Southern Baptists, more than 14 million of us in 36,000 churches, have had a strong sense of family since our beginning in 1845. Of course there have always been differences among us just as there is in virtually every family.

In the past we have been able to deal with our differences by stronger commitment to evangelism, missions and education. The strength required to advance these great programs of ministry has left little energy for long term fighting. But in the present strife tearing through our convention, there are troubling signs that our historic commitments are not able to stop the bickering. In fact one area of that commitment is already beginning to suffer. Gifts to the Cooperative Program are below expected and budgeted levels. The short fall has caused all agency heads to curtail some programs and services. The present fight may not be responsible for the shortage; but, it certainly has not been healthy nor Christ honoring. And there may be a cause-effect relationship.

Where will it end? Will we continue to call each other ugly names? Will we go on blasting each other with serious charges of disloyalty, heresy and self seeking? What can be done to stop the madness before all of our great missionary efforts go down the drain?

Surely there are thousands of Southern Baptists whose spiritual sensitivity is grossly offended by what is happening in our convention family. Name calling, charges against one another and overt politics have no place in the gathering of God's people. Yet where are those spiritually sensitive people? Will they be present in Dallas to stop the bloodletting?

The answers rest where they have always rested—with the people. Scores of pastors have been casual about the SBC, using convention time for minivacations and family breaks from daily routine. Multitudes of laypeople have not taken time to be informed nor made the sacrifice necessary to be present and express their will. Deep trouble is the result.

The answer for our Baptist life is the same answer as that for Campaign '84—personal responsibility. Pastors must care deeply for the greatest missionary programs on earth and they must go to Dallas and call a halt to the fight. Great multitudes of laymen and laywomen must go to Dallas and assume personal responsibility for the future of our convention by expressing their desire to see us go forward for Christ, not continue fighting each other.

In Kansas City a mere 19.3 percent of our 36,000 Southern Baptist churches were present to do the work of the convention. From Kentucky we had only 996 messengers from only 430 of our 2228 churches. Until the people respond by their presence and votes, nothing will improve. The fight will go on and missions, evangelism and education will suffer. Is that what we want?



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

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Recommendations of the executive board, KBC

The convention's constitution in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

A. The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as percentage for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These now being recommended for 1985-86 as approved by the board May 7, 1984 (see column 4 below).

B. The convention in Paducah Nov. 14-16, 1983 set the 1984-85 Cooperative Program Goals and percentages (see column 2 below). The following revision for that year is recommended by the board as approved May 7, 1984 (see column 3 below).

	(1) 1983-84 Budget	(2) Original 1984-85 Budget	(3) Revised 1984-85 Budget	(4) 1985-86 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal				
A. Operational Budget	13,500,000	14,900,000	14,445,000	15,600,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	4,860,000 (36.00%)	5,401,250 (36.25%)	5,236,313 (36.25%)	5,752,721 36.875%
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	8,640,000 (64.00%)	9,498,750 (63.75%)	9,847,879 (63.75%)	(63.125%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	2,000,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	730,000 (36.5%)	481,000 (36.5%)	481,000 (37.00%)	481,000 (37.00%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	1,270,000 (63.50%)	819,000 (63.00%)	819,000 (63.00%)	819,000 (63.00%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	15,500,000	16,200,000	15,745,000	16,900,600
II. Other Estimated Income	1,206,760	1,300,000	1,263,157	1,300,000
III. Total Budget Goal	16,706,760	17,500,000	17,008,157	18,200,600

* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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C. General recommendations to the convention for the 1985-86 budget:

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 20, 1986, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold

Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) the annual Thanksgiving Offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief Offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the executive board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.

9. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe State Missions Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

D. Recommendation on new Church Annuity Plan as approved by the board May 7-8, 1984:

Recommend the adoption of the Southern Baptist Protection Program Church Annuity Plan as amended and restated effective as of Jan. 1, 1988, along with the past service supplement. Further, that the plan define an eligible participant as (1) a paid minister, or (2) a paid church employe having satisfied a three year waiting period and working at least 1000 hours per year, of a cooperating church affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and contributing at least \$210 per year through the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. And, that the executive secretary-treasurer be authorized to execute the various agreements to implement this new plan.

E. Due to the continuing need and encouraging results, the Ohio executive secretary has requested an extension of the Kentucky-Ohio Church Partnership. It is therefore recommended that the Kentucky-Ohio Church Partnership be extended through Dec. 31, 1987.

baptist forum

Reader cites omission

Page seven of the Sept. 12 issue of Western Recorder reports the observation of the 20th anniversary of Grace Baptist Church of Independence, and states First Baptist Church of Walton sponsored Grace as a mission.

Latonia Baptist Church and New Banklick Baptist Church along with Walton were the cosponsors, under the leadership of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

Since none of the original Walton personnel are now connected with Grace and several of those from Latonia and New Banklick are, their omission as sponsoring churches was unfortunate. Edwin G. Damon, Independence (Member of the Advisory Committee overseeing the establishment of Grace for the Northern Kentucky (then North Bend) Baptist Association)

Editor's Note: We regret this error and offer sincere apology to Latonia Church and New Banklick Church.

Average Baptists 'weary of warfare'

My primary purpose in writing is just to express my appreciation for a very timely editorial. You have indeed felt the pulse of Mr. and Mrs. Average Baptist. Most of us are "moderates,"

fairly conservative and above all we want to see our denomination fulfilling the directives of Christ. I really believe the people will not only grow weary of this verbal warfare, they will register their disgust in the offering plate, the ballot box and response to the evangelistic thrust of the churches.

As long as you continue to speak your mind and speak for the people, Western Recorder will be a blessing to us. I have always believed in and supported the paper and will continue to do so. We may not always agree but the Recorder is vital and we are brothers.

Jerome Browne, Lexington

Religious Right confuses reader

The aspect of religion is playing a major part in this year's presidential campaign. Both sides seem to claim God to be with them. The religious right seems certain that God is a Republican.

However, I am confused. Those who are identified with the religious right have strong beliefs about church attendance, tithing and divorce. The candidate they have chosen as God's anointed does not attend church, give to charity, and is divorced. This is rather confusing.

I am confused about the Moral Majority and the ACTV. These groups

claim they want morality back in government. It appears clear to me that in the guise of a name, they are only campaign groups to elect President Reagan.

I am confused. The President appointed an ambassador to the Vatican and nobody from the religious right says a word. At taxpayers expense, an archbishop is flown to California for a religious service. This is confusing to me.

I am confused. In 1787, I thought we decided there would be separation of church and state. We Baptists came to America for religious liberty and tolerance. I am somewhat confused. As I study Baptist roots, I understand that religious freedom is necessary for a free society. Our country needs a revitalization of morality, but we do not need a state religion.

Bill Crosby, Erlanger

Louisvillian agrees with editorial

Thank you for your fine editorial entitled "The Grass Roots." I appreciate the perspective you have shared very much and hope it will help us put, and keep, some other issues in proper perspective.

I continue to depend on Western Recorder for information and for opinion set in a context that can help me make responsible decisions. Keep up the good work!

David Garrard, Louisville

Laurel Lake Camp ready for retreats

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp is now available as a fall, spring and summer retreat center. Rumors have been spreading that we were closed due to water problems. This has never been true. We have experienced some water shortage at the camp, but we have them under control. With proper management we can handle a retreat of up to 70 with no water problems.

We have scheduled retreats from all over Kentucky and several surrounding states. Some dates are still available this fall, and a good number of dates are available in the spring and summer of 1985. Retreats can be scheduled by calling Mrs. Downer at (606) 528-3522. Meal services are available at our dining hall or a group can rent a kitchen to cook their own meals.

For those not familiar with Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, we are located south of Corbin, on Laurel Lake. We are surrounded by the beautiful foothills of the Cumberland Mountains. The camp buildings are rustic, but comfortable. We have modern plumbing in all buildings. Our cabins will accommodate up to 70 campers. Some family cottages are available. Our dining hall is also available for church banquets and gatherings. We can feed up to 100 at one setting.

Janus Jones, Corbin

baptist news in brief



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homes for children

Horse sense

I grew up on a farm in Daviess County, Ky. where we milked a herd of cows by hand and plowed the fields with a team of horses. At an early age I began to hear the term "horse sense." It was an often used term in our family. Not being sure of the meaning I asked my dad what "horse sense" meant. His wise answer was, "Son, 'horse sense' is 'stable thinking'."

That explanation helped, but it still took time and experience for me to comprehend further the meaning of "horse sense." Even today I do not find the term in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. However, I have come to what I believe "horse sense" means. It is much like the terms "good sense" or "sound judgment" or "mature thinking."

Driving back from an associational meeting the other day, I saw an example of "horse sense" that described the meaning. I had seen this many times, but had never thought of it as an example of horse sense before. It was a hot day in September and, of course, flies can be very annoying in hot, humid weather. Two horses in a field were obviously bothered by the flies. They had quit grazing and were standing side by side under a shade tree. The horses, though side by side, were turned in opposite directions so the constant switching of their tails drove the flies from the face of each other.

I thought, "That is a picture of 'horse sense'." "Horse sense" led those two horses to figure out how they could cooperate with each other so as to be mutually helpful to each other. What a beautiful picture of cooperation.

"Horse sense" is a good description of the Cooperative Program which Baptists use as a channel for supporting our work of missions, education and benevolence.

"Horse sense" is a good term to use to describe our ministry to children through Baptist Homes for Children. Children in our care have needs which cannot be met by one family or even one church. So Kentucky Baptists used "horse sense" to find a way to band together and support Baptist Homes for Children—doing together what could not be done alone. But when we join together, we mutually can tackle the problems and experience victory in the lives of children.

Annuity Board insurance rates decrease in 1985

Insurance rates for Kentucky Baptist ministers and church employees will decrease next year.

Effective Jan. 1, 1985 life and disability insurance premiums will be reduced for persons in the Annuity Board's Church Insurance Program. Annuity secretary Byrd Ison said the term life rates will decrease 13 percent and the disability plan rates will be reduced by five percent.

There will be no increase in medical rates and premiums for those persons eligible for Medicare will decrease 10 percent. Ison noted "the initial out-of-pocket expense" for a family will be reduced from \$600 to \$400 per year, while the individual deductible will not be changed.

Panel to make study of Baptist Press items

A study of two controversial news articles has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Without comment, the 68-member committee approved at its September meeting a report by the public relations workgroup that it "is considering the matter of the Baptist Press news stories . . . and other related matters." One member, John Lewis of Raleigh, N. C., voted against the recommendation.

The news articles, released through the denomination's news service Sept. 17 and 18, concern allegations H. Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge and newly elected member of the Executive Committee, allegedly tape recorded an hour-long conversation Sept.

1 with J. Stafford Durham, 28, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and former driver for seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt.

The student, also pastor of Long Lick Baptist Church, Stamping, Ground, Ky., filed a formal complaint with the Federal Communications Commission alleging Pressler recorded the conversation "without my knowledge, without prior consent and without a beeper to indicate a recorder was in use."

The action adopted by the Executive Committee did not specify when the group will meet again to consider the matter. Although the matter drew no comment when it was adopted, it had been alluded to in each of the three plenary sessions by different members of the committee.

John McCall, an attorney from Louisville, said the "surreptitious surveillance of agency executives, the surreptitious one-party recording of telephone conversations of seminary students are among the kinds of issues that are divisive in this convention.

A. Wilson as ambassador to the Holy See.

Besides the organizations, which range from the National Council of Churches to the National Association of Evangelicals, 77 individuals joined in filing the suit. Several of those listed in the lawsuit are Southern Baptists.

Conspicuously absent, however, is the Southern Baptist Convention itself, which is still studying the matter before deciding whether to participate.

Named as defendants in the suit are Reagan, Secretary of State George P. Schultz, Secretary of the Treasury Donald T. Regan and Wilson.

At a Washington news conference announcing the suit had been filed minutes earlier on Sept. 19 in the U. S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania, Americans United executive director Robert L. Maddox said the legal avenue was taken because parties objecting to diplomatic relations with the Vatican had "encountered deaf ears and closed minds on this issue in the White House and in the United States Senate."

Americans United, more sue Reagan and others

Calling U. S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican "unfair, imprudent and illegal," more than 15 religious bodies headed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed suit in federal district court challenging President Reagan's appointment of William

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Friday, October 26

- Joint "Homecoming" Convocation (Gymnasium) 10:00 a.m.
- Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen
- Outstanding Faculty Award
- Message by Dr. Billy Hurt of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky
- Alumni Registration (BCC Lobby) 12 - 5 p.m.
- Alumni Art Fair (BCC Banquet Room 1) 12 - 5 p.m.
- Alumni Pictorial Museum (BCC Banquet Room 2) 12 - 5 p.m.
- Campus Tour (beginning in the BCC Lobby) 2 - 3 p.m.
- Dinner and Entertainment (Cafeteria) 4:30 p.m.
- Evening Concert Featuring: **Miss Jean Ritchie** (Gatliff Auditorium) 8:00 p.m.
- Reception for Miss Ritchie (Campus Center Grill following concert)
- The Midnight Picture Show: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World!" (Gatliff) 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27

- Alumni Registration (BCC Lobby) 12 - 5 p.m.
- Honored Class Reunions (TBA): '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79 ... 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- Breakfast for Students (BCC Grill) 8 - 9 a.m.
- General Meeting of the Alumni Board (BCC Chapel)
- J.M. Boswell 10,000 Meter "Homecoming" Run 10 a.m.
- Annual Homecoming Parade! (Main Street) 11 - 12 noon
- Student Lunch in BCC Grill
- Alumni Luncheon and Awards Ceremony (Cafeteria) 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Featuring: RED RECTOR
- Cumberland Country Carnival (Roburn Lawn) 12:30 - 3 p.m.
- Dedication of the J. M. Boswell Statue (Park) 3 p.m.
- President Jim Taylor and Dinah Taylor's Open House / Cider Social 3:30 p.m.
- Supper (Cafeteria) 4:30 p.m.
- Evening Carriage Rides around campus for Alumni 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Country Jamboree!! (New Building Gymnasium) 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Featuring: The "Orange Blossom Special" Cloggers from Lexington, Kentucky
- Evening Basketball Game (Cumberland Gymnasium) 8 p.m.
- Rededication Service (Boswell Park) 10 p.m.
- Fireworks Display 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 28

- Attend the church of your choice a.m. / p.m.
- Student Hayride 8:30 p.m.
- (After evening church services)

Quest Farm is born

Providing new hope for mentally retarded adults

by Laurie K. Taylor,
State Correspondent

"We could only hope that our son would be institutionalized and over-medicated after we're gone. Now we can put our hope in Quest Farm."

Their son just graduated from high school. Though physically healthy, he is too hyperactive to get a job. The problem? He is mentally retarded.

Now, thanks to a concerned group of special education Sunday school teachers at Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, this young man will be cared for in a loving Christian environment long after his parents are gone.

It all began 25 years ago when the late Bob Brown, former pastor of Trinity, enlisted his brother-in-law, Joe Richey, to teach a Sunday school class for one retarded child who attended the church. A quarter century later, Richey's class has mushroomed into an adult special education department with 104 enrolled and an average attendance of 80.

Most members come from Exception, a private, residential institution. Others come from private or group homes and the community in general.

Through the years Richey and his wife Jean have become increasingly concerned about the tremendous needs of retarded adults. Foremost in their minds has been the need for a Christian-oriented home where mentally retarded adults can "live and work and

feel good about themselves."

"We are especially concerned about the retarded adult who has lived at home and has the love and security of his family," Mrs. Richey explains. "Now his parents are aging and need to make other provisions for him."

"At this point, the family wants to find a continuum of a loving home, but the only alternative for some families is to commit the retarded adult to a state institution even though he is mentally handicapped, not mentally ill."

"Some people are appropriately placed in an institution," she admits, "but many are more appropriately placed in a working environment in a Christian home atmosphere."

The Richeys vowed to do something to resolve the dilemma these families face. After years of prayer and seeking God's leadership, they decided to take the bull by the horns.

In January the determined couple found a 26-acre farm for sale in Scott County. It was ideal for what they had in mind, so they called a special meeting of everyone they felt would be interested in the project.

At that meeting, the group agreed on the need for a Christ-centered residential program for retarded adults. They felt so strongly about the issue they incorporated and Quest Farm was born.

In June the group borrowed \$7000 on faith from a local bank to put down on the farm as earnest money. They used donations, much of it from their own pockets, to complete the down pay-

ment. For the past three months they have met their loan payments on time, depending on the faith that God would provide the money through donations.

Sept. 1 Joe Richey took a giant step in faith. After 15 years with Sears he resigned to devote full time to the project. Even though his resignation cost him his retirement benefits, Richey is positive God will provide his needs.

"I'm counting on Matt. 7:7," Richey notes. "'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

"If I had all the answers," Richey reasons, "there'd be no room for faith."

Mrs. Richey admits she has struggled with the direction God has led them.

"I've had many sleepless nights over this decision to step out on faith," she confesses. "But, ours hasn't been a euphoric faith. It's been very practical. We know only the will of God will make Quest Farm a success and we are doing our very best to follow that will."

Joe and Carolyn Frederich have worked alongside the Richeys at Trinity several years. When they were approached about the project they agreed to get involved and now serve on the board of directors. Frederich doesn't want people to misunderstand their motives.

"We are not trying to hide retarded adults by sticking them on a farm in a secluded area. Quest Farm residents won't be any more isolated than any

other farm family," he stresses.

"They'll be involved in the church and community through trips to malls, movies and community events."

The site in Scott County includes a five-year-old brick home, a house trailer, a barn and a limited amount of farm equipment. The home is being converted into two apartments which will house the first four residents and two houseparents.

Quest Farm residents will learn farming and household skills and will live and work as independently as possible. Each will receive an allowance plus wages depending on their ability to produce. They'll begin by raising specialized crops such as asparagus, strawberries and beans. Plans are also being made for a greenhouse so employment can be provided year-round.

As the program develops, they hope to add a day program for retarded adults and to provide respite care for developmentally disabled individuals of all ages.

The farm is nonprofit and will operate on donations until it becomes self supporting. Scholarships are available to insure every family an equal opportunity to involve their loved ones.

"We're excited about what God is doing with a locksmith, a fireman, an electrician, a computer analyst, an IBM employe, a teacher, a beautician and a sales manager," Frederich grins.

(For more information, contact Quest Farm Inc., Box 2992, Lexington, KY 40583, or call (502) 535-6064.

Sticking by the stuff

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

Sept. 20 was a big day in North Concord Baptist Association.

The 141st annual session met with Locust Grove Baptist Church.

Lynn Pat Robbins, director of missions, celebrated his 65th birthday the same day.

And, it was the last meeting for Robbins as director of missions for he retired at the end of September after 20 years of service to North Concord and Lynn Camp Associations.

According to Andy Reese, pastor of Barbourville's First Baptist Church, "Pat has certainly served faithfully the Lord and Baptist churches in our associations for what I believe to be longer than any other person."

Reese launched his service with First Baptist the same year Robbins began as director of missions and they have worked together on many projects.

The veteran servant Robbins voices he would rather be a missionary than anything else and readily adds, "It is the hardest work I have ever done."

"It takes someone who will 'stick by the stuff,' thus overcoming the problems in any association or church. The Word is as true and as good as it ever was."

The work has been difficult, challenging and rewarding. Difficult and challenging when he began in June 1964 a work among his own who were not mission minded. At that time the local associations did not contribute to the support of the missionary. The ma-

majority of the pastors were then and now are bivocational. The mission outreach was small.

The growth in missions has been the most rewarding encouragement as mission giving was born and has grown. Two mission churches, Northside and Turkey Creek in North Concord Association, have constituted and are both growing churches.

The association now contributes to local and state missions. World missions conferences are conducted regularly.

Robbins was born into a family of preachers Sept. 20, 1919 at Colmar, Ky., the sixth child of Cleve and Sudie Baker Robbins. The family moved to Four Mile when he was a small child and he was educated at Four Mile, Lone Jack High School, Barbourville's Union College and Southern Seminary, with a degree in 1951 and the MDiv in 1973.

Except for World War II and seminary training Robbins has never lived more than 25 miles from his birthplace, devoting his life to the Lord's work in Bell and Knox counties.

In earlier days Bell County was a part of North Concord Association but near the turn of the century the growth was such that Bell County Baptist Association was formed.

"Becoming a Christian in 1937 was the best and most important decision I ever made," he reminisces. "Back then we used the Cumberland River for a baptism and eight of us were baptized there one cold, winter day. It has been

great."

The next big step was marrying his childhood sweetheart, Zella Brooks.

The ceremony was performed by the late S. R. Helton Aug. 9, 1941, the first wedding in the new Riverside Baptist Church.

One daughter was born to the couple. Judy Lynn (Mrs. Charles Dean) arrived while her father was serving our country in Kandy Ceylon and was able to say "Hi Daddy Pat" when he finally met her just prior to her second birthday.

Following his tour of duty he finished his education and served Hosman Baptist Church, Bell County Association, 12½ years. In order to supplement his \$35 a week income he taught in the Bell County School System and was professor of missions at Clear Creek Baptist School, 1957-59.

Proud of his Baptist heritage, Robbins tells of his uncle W. T. Robbins who served Wasiota in Bell County 39 years and is credited with walking 39,000 miles over that country. He was clerk in Bell County Association 52 years. Two other uncles, John and G. W., were long time pastors in the area.

Robbins is now on the church relations advisory board of Cumberland College and is an ardent supporter of Laurel Lake Baptist Camp acquired by four local associations in 1982. The 140-acre area is still in the development stages but records show 300 campers registered last year with 42 professions of faith made.

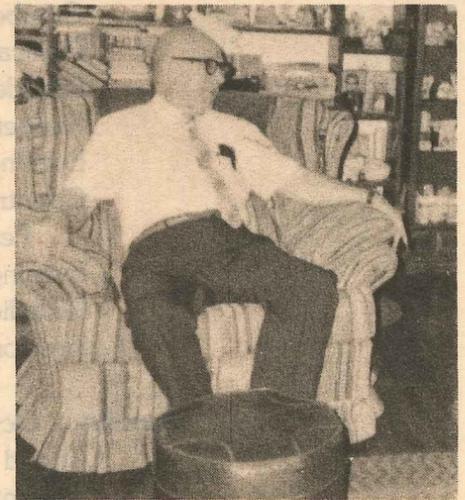
Don Downing, pastor of Highland Baptist Church for 16 years and Robbins' pastor all that time, remarked: "Pat is a strong man; strong in his Christian beliefs and strong in his

convictions as a Southern Baptist in a day when we have so much of the independent movement in our land."

When questioned about retirement, the missionary states, "I will continue to do what I love to do, preach, supply and participate in world missions conferences. I am not retiring from the Lord's work, just as director of missions," he smiles.

The Robbinses will continue to live in their home on Sunnybrook Rd., Healdrick, just off Hwy. 11. "We bought the home shortly after we took the position as director of missions. It took a lot of faith but we are so happy now that we did," they acknowledge.

True to his life pattern, Lynn Pat Robbins is now trying to help a church until it secures a pastor. Concord Baptists are happy with their interim.

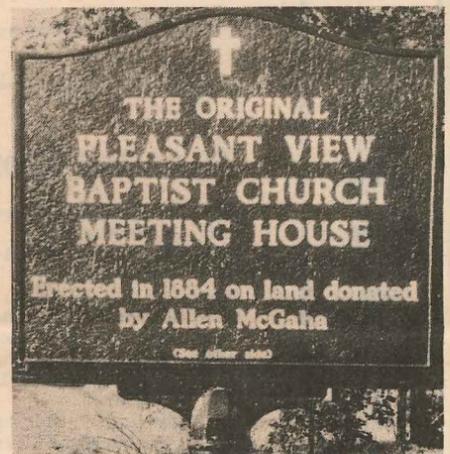
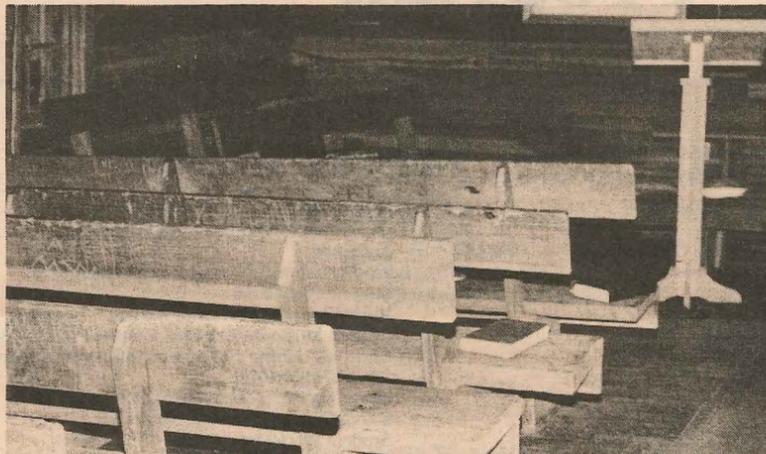


Lynn Pat Robbins reminisces on many fruitful years of service as director of missions in Kentucky.

At right, the original log structure of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Adair County remains intact today. Regular worship services are still conducted at the church, now 100 years old. Below left, the inside furnishings of the church are as original as its outward structure, including poplar pews and pulpit. Below right, a historical marker was erected on the church grounds during the centennial celebration Sept. 2. The church has been designated a historical site by the Heritage Commission of Kentucky.



A modest log church in central Kentucky—now 100 years old—bears the marks of a bygone age because folks “want it that way.” Yet in this picture of a fading world, members adamantly cling to the priority of “getting people saved.”



Text and photos
by Kima Jude
State Correspondent

A cabin in glory land

It's just a cabin in a back corner of central Kentucky but to the folks at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Adair County, it probably ranks right up there with any mansion in glory land.

High enough, at any rate, they're willing to work hard keeping it just the way it is—worn and weather-beaten.

Pleasant View Baptist, Russell County Association, located eight miles northeast of Columbia, Ky., looks today much as it did when it was first built 100 years ago, a little log church standing in the tranquil shade of a grove of beech trees on a grassy knoll overlooking a creek where baptisms still take place.

The church, which celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 2, with an old-fashioned day featuring a program of activities reminiscent of by-gone days, attunes worshippers to a keen sense of history.

The structure is the original one erected years ago when local people felt the need to establish a building for meeting. One man donated the land. Another hewed the logs. Others put them together.

The inside of the church also bears the marks of another era, original poplar pews inscribed in timeless fashion with the graffiti of fidgety youngsters, a turn-of-the-century piano with chipped and yellowed keys and, on the wall, an old iron dipper for getting drinks from the creek up the way.

It remains a relic of a bygone-age be-

cause folks at Pleasant View Baptist Church want it that way.

At one point the church sported a new roof and concrete steps on its log structure. But when members of the church with James C. Porter, pastor for the past 17 years, reorganized it in 1967 after a dormant period since 1948, the building was restored to its more primitive condition.

Porter, who majored in history at Georgetown College, said he was particularly interested in the church because his father pastored there and he could recall his horseback excursions to Pleasant View. In its heyday, he said, it was a stronghold in the community.

So he rounded up old church members and got to work on restoring the building. They installed electricity, got someone to hand-rive logs so the work would be as authentic as possible, replaced rafters, rebuilt the roof. Although a wood roof was deemed too impractical, they replaced it with a less modern shingle.

Now after research Porter thinks the church, which has worship services on the first and third Sunday afternoons monthly, is the only original log church in Kentucky with regular worship services. He said he's familiar with other log churches in existence but believes those had been modernized.

As such, the church has been designated a historical site by the Kentucky Heritage Commission and “deemed worthy of preservation.” Friends and

members of the church paid for a historical marker, which was placed on the church grounds during the anniversary celebration.

“We don't worship a building,” Porter said. “But there's something about this church setting conducive to worship.”

“Everyone that's visited this church says they feel like there's something in this old natural setting they can't find in other churches.”

The church's congregation, however, is a small one with an average attendance of 15-25 with a range that sometimes gets into much larger numbers as visitors from elsewhere join them for worship.

“They say they feel closer to God than any place they've ever been,” Porter said.

In the summertime, said Porter, neighbors of the church report as many as two to 10 persons stop by daily to look over the old building. Next year, he said, it will be included on Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission's tourist attractions.

But the major emphasis of the church remains as old as the building, according to Porter. The top priority is “getting people saved.” The pastor said he would like to see attendance increase and a regular Sunday school established with weekly services.

Although the church counts a small core of families among its regulars, the size of the church may discourage some

potential members, according to Porter.

“We have a problem with getting them to join the church,” which loses out to the attraction of more modern, active churches.

So although the church continues to make converts, it handles few baptisms.

However, the church, small though it might be, does carry on two major programs, annual vacation Bible schools and annual revivals, usually well attended.

And those who do come don't find the actual structure of the church too physically limiting. In fact, said Porter, members manage very well with their wood sheet iron stove. At 22 degrees outside he could preach inside in his short sleeves.

Indeed, aside from the electric lights, the church is a picture of a fading world. A simple latch and padlock protect it from disturbance. The original pulpit or stand, as it was called, remains in place. Wooden shutters encase glass panes. Wooden floors and walls are stark and bare—except for the various certificates and documents that hang there and establish the ongoing work of the church.

They hang up front, where everybody can see them, all in a row, certificate after certificate commemorating annual vacation Bible schools, a testimony to a working body of believers.

And yet there is room for more.

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Walnut Street Baptist Church
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Program

Tuesday Morning

9:15 Kentucky Baptist Ensemble, Bill Orton
9:30 Hymn Singing
9:35 Call to Order of the 147th Annual Convention,
Willis W. Henson
Prayer
9:45 Welcome, Wayne Dehoney
Greetings, Harvey Sloane
9:55 Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Donald P. Hustad
10:10 Organization of the 147th Annual Meeting, Leo T.
Crismon
Appointment of Committees, Willis W. Henson
Appointment of Tellers, Willis W. Henson
Report: Committee on Credentials, John Christian
Report: Committee on Order of Business, David A.
Nelson
10:20 Hymn Singing
10:25 Report: Western Recorder, Jack D. Sanford
10:35 Report: Woman's Missionary Union, Delores
Gilliland
10:45 Hymn Singing
10:50 Lone Oak Baptist Church Choir, Paducah, David
Whaley
11:00 President's Address, Willis W. Henson
11:35 Closing Prayer, Ronnie Angell

Tuesday Afternoon

1:45 Hymn Singing
1:50 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Douglas L.
Anderson
2:05 Fraternal Greetings
Douglas L. Anderson, Secretary, Family Ministry
Department, Baptist Sunday School Board,
Nashville
James L. Austin, Assistant Director of Cooperative
Program Promotion, Stewardship Commission,
also representing SBC Executive Committee,
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Bryan Howard, Manager, Baptist Book Store,
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Ruth Ouzts, Manager, Baptist Book Store, Louisville
Mildred Polston, Broadman Sales Department,
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
Chaplains and Others, A. B. Colvin
2:25 Recognition of:
Persons who have moved to Kentucky to accept
church and denominational leadership
positions since November '83
Persons who have retired from church or
denominational positions since November '83,
William W. Marshall
(Front center section, main floor, reserved for
those to be recognized)
2:40 Hymn Singing
2:45 Report and Recommendations of Executive Board,
William W. Marshall
3:30 Election of President
3:50 Hymn Singing
3:55 Report: Minister/Church Support Division,
William H. Rogers
Minister/Church Relations Department, Guy C.
Futral
Family Ministry/Church Administration
Department, C. Vernon Cole
4:10 Business Session and Resolutions
4:40 Closing Prayer, James C. Porter

Tuesday Evening

6:45 Concert, Campbellsville College Singers
7:00 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Douglas L.
Anderson
7:15 Report: Mission/Church Services Division,
C. Benton Williams
Brotherhood Department, William L. Kaufman
Church Music Department, Eugene F. Quinn
Church Training and Special Ministries Depart-
ment, Mike King
Direct Missions Department, Robert Jones
Evangelism Department, Jay Brown
Student Work Department, Don Blaylock
Sunday School Department, Fred Halbrooks
7:35 Hymn Singing
7:40 Kentucky/Kenya Overseas Partnership, Media
Presentation
8:00 Message in Song, Campbellsville College Singers
8:15 Kentucky/Ohio Partnership, Media Presentation
8:20 Hymn Singing
8:25 Introduction of Speaker, William W. Marshall
8:30 Mission Message, Tal D. Bonham
9:00 Closing Prayer, Allen Baugh
Reception in honor of Delores Gilliland and Jack D. Sanford
immediately following the closing prayer

Wednesday Morning

9:30 Hymn Singing
9:35 Parents Power to Bless — Theme Interpretation
9:50 Report: Radio and Television Commission,
William Hancock
9:55 Report: Executive Associate for Communications,
A. B. Colvin
Media Department, Mark Snowden
Promotion and Stewardship Department,
Jesse Stricker
10:10 Election of Officers
10:20 Miscellaneous Business
10:40 Recognition of Seminary Representatives
10:45 Hymn Singing
10:50 Scripture and Prayer, Robert F. Browning
11:00 Youngers Creek Baptist Church Spirit Singers,
Elizabethtown
11:05 Convention Sermon, J. Howard Cobble
11:35 Closing Prayer, Grant O'Dell
12:00 Seminary Luncheons

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 Hymn
2:05 Latonia Baptist Church Keenager Choir — Theme
Interpretation
2:25 Report: Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission,
Wendell H. Rone
2:30 Report: Committee on Obituaries, Kenneth Brown
2:40 Report: American Bible Society, Lee Parkison
2:45 Report: Temperance League of Kentucky,
Delbert Butts
2:50 Recognition of Past Presidents

2:55 Report: Committee on Arrangements, James K.
Pierce
3:00 Special Music, Margaret Bowlin
3:15 Report: Business Division, Barry G. Allen
Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Grady Randolph
Camps and Assemblies Department,
Marshall Phillips
Annuity Department, Byrd R. Ison
Accounting Services Department, Douglas Hays
Administrative Services Department,
Richard Carnes
Support Services Department, John Pate
3:35 Report: Public Affairs Committee, Douglas Strader
3:45 Report: Constitution and Bylaws Committee,
Phillip D. Basinger
3:55 Report: Resolutions Committee, David G. Byrd
4:20 Miscellaneous Business
4:30 Closing Prayer, Kim Combs

Wednesday Evening

6:45 Concert, Walnut Street Baptist Church Sanctuary
Choir, Gene Sutherland
7:00 Hymn Singing
7:05 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Margaret DeWitt
7:20 Report: Cooperative Program, J. Robert White
7:25 Planned Growth in Giving, Jesse Stricker
7:35 Report: Home Mission Board, Russell Bennett
7:40 Report: Foreign Mission Board, William Snowden
7:45 Report: Baptist World Alliance, Wayne Dehoney
7:50 Report: Baptist Hospitals Inc., Ben Brewer
Special Presentation
8:05 Hymn Singing
8:10 Report: Conventionwide Education, William Tuck
8:15 Introduction of Speaker, William W. Marshall
8:20 Walnut Street Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir,
Gene Sutherland
8:35 Message, Landrum P. Leavell
9:00 Closing Prayer, Ron Lasley

Thursday Morning

9:00 Hymn Singing
9:05 Prayer for Families and Church Ministry to
Families, Tom Kinman
9:10 Report: Committee on Committees, Harold Pike
9:20 Report: Committee on Nominations, Gayle Toole
9:30 Report: Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children,
Eldred M. Taylor
9:40 Miscellaneous Business
9:50 Hymn Singing
9:55 Report: Christian Education in Kentucky
Campbellsville College, W. R. Davenport
Clear Creek Baptist School, Leon Simpson
Georgetown College, W. Morgan Patterson
Oneida Baptist Institute, Barkley Moore
Cumberland College
Message, James H. Taylor
10:30 Recognition of Convention Officers, William W.
Marshall
10:40 Recognition of New Officers
Presentation of Gavel, Willis W. Henson
10:55 Introduction of Speaker, David A. Nelson
11:00 Message, H. Franklin Paschall
11:30 Closing Prayer, Newly Elected President

Kentucky Baptist Music Association Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville November 12, 1984

- 11:30 Officers' Luncheon, Jim Porter's Steak House, 2345 Lexington Road
- 12:30 Registration, Alumni Chapel, Southern Seminary
- 1:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal, Donald Hustad, Director
- 2:00 Call to Order and Welcome, Mike Tichenor
- 2:10 Worship, Seminary Vocal Ensemble, Phillip Landgrave, Director
- 2:45 KBMA Business Session
- 3:15 Baptist Book Store Presentation, Wayne Hagar, Seminary Book Store
- 3:30 Refreshment and Exhibit Break, Room #221, Cooke Annex
- 4:00 Afternoon Concert, Seminary Winds, Douglas Smith, Conductor
- 4:45 Address: "Practical Ideas for Congregational Singing," Hugh T. McElrath
- 5:30 Break
- 6:00 KBMA Banquet, Mullins Hall, Southern Seminary
- 8:00 Evening Concert, Seminary Orchestra, Lloyd Mims, Conducting; Marilyn Mims, Guest Soloist

Chorale Rehearsal to follow

Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville November 12, 1984

- 3:10 Hymn, Inspirational Music, Lloyd Sutton
- 3:20 "Called to Care in Crisis," Wendell Romans
- 3:45 Hymn Offering
Inspirational Music, George Cavanah
- 4:05 "Called to Care for the Lost," William L. Hancock
- 4:30 Benediction, David L. Royalty

Monday Evening

- 6:25 Inspirational Music, Homeland Singers
- 6:40 Scripture and Prayer, James Hundley
- 6:45 "Called to Care in Ohio," Terrell Moore
- 7:00 Hymn
- 7:05 Inspirational Music, Billy Orten
- 7:10 "Called to Care by Teaching," Richard Bridges
- 7:35 Hymn
- 7:40 Inspirational Music, Jack Gordon
- 7:45 "Called to Care in Forced Termination," Bruce Grubbs
- 8:15 Hymn Offering, Bill Blackburn
Election of Officers
Inspirational Music, Donn Wisdom
- 8:30 "Called by God," J. Robert White
- 8:55 Presentation of New Officers
- 9:00 Benediction, 1984-85 President

Monday Afternoon

- 1:30 Inspirational Music, Jack Gordon
- 1:40 Scripture and Prayer, Wayne Newby
- 1:45 Welcome and Introduction, John R. Christian
- 1:50 "Called to Care in Ohio," Terrell Moore
- 2:05 Hymn, Inspirational Music, Gary Carrier
- 2:10 "Called to Care Through the Local Church," Don Mathis
- 2:35 Hymn, Inspirational Music, Rolando A. Raganas
- 2:45 "Called to Care for the Family," James Jones

Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville November 12, 1984

- 1:30 Registration
- 2:00 "Religious Educators as Mission Educators," Leader: Robert Bingham, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 "New Dimensions in Media: BTN & ACTS," Leader: Mark Snowden, Media Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention
- 4:20 Business, Retreat Update & Announcements
- 6:30 KBREA Banquet with David Garrard

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personnel

Ronald M. Hinson resigned as pastor of Long Ridge Baptist Church, Owen County Association, Sept. 9, to assume the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Commerce, Ga.

Since the beginning of his ministry in June 1979, the church's membership increased by 50, the church's budget doubled and its missions giving tripled.

During his ministry at Long Ridge, Hinson was chairman of youth activities for Owen County Association and a member of the association's Sunday school Assist team.

Randy Winslett recently accepted the call to pastor Sparta Baptist Church, Owen County Association. A native of Kahatchie, Ala., he is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham. Currently he is a candidate for the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Jeffrey Allen Brown, a member of East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Bell Association, earned recognition for the Ambassador Service National Award in Royal Ambassadors.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown of Murray, Brown received the award for completing 750 hours of service in his church. The award is given as part of the Royal Ambassador Advancement plan.

A service award is given for each 150 hours of service a boy completes in his church. The national award is given to one who receives five service awards.

Robert Wilson, former pastor of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, was named church planter apprentice by the Home Mission Board during its September meeting.

Wilson, named along with his wife Alice, was also academic dean of Simmons Bible College in Louisville from 1982 until his appointment. He holds degrees from California Bible College, Riverside, Cal., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Gary Conner accepted the call to pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Winchester, Boone's Creek Association.

Timothy Bell began duties as pastor at Panther Creek Baptist Church, DaviessMcLean Association.

Frank DeClue assumed the pastorate of Advance Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, July 29.

Lewis F. Bloodworth accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

James E. Spaulding accepted the call to become director of missions of Daviess-McLean Association. He began duties Oct. 1 after the retirement of J. V. Case.

Arlo Sharp resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, in July, having served in the position four years and eight months.

Dean Robinson, pastor of Faith First Baptist Church, Pike Association, resigned Aug. 12.

Donald L. Cobb began pastoral ministries at Audobon Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association, June 13. A former Kentucky pastor, he re-

turns to the state from pastoring a church in West Virginia.

Robert Thompson resigned as pastor of Lola Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Sept. 16.

Ron Livingood accepted the call to begin duties as minister of music/youth at Greenview Baptist Church, Florence, Northern Kentucky Association. He is the son of Gene Livingood, pastor of Decoursey Baptist Church, Covington.

Tim Miller accepted the position of minister of youth at Springfield Baptist Church, Central Association. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

John R. Charles was called by Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, to pastor Rush Baptist Chapel. He is a student at Southern Seminary.

Charles E. Stewart is pastor of Rose Hill.

Dan King accepted the pastorate of Middleton Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association, Sept. 2. A native of Cynthiana, he has pastored churches in Gasper River, Simpson and Warren Associations.

Pat Elliott was called as assistant administrator of Rose Hill Christian School and associate pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

Gary Southard is administrator of the school.

Maurice Barnes celebrated 50 years of full time gospel ministry Sept. 23 at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Barnes was licensed to preach in 1934 by St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, and ordained in 1938. He married his wife Tillie in 1939.

He pastored 29 years in Kentucky churches and 11 years in Florida. For the past five and a half years he has been associate pastor of Clifton Baptist Church.

Robert O. Williams is pastor of Clifton.

Lynn Pat Robbins, director of missions for North Concord and Lynn Camp Associations, retired Sept. 30 after 20 years in his position.

Mrs. Ethel Alsobrook celebrated her 92nd birthday Sept. 23. She has been a member of Dyer Hill Baptist Church, Smithland, Ohio River Association, for 80 years, since 1904.

James H. Cox was recognized by Baptist Building staffers in Middletown in early September upon completion of 25 years of denominational journalism experience, including nine years with Western Recorder. He had earlier served 11 years with the Baptist Sunday School Board and five years with Belmont College.

A native of Pineville, Ky., Cox was a member of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla. when he dedicated his life to religious journalism in early 1959. His pastor then was Harold G. Sanders, who was later executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Wallis Gray, pastor of Beulah Hill Baptist Church, Caldwell/Lyon Association, for 11 years, has resigned his position there to begin pastoring another church in the association, Cedar Bluff Baptist Church. He begins his ministry there Oct. 7.

Paul House accepted the pastorate of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Nelson Association, and began his duties July 1.

Harold B. Kuhnle began his ministry as interim pastor of Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Sept. 9.

J. Thomas and Carolyn Kirk were appointed missionaries to Portugal by the Foreign Mission Board Sept. 11. Kirk has been pastor of Smiths Grove Baptist Church, Warren Association and holds an MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Kirk has worked as a teacher in Smiths Grove and Bowling Green.

Odell Colson has accepted the call to become pastor of New Providence Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Farrell Isenburg of Scottsville has been called to the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Lebanon, Central Association. He assumed his ministry duties Oct. 1. He leaves Liberty Baptist Church, Allen Association.

Lester Watson became interim pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio River Association.

Bobby Jackson is now pastor of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Fredonia, Ohio Valley Association. He assumed his duties Sept. 9, and was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 30.

Sam B. Smith, former pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, has accepted the pastorate of Faith First Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association.

Randy Hoskins began duties as pastor of Chevrolet Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

James F. "Pete" Baxter resigned Aug. 12 as pastor of Hellier Baptist Church, Pike Association.

Stephen Curtis Waddle was called to pastor Sandy Hook Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Jack Neighbors accepted the call as pastor of Fed's Creek Baptist Church, Steele, Pike Association.

Tommy Thomas became the new pastor of Martin Baptist Church, Enterprise Association. He came from First Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Va.

Lee Gore has been called to the pastorate of South Shore Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

David Mauny assumed duties as pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Lyndle J. Taylor was called as pastor of Marrowbone Baptist Church, Lookout, Pike Association. He moves from Beulah Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

Richard "Louie" Hart accepted the call of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, leaving Candle Ridge Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

ordinations

Herman Humphrey Jr. and Jeffrey L. Jenkins were ordained as deacons Sept. 9 by Kevil Baptist Church, West Union

Association. Elbert Lee James, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clay, delivered the ordination message.

J. Duane Holland is pastor of Kevil.

Maynard Mattingly was ordained as a deacon by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Anchorage, Long Run Association, Aug. 19.

Doug Miller was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 9 by Sinking Creek Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association. He is pastor of Camp Ground Baptist Church, London.

Lynn Dotson is pastor of Sinking Creek Baptist Church.

Tim Smothers, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Stanford, South District Association, was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 2 at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

J. W. Hall is pastor of Gethsemane.

Barry Stephens was ordained to the deaconate Sept. 30 at Nollynn Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Severns Valley Association.

David Hale, Steven Morgan and Steven Swift were ordained as deacons at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Sept. 23. Pastor Paul Welch delivered the ordination sermon.

deaths

Harlan Murray, retired pastor of Friendship Baptist Church No. 1 and Powder Mills Baptist Church in Lynn Association, died Sept. 17 in Louisville after a long illness. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Stanislav Svec, Prague, Czechoslovakia, died recently. He was a president of the Czechoslovakian Baptist Federation and the European Baptist Federation. He was a nominee for the vice presidency of the Baptist World Alliance, 1985-1990.

Campbellsville College conferred an honorary DD on Svec in May 1984.

Howard Partin, a professor in Cumberland College's Science Department, died Sept. 13. He served Lick Fork Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association, for the past 21 years.

congregations

Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Boone's Creek Association, burned the note on its Family Life Center.

Bethel Baptist Church, Gilbertsville, Blood River Association, will celebrate their homecoming Oct. 21. Special honoree during the celebration will be Mrs. Minnie Provine. She will be 100 years old.

First Baptist Church, Jenkins was officially received into affiliation with Pike Association July 10.

Gamaliel Baptist Church, Monroe Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a homecoming service, luncheon and afternoon service Oct. 7. Jerry W. Anderson is pastor.

Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, invites members, former members and friends to join their 97th anniversary celebration Oct. 14.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. followed by a special service. RSVP is

requested.

Steve Fox is interim pastor of the church.

Acton Baptist Church, formerly a mission of Campbellsville Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, constituted Sept. 9. L. M. Hamilton is pastor of Acton.

Crestview Hills Baptist Church became the 62nd church admitted into Northern Kentucky Association Sept. 10 during the association's annual meeting. Jerel Treas is pastor of Crestview Hills.

First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary with special morning and afternoon services Sept. 30. The church, organized in 1834, has a membership of 1159. Bob C. Jones is pastor.

Bronston Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, held a dedication service Sept. 16. The service commemorated the completion of a new education building, begun in 1981, the expansion of the sanctuary and the installation of a baptistry.

Funding for the expansion was aided through a grant from the Kentucky Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union and from the Kentucky Baptist Convention Small Church Loans.

Jewell Hail is pastor of Bronston.

Spottsville Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, recently celebrated its 131st anniversary.

Cash Creek Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association, celebrated its 120th anniversary with a week-long revival which began Sept. 29.

Scott Ford is pastor of the church.

Jeffersonville Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, observed its 25th anniversary with special services and dinner on the grounds. E. D. Houghton, first pastor of the church, preached the morning message.

J. Patrick Hash is pastor of Jeffersonville.

West Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will hold a diamond jubilee Sept. 20 to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Bill Amos, Plantation, Fla., will be guest speaker.

Larry Franklin Orange is pastor of West Broadway.

revivals

Erlanger Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, held an unusual weekend revival Sept. 14-16, a revival for the deaf. Carter Beardon, deaf specialist with the Home Mission Board, was special guest speaker.

Services began Friday evening with 75 in attendance. A breakfast and workshop on Saturday morning drew 40. Saturday evening's service had 175 deaf attend from Kentucky and Ohio.

The Sunday morning service was held for both deaf and hearing combined and all services were reverse interpreted for the hearing. Two professions of faith were made during the weekend.

Pastor Bill Crosby hopes to see the revival become an annual event in the church.

Buck Grove Baptist Church, Salem Association, held revival services Sept. 5-9 with David Aker, director of missions, Pulaski Association, as evangelist. Music was led by Tom Disney, music



Mr. and Mrs. Arnold

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson

Kentuckians named missionaries

Two couples with Kentucky ties were among 42 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Sept. 11. Another Kentucky couple was re-appointed.

William E. and LaVerne Arnold were reappointed to Nigeria, where he will be involved in business services and she will be a secretary. He is currently manager of insurance claims for General Electric Co., Louisville, and she is an executive secretary there.

The Arnolds were missionaries in Ghana for 11 years before resigning in 1967. They are members of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

Arnold holds a BA degree from Georgetown College and a BDiv and MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Mrs. Arnold, a native of Bowling Green, attended Georgetown College and Towson State University, Baltimore, Md. The Arnolds have three grown children.

Among the newly appointed missionaries commissioned Sept. 11 at Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. were Michael C. and Deborah Rogers, and David M. and Linda Jackson.

The Rogerses will work in Venezuela, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is currently pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Rogers considers Danville his hometown, and Lexington Avenue Baptist Church there his home church.

minister at Buck Grove and Bryan Faggart, minister of youth/music.

There were 24 decisions for Christ, including four for baptism.

Floyd D. Price is pastor.

missions

Christian County Association's youth committee combined to help the statewide Special Olympics softball tournament, Sept. 29-30. Seventy youth from 10 churches were provided breakfast for the 300 participants Saturday and Sunday at Second Baptist Church's activities center.

Mike Rose, chairman of the associational youth committee, coordinated the missions activity.

Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, began a mission congregation in the South Shore area. The church purchased land and a building for church services of Fellowship Baptist Chapel. A dedication service for the building was held Sept. 16. Pastor of Rose Hill, Charles Stewart, was dedication speaker.

James V. and Mary Brock Jr., Louisville, have been approved to go as mission office workers in Togo, West Africa for one year. They are members of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He is a graduate of Chaminade University of Honolulu (Hawaii) and holds an MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended Eastern Kentucky University.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Glasgow, and considers Danville her hometown. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Louisville.

The Rogerses have two children: Corey Michael, born in 1971; and Summer Lea, born in 1978.

The Jacksons will be missionaries to Senegal, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is currently pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Jackson has lived in Mt. Sterling and Somerset and considers Louisville his home town. He has been a member and a young adult coordinator at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

He holds a BA degree from Eastern Kentucky University and an MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Born in Shelbyville, Mrs. Jackson considers Louisville her home town and South Jefferson Baptist Church her home church.

She is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and has worked as a rehabilitation counselor in Hazard and Louisville.

The Jacksons have two children: Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1979; and Aaron Michael, born in 1981.

They have been in Togo previously, Brock as a journeyman and Mrs. Brock as a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Brent, missionaries to Kenya, have returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 30405, Nairobi, Kenya). He is a native of Campbellsville, Ky. and she is the former Dana Hutto of San Diego, Cal. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Walker Jr., missionaries to Japan, have a change of address (1-5-25 Fukuzumi 3-jo, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo 062, Japan). A native of Virginia, he was born in Lynchburg and considers Richmond his hometown. She is the former Cornelia Graham of Bowling Green, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

First Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, recently completed a mission project in York, Pa. They supplied the funds for the purchase of roofing materials for a mission church and sent a team of six men to build the new roof. Scott Kilgore, assistant pastor, was a team member.

Phil Henry, pastor of York Valley Chapel, along with several from the York congregation, helped the crew.

Bill Messer is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ashland.

baptist news in brief

Morgan requests reversal on clergy housing ruling

Southern Baptist Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan told a Senate subcommittee Congress should overturn a 1983 Internal Revenue Service decision to reverse its longstanding clergy housing policy.

During a Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management hearing, Morgan called the 1983 ruling by IRS (Rev. Rul. 83-3) "an erroneous interpretation of the tax law and an usurpation of legislative power by the IRS." That ruling reversed nearly 30 years of official IRS policy by denying ministers tax deductions for mortgage interest and real estate taxes to the extent these expenses were covered by a tax-exempt housing allowance.

The revenue ruling took effect at the end of June 1983, except for clergy who owned or had a contract to purchase their houses by Jan. 3, 1983. For those clergy, Congress has put off the effective date until Jan. 1, 1986.

Morgan and other pension board representatives told the panel chaired by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., the 1983 ruling contradicted congressional intent in establishing the clergy housing allowance provisions in 1954.

Between 1955-83, IRS interpreted the law to permit clergy to take mortgage interest and tax deductions in addition to the housing allowance exclusion. By its 1983 reversal of this policy, Morgan insisted, "the IRS has attempted to diminish the value of the housing allowance benefit available to clergy."

The pension board executive contended the 1983 ruling unfairly singled out clergy because it rejected the opinion of an IRS general counsel memorandum that no distinction should be made between clergy and military housing benefits.

Congress urged to extend charitable donation law

Citing increased charitable giving by lower income Americans, representatives of religious and other voluntary organizations urged a Senate panel to make permanent a 1981 tax change allowing taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to deduct charitable contributions.

Despite a significant drop in charitable contributions by upper-income taxpayers since 1981, witnesses told the Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management individual giving climbed 11.1 percent in 1983, a growth they attributed largely to the 1981 change giving "nonitemizers" charitable contribution deductions.

The 1981 law becomes fully effective in 1986, but expires at the end of 1986 unless extended or made permanent by Congress. It contained deduction caps of \$25 during 1982 and 1983 and \$75 for 1984. It permits deductions of 50 percent of charitable contributions in 1985 and 100 percent in 1986, subject to the same limits as itemized deductions.

baptist news in brief

Ziglar kin leads church opposing SBC resolution

Led by a nephew of Southern Baptist Convention first vice president Zig Ziglar, the First Baptist Church of Washington has repudiated unanimously an SBC resolution opposing ordination of women as pastors and deacons.

In June James W. Ziglar, an investment banker with a Wall Street firm in New York, proposed to the 900-member congregation an eight-month "disassociation" from the SBC to protest the resolution on women. The matter was referred to the church executive council.

Ziglar's motion would have withheld Cooperative Program gifts to the SBC from Oct. 1, 1984 to June 1, 1985. By the latter date the church would have decided whether to make the withdrawal permanent. The congregation is dually aligned with American Baptist Churches in the USA and the SBC.

But the church executive council, with Ziglar's approval, instead asked the church at its Sept. 19 business meeting to adopt a statement that "repudiates" the SBC resolution and "affirms the belief that we are one in Christ, and that this belief dictates that women should have equal access to pastoral functions and leadership roles entailing ordination."

Ziglar was among a group of First Baptist members who 15 years ago convinced the congregation to ordain its first women deacons. Ziglar's wife, Linda, was among the first group of women deacons in the congregation. The church also has ordained several women to the Christian ministry.

Workshops will focus on teaching the handicapped

As the gospel has been preached through the centuries, it has overcome barriers of race, geography, language and culture.

The Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is still working to overcome barriers to the

gospel—barriers caused by physical and mental handicaps.

The Sunday School Department is planning a series of workshops throughout the state to instruct pastors and Sunday school directors how to better minister to the needs of the handicapped.

Wally Miller, an associate director in the state Sunday School Department, said a series of workshops across the state in November and February will enlighten pastors and Sunday school directors on the special needs of handicapped people. These seminars will focus on three specific types of handicaps—hearing impairments, visual impairments and mental retardation.

The seminars will be held in Lexington, Nov. 19; Louisville, Nov. 20; and Barbourville, Nov. 27. The seminars will resume at Paducah, Feb. 18; Bowling Green, Feb. 19; and Owensboro, Feb. 25.

A special ministries task force, appointed by the Sunday School Department, has written a manual for church leaders to utilize in their ministry to the handicapped. The manual will also be used as a text in the upcoming seminars.

"We hope to make the pastors and Sunday school directors aware that these people (with handicaps) are in Kentucky and make them aware that these people love the Lord as well as anyone else," Miller explained.

After an initial awareness level is raised, Miller hopes the ministry can be expanded to people with other types of handicaps. Miller emphasized the goal

of the program is not to create separate classes for people with handicaps. "We feel these people have to be mainstreamed," he noted. "The only difference would be a person in the class who is trained to deal with a particular type of handicap."

Florida Baptist Witness associate editor resigns

Melvyn Mizelle, associate editor/manager of the Florida Baptist Witness, has resigned effective Sept. 30 to become marketing manager for Jim Tatum's Master Fashions, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Mizelle, a native of Tallahassee, has been on the staff of the Witness for 30 years. She has worked with every editor of the paper since it has been owned by the Florida Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Mizelle joined the staff of the Florida Baptist Convention as a secretary in the Sunday School Department in 1946. She moved to the Witness staff two years later after attending Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., and worked with editor Edward Soloman until his retirement in August 1949. Following Soloman's retirement, Guy Stracener was elected editor, and served until 1971.

In 1969, Mrs. Mizelle returned to Florida Baptist Convention staff in the Missions Division. She rejoined the Florida Baptist Witness staff in 1971 when Edgar Cooper became editor.

Fired pastor wins \$53,000 back pay

A West Virginia jury has told a church it must reinstate the pastor it fired in 1981 and pay him \$53,000.

James Gillespie was fired as pastor of Elkins (W. Va.) Southern Baptist Church in March 1981. He filed suit against the church and three individual members charging the action to dismiss him was illegal.

The first trial, in the summer of 1982, lasted two weeks and ended in a mistrial when the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

In ordering Gillespie's reinstatement and the \$53,000 in back salary and damages, the jury apparently accepted Gillespie's testimony instead of the testimony of two of the church's deacons. There were only three ordained deacons at the church at the time the meeting was called to dismiss Gillespie. The two deacons testified they were in agreement in calling the meeting—which constituted a majority.

Gillespie testified the two men had not been in agreement. The jury ruled in his favor.

Habritter said the case was without precedent in West Virginia. He could find no similar case involving a Baptist church or any church which operates as a congregational democracy.

The church is expected to appeal the verdict.

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baptist news in brief

Journalism internship goes to Pat Lynn Cole

Patrick Lynn Cole has been added to the staff of Western Recorder as a journalism intern.

Cole, 26, a native of Elizabethton, Tenn., is a candidate for the MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He earlier graduated from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, with a BS degree in mass communications.

Cole was a general assignment reporter with the Elizabethton Star from 1980-83. He later was a news writer and advertising manager at Southern Seminary. His career goal is Southern Baptist journalism-related, and he becomes the 33rd student in Western Recorder's journalism internship program with the seminary.



Cole

The committee, on the recommendation of its bylaws workgroup, approved three changes, declined to make three changes and will continue the study of two additional modifications to the basic document governing the operation of the 14.1 million member denomination. To become effective, any constitutional change must be adopted at two consecutive SBCs.

The Executive Committee approved a recommendation to define the length of service any trustee of any of the 20 national agencies may serve and will continue to study recommendations on the number of trustees on each of the agencies and the method of electing seminary boards.

Under SBC procedures, when a trustee resigns or otherwise becomes ineligible, a replacement is elected to the unexpired term. Under the process, trustees elected to fill an unexpired three-year term would be eligible for two full terms—a total of 11 years.

A change was recommended to the Executive Committee by the 1984 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees, which suggested a "maximum limit of eight years be placed on trustees, with exception that seminary trustees would be limited to 10 years."

Executive Committee members approved a recommendation to allow the bylaws workgroup to continue studying a proposal adopted at the 1983 annual meeting on the number of trustees serving on the various boards of the convention. Presently there are 930 trustees.

Another matter referred to further

study was a motion made at the 1984 annual meeting, requesting a study of whether any seminary trustees were elected by means other than by approval of messengers to an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dinner with Rosalynn, workshops cost \$65

Registration is under way for an Oct. 15-16 conference on "The Changing Roles of Women in Church and Society" at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The conference, sponsored by the seminary's Woman's Committee, will feature plenary sessions by authors Frank and Evelyn Stagg; Catherine Allen, associate executive director of Woman's Missionary Union; church historian Bill Leonard; psychology and sociology experts Sarah F. Anders and Andy Lester, and Rosalynn Carter, former First Lady and active churchwoman.

A highlight of the meeting will be a banquet Monday evening at which Mrs. Carter will be presented the first Distinguished Christian Woman Award by the Woman's Committee.

In addition, conference participants will choose from 14 workshops on various facets of the changing roles of women.

Registration, including a luncheon and the award dinner, is \$65. Checks should be made payable to Southern Seminary and mailed to The Woman's Committee, Office of Student Services, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

Proud of Clear Creek

Recently I was privileged to write the annual report of Clear Creek Baptist School which will be given at our annual convention in November. I really didn't realize how great this school is and how much we do to serve you and all Kentucky Baptists! It makes me proud of Clear Creek.

Clear Creek is the best school for the training of God's ministers in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. There is not another school anywhere with a faculty like ours—born again, committed, Baptist to the core and with many years of experience. Where else can you find men like H. Leo Eddleman, H. C. Chiles, Dudley Pomeroy, Robert Fitts and Leroy Peterson? These are men who have served for many years in the kingdom of our Lord and have accomplished so much for Christ.

Jackson R. Robertson served as an announcer on WHAS, has an earned law degree, is a graduate of Southern Seminary and served for more than 30 years as pastor in Alabama. Outstanding men like these make Clear Creek the premier school in the Southern Baptist Convention for training God called men for the ministry.

What God called preacher would not want to study under a Kentucky Baptist legend, pastor and writer for the Sunday School Lessons for Western Recorder for more than 34 years (H. C. Chiles).

Who would not want to sit at the feet of a pastor, missionary to Israel, Bible scholar and former president of Georgetown College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary? At Clear Creek we have the privilege of learning from H. Leo Eddleman daily.

Who could not benefit from studying with Dudley Pomeroy about pastoral work and pastoral care? If you want to learn about death threats, vile attacks and stress in the ministry, talk to him about his years at Newport in the 50's when it was known as "Vice City, U.S.A."

You could learn a lot about the Old Testament, archaeology and background of the Bible by studying with Robert Fitts. He has constructed a scale model of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus which you ought to see.

Yes I am proud of Clear Creek. I am proud of these men who share out of a wealth of experience with our students. I am proud of Leroy Peterson, who has served for more than 20 years as teacher, then dean and always a faithful servant of our Lord! You should be proud of Clear Creek too. As a Kentucky Baptist school, we belong to you!

SBC panel considers changes in trustee tenure

Eight changes to the constitution and bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention were considered during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

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Gone to glory

Bertha Johnson has gone to glory.

On bended knees I've seen her offer up her prayers, and sing of that time. She was a black woman. Raised in the deep south, she and her husband came to these eastern Kentucky mountains over 40 years ago. Old "Preacher" Johnson had already worked in the mines for 40 years when they came here. He was much older, but Bertha was the mainspring of the family. At her death at age 87 she was the matriarch of four generations.

Bertha was a woman of great character. She loved her Lord and served him all the days of her life. She taught all who knew her by the example of her life about Christian love that transcends the man made barriers of race and color and class and prejudice.

She worked hard until she was past 80. She cooked. She cleaned. She washed. She did it for her own family and for many white families. She never got paid much, but she worked like she was getting \$100 per hour.

Bertha was a pioneer. She had that spirit. She came to cook at Oneida in 1950, two years after Rev. and Mrs. D. Chester Sparks came as president and dean. Bertha labored here the remaining 12 years of their administration. She loved "Poppa" and "Mai Mai." At Mrs. Sparks funeral, Sparks suddenly interrupted by saying "Where's Bertha?" Spotting her near the back, he got up and went down the aisle and brought her to sit with the family on the front pew.

Yes, Bertha was "family" to several thousand Oneidians. We were proud to be her "chillun." She was the first black person most of us knew or had close contact with. In her Oneida years she labored about 15 hours daily. She would be in the kitchen at 4:30 a.m. and leave about 7:30 p.m. A special favorite was the boys morning milk crew she would feed at 5 a.m. with a few more biscuits and an extra helping of gravy. "She was a good old soul," Lexington businessman Doug Sizemore, OBI class of 1961, told the Lexington

Herald-Leader as they prepared a lengthy obituary of her life.

Yes, she had a sweet spirit reflected in a smile that charmed to her dying day. In her last months, her nurses delighted in combing her snow-white hair, polishing her nails, making over her for the reward of her smile. And how she would smile when I would kneel by her bedside with some Oneida boys she had never seen. "Good looking boys" she'd say. "I'll bet they could eat some of my biscuits!"

Through most of those years, there was one adult cook besides Bertha. The two cooks and our girls did it all, day after day, year after year. She got away once a week on Sunday night to visit with her family. She would be back by 4:30 a.m.

Late afternoon might find her slipping a snack to this or that child who had no nickel for a Coke or a candy bar. Or a girl might be crying from homesickness, and she would leave the stove for the pantry room where she would hug and rock the child and wipe away the tears. Seeing the ball team leaving in early evening for an "away" game, she might come with an apron full of apples to the bus.

She came back to every homecoming and special occasion for 16 years. Sometimes she sang. Or she would speak. She always lifted us up. Alumni asked about her when they wrote or visited.

In 1980 the churches of Booneville Association raised the money to build a stone prayer chapel for girls on our campus, and named it for Bertha, a woman of prayer.

When she died recently, her body lay in state in the large Melvin Davidson Chapel. It was so fitting. The Davidsons served here 40 years and were great friends with Bertha. Some of our campus family and local citizens, Ern and Lena Hatton, kept vigil all through the night. It was a triumphant farewell as our adult choir sang a special arrangement of "Nearer My God To Thee." The congregation, filling every pew and many rows of chairs besides, responded with "Amazing Grace." Then a responsive reading and Oneida trustee, Dennis Rush, pastor of Horse Creek as well as the black church of Lily Grove, which Bertha and her husband organized, prayed. Principal Oliver Hawkins preached one of his great messages. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven."

Bertha lived to see scores of black young people enrolled in her beloved Oneida, including seven of her great-grandchildren in recent years.



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We follow Christ

Luke 5:1-11 Early one morning Christ walked down to the beach, followed by a crowd eager to hear what he might say. On the beach were two fishing boats from which Peter, James and John had gone ashore to wash their nets. Christ stepped into Peter's boat and told him to thrust it out from the shore which he did readily. From it Christ preached to the crowds.

Christ told Peter to launch out into the deep water and let down his nets for a draught of fishes, a command that was contrary to all accepted rules of the craft.

Peter's reply: "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net," is one of the finest expressions of obedience to Christ ever recorded. It was obedience in spite of physical exhaustion, obedience in the midst of doubt.

Their prompt obedience was richly rewarded with a catch of fish which filled both of the boats to such an extent they were on the verge of sinking. From this incident we learn abundant success will crown the efforts of those who render implicit obedience to Christ. To "trust and obey" is the secret of a happy, successful and useful Christian life.

Amazed at the draught of fishes

which they had taken, Peter fell at the feet of Christ and cried: "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." His cry revealed that he had received a two-fold vision—first, of himself, his littleness and his unworthiness, and secondly, of Christ, who loomed more wondrous to him than ever before. His consciousness of sin and his contrition for sin qualified him for greater usefulness in the service of Christ.

Christ called these fishermen to his service and commissioned them to the same kind of work, but in another and higher realm. Instead of catching fish, thereafter they were to catch men for Christ, a far more worthy occupation. In response to his commission to the noblest work in the world, these men forsook all and followed Christ. They were a joy to Christ and a benediction to the world. We too should yield our lives to Christ to be used when, where and as he desires.

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Household of faith

Romans 12:9-18 Since Christ is our savior and Lord, our lives should be characterized by Christlikeness in our relationships with others in the home, the church and the social order. All Christians should be characterized by unfeigned and fervent love for others. Anything that savors of insincerity, pretense or hypocrisy is despicable in God's sight and should be abhorrent to his children. Those who have a real interest in and love for their fellow Christians prove it by what they do for them.

We are admonished to "abhor evil," which means to dread it, to despise it and to abstain from it. Also, we must cling tenaciously to that which is good. Let us manifest true Christian love by our antagonism to the wrong and our devotion to the right. Christian love is shown by an affectionate attitude, preference for others when honors are being bestowed, diligence instead of laziness, prayerfulness, interest in meeting the needs of others and hospitality.

Throughout this life Christians shall meet rebuffs, unpleasant circumstances and unkind criticism, but they do not have any right to seek vengeance when they have been mistreated. To yield to the temptation to get even with another is to lower self to the level of the one who has committed the injury. That method is the very opposite of the one which Christ exemplified and taught.



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on mission together

1983-84 Co-op: A mixed picture

The final count of \$14,574,185 in cooperative giving was a 5.3 percent increase over last year's total.

Nine hundred and thirteen churches (41 percent) increased their giving over the previous year by \$1,311,966.

One thousand three hundred and fourteen (59 percent) decreased their

contributions from the previous year by \$603,654.

If the churches which decreased had, instead, held at the same level as the previous year, the Cooperative Program total would have been \$14,177,839 rather than \$13,574,185.

Eighty-one churches contributed this year which did not last year; 64 churches which contributed last year, did not this year. This represents a net increase of 17 churches contributing through the Cooperative Program as compared to last year.

Sixteen associations (20 percent) contributed less this year than last.

Fourteen associations had 100 percent church participation in Co-op giving—up from last year.

Seven churches contributed more than \$100,000; 64 churches contributed over \$40,000.

The top 10 contributing churches (23,885 members) (3 percent of Ken-

tucky Baptists) contributed \$1,193,563 or 9 percent of the total.

First Baptist Church, Ashland, reflected the largest dollar increase—up from last year's \$53,3687 to \$92,066.

Three hundred and sixty churches (16 percent) contributed less than \$500; an additional 323 churches (14.5 percent) contributed nothing through the Co-op last year.

Kentucky Baptists moved strongly ahead this past year in the face of formidable economic pressures upon family and church.

In reading and rereading the statistical report; asking questions of pastors and directors of missions, one beautiful picture emerges:

When some of us are having a "down" year, others of us are picking up the slack and moving ahead. That kind of teamwork is undefeatable!

Look out 1984-1985, Kentucky Baptists are just warming up!

christian education

Cumberland College to start theater productions

After three years of inactivity the theater program at Cumberland College is being revitalized.

In the preliminary stages, the primary goal of the theater program is the renovation of the auditorium in the classroom building.

Plans for the auditorium center around creating a "comfortable, functional room in which we can present exciting and inviting events of all kinds, and an area which all departments on campus will want to use," according to program director John Urquhart.

An original play written by Urquhart and his students will be presented this semester. The production will combine docudrama, reader-theater and story-theater.

Three theater classes are being offered this semester. They are theater history, introduction to theater and speech. The possibility of expanding the curriculum is being researched but has not been discussed.

Urquhart brings to the campus a talent for children's theater. As founder of a company called Yellow Brick Road he earned national reputation for his contributions to educational theater.

Campbellsville exhibits pen and ink drawings

Cherry Winkle Moore is exhibiting pastel paintings and pen and ink drawings she has completed in the past year in the art gallery located in the fine arts center at Campbellsville College through Oct. 19.

Mrs. Moore, a self employed painter and printmaker, is the wife of Robert W. Moore, assistant professor of sociology at the college. She has also had several one-person shows and has exhibited often in state and regional shows.

Originally from Hamilton, Oh., she received a BFA from Miami University, Oxford, Oh. in 1969. She then went on Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where she studied until 1972. She has attended the Louisville School of Art and in 1976 was awarded a MFA degree in printmaking, painting and drawing from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

From 1977-80 she served as the artist-in-residence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Lexington.

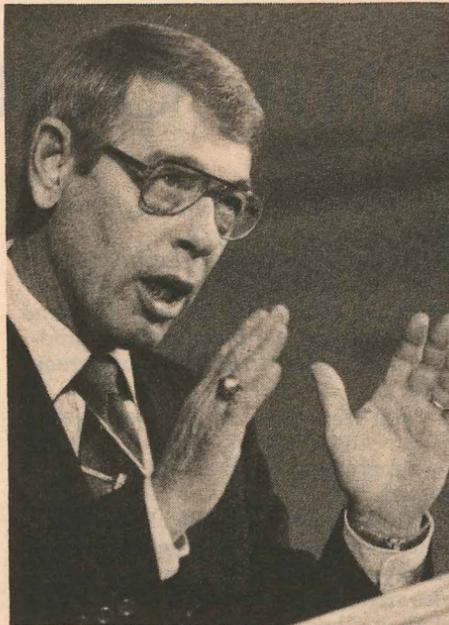
The exhibit will feature recent portraits of three Campbellsville residents: Jennie Stotts, recently retired secretary to the president of Campbellsville College; Anna Boone, recently retired associate professor of education at the college, and Karis Kennedy, an employe of Taylor County Hospital and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kennedy.

Capital fund campaign assisted at Georgetown

A group of 33 business, civic and church leaders in northern Kentucky's Kenton, Boone and Campbell counties have launched a \$300,000 campaign to assist Georgetown College in its \$6.5 million decade of progress capital campaign.

It is the college's first major capital fund campaign in more than a decade. To date the campaign has pushed well ahead of its basic \$4 million goal and is rolling toward the challenge \$6.5 million total.

According to Carlton, who has di-



Jack D. Sanford, editor of Western Recorder, addressed a recent chapel audience at Southern Seminary. Sanford urged students to "try to duplicate the actions and attitudes of Jesus" in their work as church leaders.

rected the campaign from its beginning, "We are less than a million dollars away from our challenge."

Carlton announced that Gordon Palmer, group executive of Litton Industrial Automation Systems and president of Litton Unit Handling Systems, has agreed to serve as chairman of the decade of progress campaign in northern Kentucky.

Palmer, a native of Flint, Mich., graduated from high school there before a four-year stint in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1957 with a BS degree in industrial engineering.

Marbeth Carmack named to Campbellsville staff

Marbeth Sue (Marby) Carmack, a native of Cincinnati, Oh., has been named an assistant director of admissions at Campbellsville College.

Miss Carmack, a graduate of Mt. Healthy (Oh.) High School, received a BS degree in music education from Cumberland College in 1977 and a MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982. She was named an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" in 1983.

Miss Carmack joins Marilyn Beard and Stephen White, both of whom are assistant directors of admissions.

Scholarship established for Scott Countians

Sandy and Myra Suffoletta of Suff's Furniture and Oriental Rugs in Georgetown have established the Suffoletta Scholarship Fund at Georgetown College.

The \$1000 scholarship, to be awarded annually, will be limited to outstanding graduates of Scott County High School.

Sandy Suffoletta, in making the announcement, said, "Myra and I want to encourage more Scott County graduates to attend college and help give them an opportunity to guarantee their futures. We also feel we are helping to support an exceptional faculty and staff at our alma mater, Georgetown College."

Sandy Suffoletta is a member of the Georgetown College Associates, a major support group now in its eighth year at the school.

Georgetown announces six new faculty additions for school year

Georgetown College announced six additions to the faculty for the 1984-85 school year. They include:

- George J. McGee Jr., assistant professor of communications arts. McGee comes to Georgetown from Palm Beach Atlantic College where he was chairman of the speech and communications department. He has appeared on NBC-TV in several roles and has directed a variety of theater and TV projects. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and Illinois Wesleyan University.

- Sue Crumpler, assistant professor of music. Dr. Crumpler earned her undergraduate degree from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and MME and doctoral degrees from Louisiana State University. She comes to Georgetown from the faculty of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

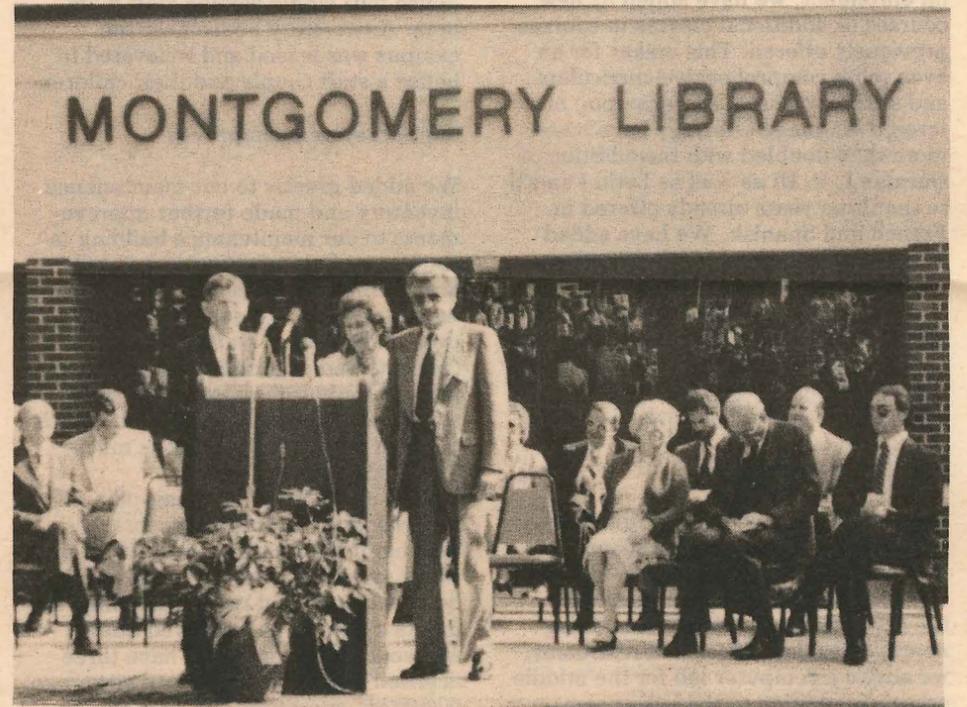
- Donna J. Guenther, assistant professor of music. Dr. Guenther joins the Georgetown faculty after teaching piano

at Hiram, Cuyahoga Community and Manchester colleges in Ohio. She is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Southern Illinois University and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

- Daniel H. Gaeddert, assistant professor of math/physics/computer science. Gaeddert comes to the science division of Georgetown College after teaching a year at McPherson College. He is a graduate of Bethel College and Wichita State University. He is a doctoral candidate at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

- Rosemary Anderson, instructor of English. She is a graduate of Hillsdale College and Vanderbilt University. She worked with the Shakespeare Association of America for the past four years.

- Mary Jane Evans, instructor in home economics. She is a graduate of Morehead State University. She worked in marketing before joining the Georgetown faculty.



A dedication service was recently held for the Montgomery Library at Campbellsville College. The library was named in honor of Edwin and Ovaleta Montgomery [r] who donated \$302,000 toward a recently completed, 11,140 square foot addition to the library. At the podium with the Montgomeries is Campbellsville president W. R. Davenport.

Minnie Pearl will speak at Campbellsville homecoming alumni banquet Nov. 16

Minnie Pearl, who hails from Grinder's Switch, Tenn., will be the alumni banquet speaker at homecoming Friday, Nov. 16, in the athletic center at Campbellsville College.

The alumni banquet is usually held in the dining hall Saturday night, but this year it will be held in the athletic center Friday night.

"We decided to change the format in order to allow more people to come. The athletic center will allow us to open the banquet to alumni, the community and to our students," said Virginia Flanagan, director of alumni and public relations who is the coordinator for homecoming.

The annual alumni luncheon, which will feature members from the classes of 1974, 1964, 1954, 1944, 1934 and the Golden Heritage Club will still be held Saturday.

Minnie Pearl's outrageously dated costume with her price tag dangling from her hat and her famous "HOW-DEE!" are trademarks of a performer who, after four decades of popularity in rural America, is now enjoying the applause of a new, wider audience.

Although she has followed a rigorous personal appearance schedule for years (27 years of one-night appearances from 1940 to 1967), she has cut down on the number of engagements she does. She is the only comedy star in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Minnie Pearl is a regular on "Hee Haw," a nationally syndicated television show and works the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville once a month or more. In the fall of 1980 the best selling chronicle of her life, titled "Minnie Pearl—An Autobiography," was published by Simon and Shuster.

Progress report from Oneida

by Barkley Moore
Oneida President

Oneida has 503 boys and girls enrolled, grades 6-12, with 446 living in our dorms and the remainder commuting, providing their own transportation. They are taught by 101 staff members, 83 of whom live in campus housing.

We had 75 graduates in our 1984 class. We had 193 students enrolled in our summer school. Hundreds attended weeklong camps and weekend retreats during the year.

For several years our enrollment has been approximately 500 students. Such a number is large enough to have a very strong academic, athletic, music, art and drama program. Yet it is small enough that we can still know and work with each one as individuals.

Improvements of curriculum

In the past two years while "holding" on enrollment, we have added 52 new courses or additional classes in courses previously offered. This makes for an even more comprehensive curriculum and smaller classes. For example, our foreign language offerings have been more than doubled with the addition of German I, II, III as well as Latin I and II to the three years already offered in French and Spanish. We have added many more business courses and have two full time business teachers.

Besides all state requirements, Oneida graduates are expected to have a year of Bible, a course in Appalachian studies, computer literacy and two years of a foreign language.

Middle school program

During the year we put the finishing touches on our new middle school building. We have classrooms for over 100 seventh and eighth graders with the sixth grade meeting in a building nearby. Besides offices and restrooms, we added a computer lab for the middle school in addition to the larger computer lab located in Russell Hall.

Having a separate building for the middle school gave that program much more of an identity of its own. Also, we added a principal for that level. The classes had competitions against each other in varying events. Our middle school participated in the countywide "spelling bee" and one of our boys won the county championship. Also we had a two-day science fair with each individual student making an exhibit to illustrate something he had researched himself or had learned about science. Near the end of the year we took all 165 students of the middle school to the Lexington Opera House for a special daytime ballet performance and a picnic on the way home.

Physical improvements

We enlarged our print shop 80 percent in area and added more equipment including a computerized typesetter.

We renovated and reopened our campus museum which is housed in a 140-year-old log cabin. Also we built a two-story addition on back of the cabin, which cannot be seen from the front, so the appearance of the cabin is unchanged. In the added space we have an area for making crafts and a gift shop which is open daily with the

museum.

During the year we totally reorganized our used-clothing program. We moved it to a five-room area called "Friendship House." There all the clothing is sized, priced and organized in differing departments. The volume is such that two full time workers are now necessary. We also added a two-story storage building nearby as well as attic storage above. The store provides many clothing needs for both staff and students. The remainder is sold at a low price per item and the income is added to our "Student Aid" fund.

Carnahan Store, our student store, was renovated. Shelving was nearly doubled and improved upon. The student bank is also housed there and two teller windows were added. Our students go there to get their allowances each day.

Two more specially built mobile homes were added for staff housing. A school owned building was renovated to house four single women staff members. A two-story house near the campus was leased and renovated to house a staff couple and their children.

Support systems improved

We added greatly to our maintenance inventory and made further improvements to our maintenance building including adding an office and storage area for our supervisor of the student work program. We doubled our full time maintenance staff and concentrated on working on an accumulated number of maintenance needs. Our physical plant has tripled in size in the past eight years. There is much more to maintain.

One of the major and long-planned and prepared for improvements was a tripling of the pumping capacity of our water system. A stronger pressure has been achieved and many other improvements make for an improved quality and volume of water. We have three licensed water treatment and sewerage treatment operators. All learned "on the job" here at Oneida.

Also we got new electric power poles through our campus and new and much thicker power lines to carry the greatly increased load needed to supply our greatly enlarged campus.

A major advance was getting ownership of our own natural gas well which supplies the main buildings of our campus making our heat bill much less.

During the year much of the campus has been reseeded. A lot of landscaping has been done and is continuing. We are preparing an area where we eventually plan to have an outdoor amphitheater and 12 nightly performances each summer of an outdoor drama relating to the founding of our school.

Ten acres of bottom land adjoining our athletic field was purchased as well as hillside land near our chapel and around our community cemetery which overlooks our campus.

Remodeling

The home economics department, the art department, some of our special help rooms, the two guidance offices, the dean's office and the principal's office were all air-conditioned before the start of summer school. All the academic areas in six different buildings are now air-conditioned. This is very

important because of our very active summer school program.

In Sparks Hall, our largest classroom area, the wornout carpet and tile beneath, as well as the hallways of Burns Hall, our girls dorm and largest building, were removed and all those areas retiled.

After 25 years of usage, we replaced all the wooden doors in Burns Hall with new metal doors and a new lock system.

We purchased \$12,000 of new lab equipment to add to our science department. Many improvements were also made in our art department including all new specially made drawing tables which can be adjusted as to height and angle, a new pottery wheel, and getting our kiln back in operation.

The music area was reorganized for more efficient usage. Also carpeted risers were added in that area. Nearly \$5000 worth of band instruments were donated to us and we purchased \$2000 more.

Athletic achievements

For the first time, Oneida won two state championships in a single season. The boys fencing team again won the state tournament. Our girls repeated their state championship fencing play of 1979 to again capture the trophy in 1984.

Oneida won the boys cross country regional championship for the first time. Our girls ranked third in their regional competition.

Our 1983-84 basketball season was excellent. We won more than two-thirds of our boys varsity games, and had an equally winning season with our girls. Our boys advanced into the regional tournament for the third year in a row. Our girls made the regional for the first time. Our boys varsity won three invitational championships including the "A" Classic played at Northern Kentucky University. Competing were the top 18 high schools in Kentucky, basketballwise, with 500 students or less enrolled.

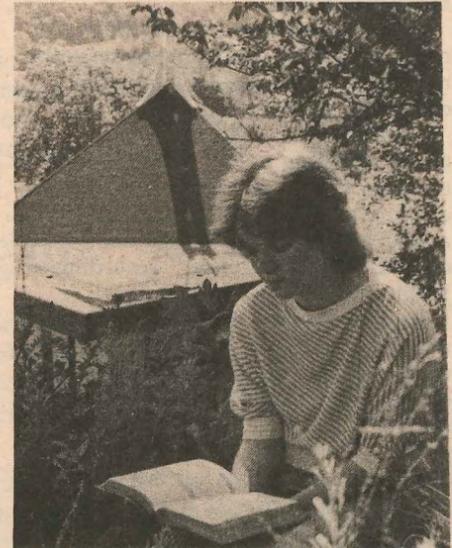
Our track team won many individual and team ribbons and trophies. Our swimming team also had an excellent year. Doing not quite as well, but still working hard, were our baseball and softball teams, tennis, wrestling, soccer and volleyball teams.

Our drama group won the regional championship for the fourth time in the past six years. Major performances included "A Man Called Peter," "The Tinker," "The Perfect Idiot," and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Burns Hall enlargement

Work is going rapidly forward on a one-story high 4500 square foot addition to Burns Hall. This extra space will provide for an enlarged dining room, an enlarged kitchen and dishwashing area, a bigger girls recreation area, and a 70-seat campus grill that will be open 15 hours daily.

A new \$30,000 sloping roof has been built to replace the flat roof in use for 25 years. The new roof is heavily insulated to help cool the building in summer and to help with the heating in winter. The new roof also enhances the appearance of this large building. An outdoor patio area will extend from the building toward the Bertha Johnson



An Oneida student reads her Bible on a hillside above the chapel.

Prayer Chapel. A brick retaining wall below the new addition and landscaping is adding much to the beauty of this area of our campus.

Spiritual victories

It is now necessary to have three worship services every Sunday morning to accommodate all of our students and staff in our Oneida Baptist Church home. Seven nights a week, the year round, there is a bedtime "prayer and praise" service in the church at 9:30 p.m. There is also the midweek 7 p.m. prayer service.

Chapel service is held daily at 10:30 a.m. every school day including each day of summer school. Every student and teacher attends this morning service held in the school's large Melvin Davidson Chapel.

If a student is with us but 24 hours, they have heard the gospel message at least once. Our campus is truly a mission field with students coming, the majority unsaved, from 28 states and 14 foreign countries. Oneida ministers to each and all in the spirit of Christ.

There are many we fail to win to the Lord. Yet Oneida Baptist Church ranks very near the top of Kentucky's churches in the number led to the Lord and baptized into the Oneida Baptist fellowship. There are no pressure tactics. Our approach is living Christ's love and proclaiming the good news of salvation by grace and faith.

There is an ongoing ministry of training and working with these new Christians to help them mature in the Christian walk and, ultimately, to prepare them for lives of Christian service. During the past summer Oneida students served in the states of Washington and West Virginia in summer missions. A number of our graduates were also serving in missions somewhere representing the colleges in which they are now enrolled.

Cooperative Program support

Through the Cooperative Program, our only assured lifeline of support, Oneida received approximately \$240,000 this past year. The Lord blessed and multiplied this amount and much has been accomplished. Total operating cost has been nearly two million dollars for the past 12 months. There are many and continuing dividends on your investment in Oneida's work. Only eternity will reveal the full measure.