



First lady from Plains urges gender equality

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Rosalynn Carter, the first lady from Plains, emphatically condemned a resolution passed by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention last June in a Louisville address Oct. 15.

"The time has come," said Mrs. Carter, "to move beyond resolutions. It's time to encourage all Americans—male and female—to develop their talents to the fullest, to become leaders based on merit, not on sex."

At this point, her audience of more than 650 persons interrupted her speech with lengthy applause.

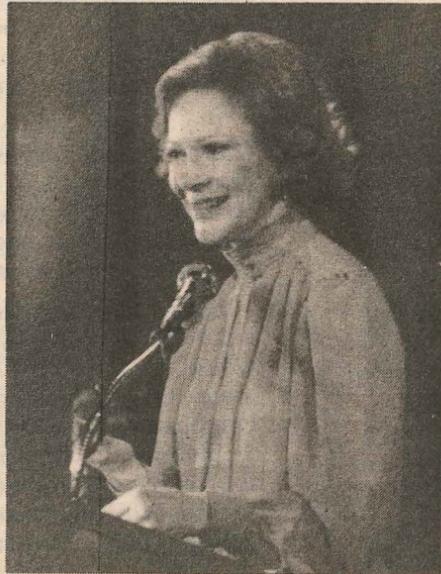
Mrs. Carter's address came at a banquet at which she received the first Distinguished Christian Woman Award of the Woman's Committee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The awards dinner was the highlight of a two-day conference on "The Changing Role of Women in Church and Society" sponsored jointly by the committee and the seminary itself.

"My faith has freed me, rather than enslaved me," Mrs. Carter observed. "I can do whatever I want under God if I'm willing to work for it."

"It's time for us to accept the fact we are all one in Jesus Christ. God's acceptance of us (as individuals) is already complete."

When a reporter later asked Mrs. Carter if she specifically avoided mentioning ordaining of women in her address and the SBC resolution against it, she replied that she had "already gone on record as very much opposed to the resolution" (in opposition to female ordination) passed in Kansas City last summer. She acknowledged that it was "time to get past resolutions" and to "recognize equality."

When specific questions were interjected into the discussion about the current presidential campaign, Mrs. Carter allowed that she would "have preferred" that separation of church and state issues had been omitted from the campaign, "but I am strongly for that separation." She said the intro-



A smiling Rosalynn Carter received the first Distinguished Christian Woman Award given by Southern Seminary's Woman's Committee last week in Louisville. [Photo by James H. Cox]

duction of certain religious elements into the campaign "is not good."

Asked to respond to President Reagan's statement during the recent televised Louisville debate that he was unable to attend church because of the inconvenience to other worshipers due to security precautions, she replied that the Carters attended church "every Sunday we were in Washington." There were "no objections from anyone," she said. "They made us feel welcome" and that it was "worth the trouble to have us" wherever they were, she allowed.

Mrs. Carter gave glimpses of the strong commitment to her faith during her Louisville address, declaring that her "greatest blessing" was that she was "raised in a Christian home."

She emphasized the influence her husband had been on helping her fulfill her Christian womanhood. "Jimmy has pushed me to explore every talent I possess," she affirmed.

As first lady, Rosalynn Carter was encouraged by the President, with as many opportunities as she had, "not to waste any." She emphasized that a first lady could manifest "a great deal of influence for good."

The award given Mrs. Carter in Louisville was, according to Patty P. Cox, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Committee, "for choosing to benefit humanity" by using her ability and influence to help mentally handicapped, aged, poor and broken people of society, for aiding the cause of women, for crusading for justice and world peace and for her devotion to her family and to Jesus Christ and the church.

Honored on the same platform was Anne Parrish Markham of Mayfield as Kentucky Baptist Woman of the Year.

At 79, Mrs. Markham was cited for a life of devotion to her church and her Lord, and is still active in First Baptist Church, Mayfield. A retired educator, she established libraries in Guatemala and Kenya, and is "always ready to help a sick library get well," according to Ida Lee Waddle, Woman's Committee president, who presented the award.

Convention calendar: there's plenty to satisfy every taste at Louisville

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention may be the principal attraction of KBC week each year, but it doesn't stand alone by any means. Immediately before it, as well as during the convention itself, a host of auxiliary groups will be meeting, eating and sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is a listing of these activities as reported to Western Recorder.

Monday, Nov. 12

11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Officers' Luncheon, Jim Porter's Steak House, 2345 Lexington Rd.

12:30 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Music Association, Alumni Chapel, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal, Alumni Chapel, Southern Seminary

1 p.m. KBC Executive Board, Room 312, Walnut Street Baptist Church, 220 W. St. Catherine St.

1 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Chapel, Walnut Street Baptist Church

1:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church

1:30 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Walnut Street Baptist Church

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association, Alumni Chapel, Southern Seminary

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Walnut Street Baptist Church

5 p.m. Committee on Nominations Dinner Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 320 W. Jefferson St.

5 p.m. Western Recorder KBC Press Team Dinner, Masterson's Food & Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

5:30 p.m. Directors of Missions Fellowship Dinner, Spring Meadows Baptist Children's Home, 10901 Shelbyville Rd.

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Banquet, Mullins Hall, Southern Seminary

6:25 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Banquet, Fellowship Hall, Walnut Street Baptist Church

8 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Evening Concert, Alumni Chapel, Southern Seminary

Tuesday, Nov. 13

8 a.m. Committee on Arrangements Breakfast, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 320 W. Jefferson St.

9:15 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church, 220 W. St. Catherine St. Other sessions of the convention as follows: Nov. 13, 1:45 and 6:45 p.m.; Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m., 2 and 6:45 p.m.; Nov. 15, 9 a.m.

12:15 p.m. Annuitants' Luncheon, Dining Room, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12:30 p.m. Women in Ministry Luncheon, Masterson's Food & Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St. Note: Advance reservations required. Mail check for \$6.50 per plate by Nov. 5 to Reba Cobb, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206. Speaker: Linda M. Bridges, former missionary to Taiwan; PhD candidate, Southern Seminary.

5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society Dinner, Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway

5:30 p.m. Ministers' Wives Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave. This event will depart from Walnut Street Baptist Church by bus at 4:15 p.m., stopping by the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Honeycutt for appetizers before arriving at St. Matthews Baptist Church. It is open to wives of all church and denominational staff professionals. Note: Advance reservations required. Mail check for \$4.50 per plate by Nov. 10 to Mrs. Jennye Bennett, 1478 Cherokee Rd., Louisville, KY 40204.

9 p.m. Reception for Delores Gilliland and Jack D. Sanford, Fellowship Hall, Walnut Street Baptist Church

Wednesday, Nov. 14

7 a.m. Campbellsville College Breakfast, Masterson's Food & Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

7:30 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist School Breakfast, Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5708 Preston Hwy.

7:30 a.m. Cumberland College Breakfast, Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway

7:30 a.m. Georgetown College Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12 noon. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5717 Preston Hwy.

12 noon. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12 noon. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon, Treyton Oaks Tower, 1129 S. 3rd St.

12:15 p.m. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon, Louisville Room, Masterson's Food & Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

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Kentucky lottery

Three times the issue of a lottery in Kentucky has failed to win approval in the legislature. That does not mean the fight is over nor that the battle is won. Count on it, renewed efforts to legalize a lottery in Kentucky will be pressed in the next gathering of the Kentucky legislature.

The general appeal made by lottery supporters suggests it is a form of pleasant recreation which produces vast amounts of money for state government without hurting anyone. Other arguments put forward in favor of lotteries are that revenue is produced painlessly and legalized gambling gives official control to what people will do anyway.

Such reasoning is pure fantasy and lies in the face of truth, truth developed in practice by states which have legalized lotteries. The argument that no one is hurt is proved false in every state where lotteries now function under protection of law. One example is typical of what is true in every instance. In the June 1979 issue of Parade magazine, Atlantic City, N. J. mayor Joseph Lazarow reported that gambling had "run up real estate costs until the poor and aged had their rents doubled, tripled and even quadrupled." Many studies indicate that for every dollar collected in gambling taxes, at least \$10 are spent fighting problems related to gambling: prostitution, bad checks, police corruption.

In an address delivered to the New Mexico legislature, Chester O'Brien, former executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, stated three reasons to oppose state lottery: (1) it erodes the traditional American work ethic by promoting the false idea of "something for nothing"; (2) it creates an atmosphere in which criminal elements of society may function more easily; (3) it is not a large revenue producing source as advertised. In fact not more than two percent of a state's revenue needs are met through lottery receipts, and the headaches and administrative problems are hardly worth the small income.

The best argument for Baptists to oppose a lottery has been stated by Erwin L. McDonald, editor emeritus of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. In discussing a lottery in Arkansas, McDonald declared "It is motivated by a desire to enrich oneself by impoverishing others. It is a form of selfishness and idolatry that worships at the throne of the goddess of luck, not at the throne of the heavenly father."

There is a prohibition against lotteries in the constitution of Kentucky. Be prepared for yet another attempt to change the constitution. It is coming and every person in Kentucky will be touched by the issue. In the name of Christlikeness, Baptists must stand united against a lottery for our state regardless of the persuasive arguments put forth for its acceptance. We have biblical justification for no other position.



Jack D. Sanford

Encouraging youth

On Page 8 of this issue of Western Recorder you will find what we consider an exciting experiment for our

Baptist young people. Western Recorder is sponsoring a Youth Writing Competition to encourage young people from churches to express their feelings of faith so that all our people may share their experiences.

We believe there are many young people in every church in Kentucky who have had deeply moving experiences of faith. We believe all of us would profit if some of those experiences are shared with the Baptist family throughout the state. Western Recorder wants to do just that, and we ask your help.

Encourage the young people in your church to consider this opportunity to speak to a large audience. We would like to receive entries from every section of the state and publish work by youth from large and small churches. Your encouragement of your own people would be an affirmation for them and a help to us. Read the announcement we have made, and let us join together to honor young Christians by publishing the good life many of them are following every day.

Honoring a faithful servant

Bob Hickman is an exceptional man by any standard of measurement. And the Florence Baptist Church has taken note of this fact by having a special day of recognition for this good man.

Twenty-five years ago Hickman went to Florence to be minister of music and education. He has stayed by the task, with the same church for a quarter century. Not too many ministers stay with the same congregation for such a long time, and for someone other than the pastor to achieve such a commendable record is rare indeed. But such is the case of this man with whom I had the honor of working for more than seven years.

In the years I was pastor at Florence, Hickman could always be counted on to do the right thing in the right way. The most outstanding quality of this man's life is his Christlikeness. He is a competent minister, a well trained musician and a solid churchman. But his most remarkable character trait is his willingness to go the second mile, and that to me is what it means to be a Christian.

Scattered all over Kentucky are faithful ministers who serve the churches in roles often taken for granted. Ministers of education, music, youth and the growing number of specialists in administration, children's work and recreation are not often honored by the churches they serve. I do not hear any of them complaining, but I know some of them have been a long time at the task and would be greatly encouraged if once in a while the church would note their work by some act of generosity.

Florence Baptist Church has given Hickman and his faithful wife, Wanda, a trip to the Holy Land as a mark of affection and vote of affirmation for his years of service. I salute this church and this brother in the Lord's work, and call on all our churches to at least notice those who serve day by day. They are the best resources we have for carrying out the commission the Lord has given all of us.

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baptist news in brief

Mrs. H. H. Hobbs dies in Oklahoma City

Francis J. Hobbs, wife of Herschel H. Hobbs, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died at her home in Oklahoma City Sept. 27.

Mrs. Hobbs, a native of Alabama, was a graduate of Howard College (now Samford University). She married Hobbs in 1927. They had one son, Jerry M. Hobbs, Houston.

Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was president of the SBC 1962-63. He was chairman of the committee which wrote the Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the convention in 1963. Hobbs also was a former preacher for the Baptist Hour.

Henry County Association affirms women's ministry

In the annual meeting Oct. 13 of the Henry County Baptist Association, composed of 14 churches in a rural area, a resolution affirming women in ministry was adopted.

Mikeal Parsons, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Castle, Ky., said, "The resolution is not intended to be polemical, but rather a positive statement about our faith in the ability of God to call Spirit-filled persons to serve our churches as ministers and deacons, and our unswerving commitment to the competency of our local congregations to call out the called."

Following is the text of the resolution:

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the biblical witness testifies to the significance of the role of women in the history of Israel and the early church; e.g., in the Old Testament, her role in ministry is present in such activities as prophetess, queen, psalmist, and judge; in the New Testament we find the birth of our Lord proclaimed not only by Simeon, but also the prophetess Anna; Jesus during his ministry offered redeeming and affirming support of women throughout the gospels; women disciples stood faithfully by Jesus, being last at the cross and first at the tomb; John's gospel reports that it was a woman who first taught the apostles the Lord had risen; Paul was taught the way of God more clearly by Aquila and Priscilla; Paul commended Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchræe;

WHEREAS, our heritage as Baptists in a free church tradition has affirmed the role of women across the centuries, e.g., as early as the 17th and 18th centuries, Baptist churches in England were regularly ordaining women as deacons. Women have served in some Southern Baptist churches as ordained deacons for more than 20 years; and women have played crucial roles working for God's kingdom in a Southern Baptist context as missionaries, ministers, musicians, educators, Sunday school teachers, evangelists, as well as through the WMU; and furthermore women have fulfilled an especially important task in the history of Henry County Baptists;

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the whole of biblical theology, the New Testament pattern of church government, and historic Baptist polity, to leave decisions regarding the calling and ordination of ministers and lay persons to the local church;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED in light of the biblical, historical, and theological evidence cited above, that Henry County Baptists meeting in annual session 1984 affirm the various tasks of women to which God has called them,

and affirm their right to exercise in the church those gifts which the Holy Spirit has distributed among them;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we as Henry County Baptists, reaffirm the autonomy of each local church to call and ordain whomever the Spirit of God may lead them to select, thereby fulfilling that great biblical truth, "there is neither male nor female, for all are one in Christ" (Gal. 3:28).

Clergy housing resolution put off until next congress

Resolution of the two-year controversy surrounding tax treatment of clergy and military housing was passed on to the 99th Congress when the 98th Congress adjourned Oct. 12 without agreeing to a solution. Congressmen and senators entered the debate after an early 1983 Internal Revenue Service ruling reversed a nearly 30-year policy of allowing clergy to take normal mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions in addition to any tax-exempt housing allowance they received.

As speculation mounted IRS might issue a similar ruling in the case of military personnel who also receive tax-exempt housing allowances, several proposals were introduced on both sides of Capitol Hill to prevent implementation of such rulings for military personnel and clergy.

In the end, Congress managed to delay until 1986 implementation of the 1983 ruling for clergy who owned or had a contract to purchase their residences as of Jan. 3, 1983. Also, in the final hours of the just completed session, the Senate approved a non-binding resolution expressing its sense that IRS should issue no similar ruling in the case of military housing.

Baylor president raps 'college of cardinals'

Baylor University president Herbert H. Reynolds described the leading fundamentalists within the Southern Baptist Convention as a "little Baptist 'college of cardinals'."

His denouncement is printed in the September issue of Baylor Line, the university's alumni magazine, sent to 46,000 alumni in the United States and abroad.

"What has slowly evolved over the last four or five years is a little Baptist 'college of cardinals,' a group of eight or 10 people who come together, make some decisions and set about making authoritative-sounding pronouncements, leading people to believe they are the spokesmen for our denomination—and they have no right to do that," Reynolds said.

"This is why I have made the statement on several occasions that we now have a priestly class among us who feels that somehow they are endowed with special wisdom and special authority, when, in fact, they possess neither."

Reynolds has been at the center of an attack by newly elected SBC first vice president Zig Ziglar, who questioned the orthodoxy of several members of the Baylor faculty. Ziglar particularly singled out an associate professor of Spanish who is a Mormon and a religion professor who has contended evolution is not necessarily compatible with the Genesis account of creation. The controversy made headlines nationwide.

Of the 300 plus letters and 150-200 calls Reynolds has received since the

controversy began only one was negative, he reported to the alumni.

Single hearted church designed for unmarried

God never intended for the word "single" to mean left out, said Don E. Lane, founding pastor of the Single Hearted Church. But Lane has found churches often unwittingly cater to families, while single members of congregations are left to fend for themselves. Lane hopes to remedy this saga of neglect with the Sept. 2 opening of the Single Hearted Church, Anchorage, Alaska's first church designed specifically with singles in mind.

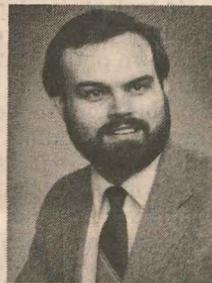
Lane, 32, who until four weeks ago worked as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Caddo Mills, Tex., said the new church also will offer singles the chance to participate in weekly Bible study, group fellowships, choirs and dramas. Besides a pastor, the church will have its own music director, choir and ushers, Lane stated.

KBC staffer Mike King accepts Virginia call

Michael E. (Mike) King, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training and Special Ministries Department since 1978, has resigned effective Nov. 15.

King, 31, has been called by Fredricksburg (Va.) Baptist Church as associate pastor, with principal responsibilities in church administration.

A native of Franklin, Ky., he holds a



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Cornerstones

The other day we laid a cornerstone.

It had great symbolic significance for all of us in the Campbellsville College family. We had gathered to dedicate a wonderful new facility as the storehouse of knowledge and the learning center of the campus. It was our new library building.

Trustee chairman Henry Huff, widely recognized as a leader among Baptists, presided over the ceremonial placing of the cornerstone for our new Montgomery Library. In doing so, he reminded us of the significance of both the physical stone for the building's corner and the spiritual stone for the building of life.

Historically, the cornerstone of a building had great structural significance. It was an integral part of a proper foundational structure. Without it, the building would not long stand.

Today's buildings are no longer

BS degree in administrative services from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. In 1977 he earned the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has also done additional study at Bellarmine College, Louisville.

From 1976-77 King was minister of education at Louisville's Ralph Avenue Baptist Church. Earlier he served in staff positions at Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, and Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Married to the former Susan Callis of Henry County, King is the father of two sons, B. J., 5, and Greg, 2.

SBC churches prepare for 8.5 by 85 close

"The mission for every New Testament church is the same now as it was in the first century," Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board told worshippers at Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., during an Oct. 7 commitment service.

The church was one of several throughout the Southern Baptist Convention holding a commitment service emphasizing the Reach 5 in '85 Sunday school growth program.

The goal is to have 8.5 million persons enrolled in Sunday school by Sept. 30, 1985. Southern Baptist churches must enroll more than 50,000 this year to meet that goal.

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky., plans for persons signing commitment cards to keep the cards and write the names and phone numbers of those they have reached on the back of the cards, said Bill Ray, associate pastor. The 203-year-old church has set both an enrollment goal and an attendance goal for the year, hoping to enroll one person in Sunday school for each day of the year.

structured so that a properly placed cornerstone is essential for strength and durability. For the most part, cornerstones are symbols and their placings are largely ceremonial.

However, Jesus remains the chief cornerstone for life. Any "builder" who rejects him leaves his "building" in jeopardy. For some, he still becomes a "rock of offense" and a "stone of stumbling."

At Campbellsville College we want him to be our foundation, both symbolically and structurally. No student can be truly educated without a knowledge of the Bible. No person can be complete without Jesus. Col. 2:10 reminds us so pointedly of our incompleteness without him. At Campbellsville College we structure our curriculum and our activities to move our learners toward such completeness in learning and living.

We seek to help students lay the cornerstone properly in the building of life.

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homes for children

Making a difference

On Nov. 6 the citizens of these United States of America will go to the polls and elect a President. There are many things you and I feel are not right in our nation, yet it is wonderful that we live in a land of democracy and freedom. We can worship unmolested and we have a voice in who our government leaders are by way of the ballot box.

This is a land where every citizen who is at least 18 years old may register and vote. Unfortunately, many citizens do not register and great numbers who are registered do not take the time and trouble to go to the polls and vote. One of the major reasons many non-voters give for not voting is they feel their one vote does not matter and will not make any difference.

The September 1984 issue of Readers' Digest carried a "point to ponder" which graphically illustrates the fact that each one of us can make a difference. It was one of those times when the tide had washed in a tremendous number of starfish and left them stranded on the beach. An old man walked the beach at dawn and noticed a boy ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the ocean. Catching up with the youth, he asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish," the man said. "How can your effort make a any difference?"

The boy looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it safely into the ocean. "It makes a difference for that one," the youth said.

Likewise, your vote is important and does make a difference. Baptist Homes for Children receives gifts both large and small to support this significant ministry. Often one will write that their gift is so small they hope it will help. Of course, it helps! Every dollar helps and every gift is significant. When even small gifts are many, they equal much. Your gift does make a difference.

With so many children needing care today, we are often overwhelmed by the needs. We are unable to meet all the needs or care for every child who needs us. It would be easy to say, "How can our effort make any difference?" But when we know each child is created in the image of God and is someone important with great potential, then what we do makes a difference for each child to whom we minister. Thanks for helping us make a difference in the lives of children, one at a time.

SBC official testifies to gambling's menace

State-operated lotteries involve government in an activity that is inherently a contradiction of its constitutional responsibility to "promote the general welfare" of its citizens, a Southern Baptist expert on gambling told a U. S. Senate subcommittee in oversight hearings.

Larry Braidfoot of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission was one of eight expert witnesses to testify before the subcommittee on intergovernmental relations of the Senate committee on governmental affairs.

Others presenting testimony included Martin Puncke, director of the Maryland lottery, and Daniel Bower, president of Scientific Games, an Atlanta-based corporation which has spent more than \$1 million promoting lottery elections in California, Oregon, Missouri and West Virginia.

Braidfoot told the lawmakers research has convinced him the lottery issue represents "a moral choice about the role of government" that is much broader than the particular moral persuasion of any religious group.

He took particular aim at Bower and Scientific Games, frequently utilizing their own public statements and research. In response to Bower's claim that objections to lotteries are based on "myths," Braidfoot argued the lottery constitutes a regressive source of taxation which exploits the poor and ethnic minorities, does not reduce illegal gambling and contributes to the growth of problem gamblers.

Stanley, others linked to anti-Democrat panel

The founder of a conservative, interdenominational political campaign says persons who question the religious organization's claims to nonpartisanship are "unfair."

Despite mounting evidence of ties to the Reagan administration, Tim LaHaye, chairman of the American Coalition for Traditional Values, insists "the real issue" is not partisanship but the conflicting values of Christianity and "secular humanism."

ACTV claims to represent more than 45 million Christians who want "to restore traditional moral and spiritual values" to America. Several prominent Southern Baptists—including the current president and two former presidents of the SBC—are on the organization's executive board.

"We get rapped for being partisan, but it's hard to promote Democrats because there are so few who aggressively promote what we are for," LaHaye

said. "It's not a partisan thing; it's ideological." The organization's political agenda includes numerous links to the Reagan administration: ACTV's organizational meeting of the board of governors in July featured an appearance by President Reagan.

Several members of the executive board, such as Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell, have publicly supported Reagan's reelection. Charles Stanley also has said publicly he supports Reagan's reelection bid. Other members have given thinly veiled endorsements.

Kentucky meets goal of 25 new Sunday schools

Southern Baptists started 1151 Sunday schools during the 1983-84 church year ending Sept. 30 topping the goal of 1000 starts for the eighth consecutive year.

More than 300 of the new Sunday schools were in Texas and more than 100 were in Florida. Texas Southern Baptists surpassed a goal of 200 with 310. Florida, with a second highest number of new Sunday schools fell short of its goal of 110 by two.

Ten state conventions in addition to Texas met their goals for the year. They were Arizona, 49 new Sunday schools (with a goal of 30); Nevada, 33 (goal of 17); Alaska, meeting a goal of 30; Louisiana, 29 (goal of 25); Oklahoma, 6 (goal of 25); Kentucky, meeting a goal of 25; Utah/Idaho, 20 (goal of 21); Kansas/Nebraska, 19 (goal of 11); Minnesota met a goal of 12; and New England, 12 (goal of 8).

Although not meeting the goal of 100, California Southern Baptists started 77 new Sunday schools during the year.

James Robison cuts ties with Draper's church

Chafing under what he describes as constant discussion of his ministry by the staff and made to feel "I must sit there and be quiet or I might be misunderstood," evangelist James Robison said he will move his membership from First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., to Lake Country Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, where he will be involved in the new satellite ministry of the church planned for northeast Tarrant County.

The controversial evangelist, whose ministry has shifted in the last two years to an increased emphasis on healing, deliverance from demons and spiritual gifts, told the Baptist Standard, newjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, he would join the Lake Country Church sometime in October.

The new ministry will begin Oct. 14 in a Hurst school building. Robison said he had intended to join on that day but

will be in Denver. His family will join, however, he said, "and I will join this month even if I have to do it by proxy."

Lake Country Church, also a Southern Baptist congregation, is led by pastor Jim Hylton with whom Robison is now associated, along with Dudley Hall in a seminar ministry. Hall also will join the new satellite church, Robison said.

Robison's status in the Euless church has been the subject of much discussion over the past two years as his ministry has taken on characteristics not traditional by Southern Baptist standards. During much of that time the Euless pastor, James T. Draper Jr., was president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "I think it will be a good thing," Draper said, noting some of his members may follow Robison. "Those who want that kind of option (Robison's emphases) will have it. I think it will give people a place to go and those who have been unhappy in the fellowship of our churches will stop being unhappy and go somewhere where they can be happy."

Draper said he didn't expect to lose many members, but added it could be "50 to several hundred." The Euless church has a membership of about 7000 and averages more than 2500 in Sunday school.

The Euless pastor said, "I just told James I cannot support him anymore or stand with him, particularly on his approach to the condemnation of local churches and pastors."

Regarding Robison and his charismatic emphases, the former SBC president said that while the evangelist doctrinally "would not be that different from most of us," his emphases now are "not typically Southern Baptist."

Robison said he resents any attempt to "pull creedalism on me" and resents contentions that Southern Baptists do not believe in miracles today, that spiritual gifts do not apply as they did in New Testament times or that anyone who speaks in tongues has been "satanically deceived."

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HMB names national prayer line director

Phillip Eugene Bruce of Conyers, Ga. has been named national director of the Baptist Home Mission Board's intercessory prayer line ministry.

Before coming to this position Bruce was a youth director at Robinhood Road Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. Bruce will head the prayer line ministry as a Mission Service Corps volunteer. The 1983 graduate of Southeastern Baptist Forest, N. C., also worked as a home missionary during the summers of 1981-83.

The "prayer line" is a national incoming WATS telephone line which enables Baptists to call the HMB toll free to learn of home mission needs and requests for prayer, and for missionaries of the board to call to request prayer for their work and concerns.

Summer work available at Ridgecrest, Glorieta

Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist conference centers are accepting applications for employment on 1985 summer staffs.

According to George Boswell, Ridgecrest personnel services coordinator, applicants for the Ridgecrest staff must be between 18 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 27 through Aug. 24, with the possibility of working through Labor Day.

At Glorieta, applicants must be between 17 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 26 through Aug. 18 with the possibility of working through Labor Day, according to Rusty Fulks, personnel services coordinator.

Available positions at both conference centers include food service, day camp, preschool, recreation, house-keeping, registration, business offices and auditorium and conference room operations.

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center,

Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770; or to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535-0008.

Former cable TV exec joins ACTS network

William Karnes, a 30-year veteran of the cable TV industry, has joined the Radio and Television Commission as national cable relations manager for the American Christian Television System.

Karnes is former president of Sammons Communications, the 13th largest cable TV corporation in the nation. After leaving Sammons in 1973 Karnes was a private consultant to cable TV companies, most recently as president of Karnath Corporation of Dallas.

Since February Karnes has worked with ACTS as a Mission Service Corps volunteer. In the permanent position of cable relations manager he will negotiate affiliate contracts with major cable TV corporations to carry ACTS on their local systems. He also will work directly with local cable TV systems in major metropolitan areas.

Maroney, Faulkner named to new FMB posts

The Foreign Mission Board has named Jimmy Maroney its new senior evangelism consultant and missionary John Faulkner associate director for eastern and southern Africa.

Maroney will replace Ervin Haste as senior consultant for evangelism and church growth when Haste retires Jan. 4. Faulkner, missionary to Zimbabwe, will replace Maroney.

Haste and his wife, the former Ruth Tyson of Buffalo, Okla., were missionaries to Mexico 22 years and to Panama three years before he joined the Foreign Mission Board staff in 1977.

Before going to Richmond, Maroney was a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, where he was director of the Baptist Center for Urban Studies. He also has been a missionary to Ghana and Ethiopia and a journeyman in Ghana.

Virginia student leader dead of heart attack

William P. Bonner, 51, director of the department of campus ministry for the Virginia Baptist General Board, died Oct. 6 after suffering a heart attack.

In 1969 Bonner became associate in the Virginia Baptist General Board department of campus ministry and was promoted to director Oct. 1, 1976.

Survivors include Bonner's wife, Shirley Schmidt Bonner, a son, W. Peyton Bonner Jr., 17; a daughter, Beth Lynn Bonner, 14; his mother, Mrs. Andy L. Bonner of Woodberry, Ga.; two sisters and a brother.

Missions, not theology, unifies SBC, panel says

Attempts to enforce a uniform theology on Southern Baptists will lead only to a weakening of Bold Mission Thrust, according to a panel of Baptist educators.

Speaking at a packed Alumni Chapel audience at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, four Southern Seminary professors—Bill Leonard, Ken Chafin, Larry McSwain and president Roy L. Honeycutt—joined Glenn Hilburn, chairman of the department of religion at Baylor University, in a forum on the future of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

McSwain, professor of church and community, believes the current struggle will inevitably weaken the denomination and result in damage to Bold Mission Thrust, the convention's plan to communicate the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000.

"What really faces us is the fate that every other denomination in American has fought. It isn't liberalism or fundamentalism that destroyed them, but the conflict between the two," McSwain said.

Pleading for a return to an open convention, Honeycutt urged all Southern Baptists to be accepting of diverse views within the denomination.

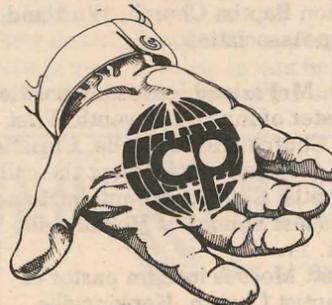
"We are fundamentally a conservative body, and what I'm pleading for is that we be free to be what we are without external control," Honeycutt said. "Can we not acknowledge that, though we differ in interpretation, we can share a larger unity in Christ?"

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Los dias felices estan aqui nuevamente

More than a decade has passed since I came to grips with an important principle. The Seminary External Education Division of the six Southern Baptist seminaries helped me adopt a policy of *continuing education* for myself.

Seminary Extension's concept is dedicated to the theory that one of life's glorious opportunities is to learn, and that privilege and obligation is with us until we die.

Since "graduating" from Seminary Extension, I've taken those precepts to heart and pursued a number of learning experiences. While school was pure "work" for me in my younger days, my opportunities to brush up in selected areas since have surely been otherwise.

There have been numerous specific short term opportunities connected with my job. I've been privileged to attend photography workshops, writing conferences, newspaper design institutes, time management seminars.

Those of us in metropolitan Louisville are also fortunate to have access to an excellent adult education program. I've taken advantage of it on several occasions.

Thirty years ago this fall I sat bewildered in a high school Spanish class. That fall—and the three which followed it—were a mixed bag. For four consecutive years, I took Spanish. Actually, the reverse was true—it "took" me.

Spanish and I did little more than coexist. It wasn't that I didn't want to learn another language, it just seemed so "foreign"!

In recent years, I've come to regret that I understood so little of that beautifully romantic tongue. I made up my mind, if the opportunity presented itself, to take another Spanish course for the sheer ecstasy of it!

Suddenly, this fall, not only did our adult education program offer a night class in Spanish, but my own evening class was to meet! I couldn't let such a super opportunity pass.

Now, I'm plugging away in a class where they don't check attendance, where there are no homework papers and no tests and no final grades, but in an atmosphere where learning is truly prevalent. There are about 20 students in the class ranging from their twenties to their sixties. The professor also instructs in Spanish at the University of Louisville.

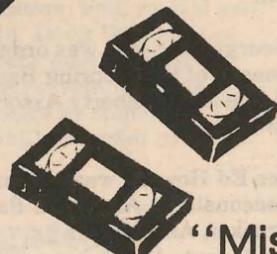
While I may be able to say little more than "enchilada" when the course concludes, the exposure to *el espanol* is absolutely delightful.

Thank you, Seminary Extension, for instilling the idea of lifelong learning in me. Some of the rewards have come in most unexpected ways.



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personnel

Eddie Smith accepted the call to pastor Dyer Hill Baptist Church, Smithland, Ohio River Association. Smith is from Princeton.

Randy Smith recently began duties as pastor of First Baptist Mission, Dunnville, Russell County Association.

Vernon Clark was called to the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Russell Springs, Russell County Association. He began his ministry there Sept. 30. Clark went from the pastorate of Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Waynesburg, Lincoln County Association.

Tan Mayhall has accepted the duties as minister to students/media of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association. He goes from WLEX-TV, where he was production director.

He received his MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and has done graduate work at the University of Denver.

A member of Calvary since 1979, Mayhall began his ministry duties Oct. 2.

J. Dan Cooper is pastor of Calvary.

George Stiglitz, long time resident of Shepherdsville and a charter member of Shepherdsville Baptist Chapel, Nelson Association, was recognized for over 50 years as a Baptist Sunday school teacher and deacon.

Pastor of the chapel, Bruce V. Hartsell presented Stiglitz with a plaque to commemorate the occasion on behalf of the chapel Sept. 23.

Stiglitz provided the land for the original location where the chapel now stands.

Tony Tench was called as associate pastor of education and youth by Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, beginning his ministry July 29. He was ordained to the ministry Sept. 2 by East Bristol (Va.) Baptist Church.

H. Lloyd Storment is pastor of Bethany.

Jim Duke resigned Sept. 30 as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association. He began his ministry there in November 1983. He goes to the chaplaincy program of the Air National Guard in Ft. Knox.

Stephen B. McSwain is pastor.

Johnie Dean accepted the call as minister of music/activities at First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington, Nelson Association. He began his duties Oct. 21.

Dean leaves his position as minister of music, youth and education of Nicholasville Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, after three years.

He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and holds an MCM degree from Southern Seminary.

R. Dwayne Conner is pastor of Mt. Washington First.

Jim Austin resigned Sept. 30 as adult choir director for Bardstown Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

Kit Yeaste is pastor of Bardstown.

H. C. Zachry, a former pastor in Kentucky, retired Aug. 1 as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., after 41 years in the ministry.

Zachry received a ThM degree from Southern Seminary and was a pastor in Kentucky for more than 20 years, including pastorates of New Castle Bap-

tist Church, Morganfield Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church, Winchester.

Virginia Farley Mason was recognized Sept. 27 by First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association, for 77 years of perfect Sunday school attendance.

Frank Scott is interim pastor.

Bob and Wanda Hickman were honored Oct. 8 for 25 years of music ministry at Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. Bob Couch, pastor of Florence when the Hickmans began their ministry, was guest speaker for the occasion.

The couple was presented with a plaque and two round trip tickets to the Holy Land.

Dan Tilford resigned as director of choirs for Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He and his wife Shirley remain at the church as organist and pianist.

Dick Allison is pastor of Georgetown.

C. C. Baker began duties Oct. 15 as pastor of Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne Association.

Milford Stanley resigned as pastor of Cooper Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne Association. He leaves to pastor a church in Georgia.

Steve Sheldon has resigned as pastor of Ovesen Heights Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Severns Valley Association, to pastor Bux-Mont Baptist Church, Hatboro, Pa. His ministry at Ovesen Heights began in March 1980 while he was a student at Campbellsville College. He recently completed his MDiv degree at Southern Seminary.

Sheldon and his wife Kathy have been active in the association. Mrs. Sheldon was office and financial secretary for Severns Valley Association. Their last Sunday at Ovesen Heights was Oct. 14.

Norman Wallace, a native of Paducah, has been elected director of church services for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Southern Baptist Convention, Rochester, Minn.

Wallace is a graduate of Bethel College, Hopkinsville; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He begins his new duties Dec. 1.

Phillip Stephens resigned as pastor of Rush Baptist Mission, Greenup Association. **John Charles**, a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has accepted the mission's call as pastor.

Jim Shouse resigned duties as pastor of Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

John M. Sykes began a ministry as interim pastor of Central Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

Jim Forrest has resigned as pastor of Danleyton Baptist Church, Wurtland, Greenup Association.

Marc D. McFarland leaves his position as minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association, to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Mountain Home, Ark. His last Sunday at Hopkinsville was Oct. 14.

Garnett Moss is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.



Miss McEntire



Mrs. Robertson



Mr. and Mrs. Roland

Kentucky receives 1, sends 3 US-2 missionaries

Vicki McEntire, named to serve in Williamsburg, **Monique Taylor Robertson** of Bowling Green, and **David and Margaret Roland** of Covington were among 35 young adults appointed US-2 missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who recently attended orientation meetings and a commissioning service hosted by Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

US-2 missionaries are college graduates 27 years old or under who serve for two years in mission capacities within the United States.

Miss McEntire serves with the Home

Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Department. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Mrs. Robertson, named with her husband Randy, is with the board's Language Missions Department in Buffalo, N. Y.

The Rolands are in Chicago, Ill., serving with the board's Special Mission Ministries Department. He holds degrees from University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Bill Vaught, interim pastor of Gupton Grove Baptist Church, Quality, Logan County Association, has accepted the church's call to become pastor.

Stephen C. Hall resigned as minister of music and youth at Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association to begin a similar ministry in Illinois.

Douglas Leach begins his new ministry as pastor of Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Versailles, Elkhorn Association, Oct. 28. Leach is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Harold B. Kuhnle has been interim pastor of the church.

Walter J. Graham has accepted the call to pastor Beaver Creek Baptist Church which is currently under watch care with Liberty Association.

Gary Talley resigned Sept. 30 as pastor of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Liberty Association.

ordinations

Brent Chumbley, **Max Cox** and **Ray White** were ordained to the deaconate of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, Sept. 30.

Don R. Mathis is pastor of Central.

Bob Hehle was ordained to the ministry Sept. 16 by DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sulphur Fork Association.

The church also ordained **Steve Meacham**, **Mark Shockey** and **Tommy Williamson** as deacons Sept. 23.

Meacham is the son of A. L. Meacham, director of missions for Sulphur Fork Association.

Bill Day is pastor of DeHaven.

Ron Gentry was ordained a deacon by Buckner Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sulphur Fork Association.

John D. Dortch Jr. is pastor.

Larry Black was ordained a deacon by First Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association, Sept. 30.

J. William Jones is pastor.

Joseph Day was ordained to the deaconate at Westport Road Baptist

Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Sept. 30.

James B. Lewis is pastor.

Charles Coburn, **Alan Dockrey**, **Arthur Fox**, **Bill Heaton**, **Randy Mouser**, **Frank Roy** and **Kenneth Swain** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Church, Oct. 14.

H. Gary Coltharp is pastor of the church.

William C. Pharris was ordained Sept. 30 to the deaconate at Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Richard L. Hutchens is pastor of Southside.

Ken Hall, **Ida Helm**, **John Locke** and **Rosemary Melloy** were ordained as deacons by St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Oct. 7.

William P. Tuck is pastor.

John McFadyen was ordained Oct. 7 to the deaconate by First Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

Bill Daniel is pastor of the church.

Alan Justice, **Warren Skidmore** and **Don Tufano** were ordained as deacons by Howard's Mill Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Boones Creek Association, Sept. 30.

Allen K. Lowe is pastor of Howard's Mill.

George Sturgeon was ordained as a deacon of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Liberty Association, Sept. 23.

Joe Ed Howard was ordained to the deaconate by Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Cleon A. Webb is pastor.

Glen Davis was ordained as a deacon of Owingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association. W. Ken Forman, associational missionary, brought the ordination sermon.

B. B. Steele is pastor of Owingsville.

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deaths

J. E. Darter, retired Baptist pastor and native of Barren County, was found dead in his home Aug. 28.

Darter was a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a former pastor of Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale, Severns Valley Association, and was a chaplain during World War II. At the time of his death he was a member of First Baptist Church, Reidsville.

Chase Willis Jennings Sr., former superintendent of missions, Northern Kentucky Association, died Sept. 26.

A graduate of William Jewell College, St. Joseph, Mo., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Jennings was pastor of East Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, 1937-44.

In 1948 Jennings began a 22-year ministry as superintendent of missions for North Bend and Campbell County associations. He saw the reunion of these two associations into Northern Kentucky Association before he retired in 1970.

At the time of his death Jennings and his wife resided at the Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport, of which he was a founder.

revivals

Calvary Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association, held revival services Sept. 23-28. Two joined by baptism and three by letter. W. B. Bingham was evangelist for the revival and Jimmy Jackson led the music.

Seymour Wattenbarger is pastor.

Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, held a revival Sept. 23-27. Results included a record high 1302 in Sunday school, 28 professions of faith and 11 additions by letter.

Pastor Don Mathis was evangelist and Central staff members were revival leaders.

Brooksville Baptist Church, Union Association, held revival services Sept. 24-30 with Thomas J. Tichenor as evangelist and Paul Knapp as music leader. Results included 11 professions of faith, one addition by letter and several rededications.

J. Kenneth Allaby is pastor of Brooksville.

East Rhodes Creek Baptist Church, Glendale, Severns Valley Association, held revival services with pastor Dewey Keyes as evangelist. Nine professions of faith were made during the week.

Tatesbrook Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, held revival services Sept. 9-16. Doug Woodall and James Allen were guest evangelists. Results included seven baptisms and four new members by transfer of letter.

Steven B. Smith is pastor of Tatesbrook.

congregations

Howard's Mill Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, celebrated homecoming Sept. 30. Special music was presented by the Jeffersonville Baptist Church Quartet, the Gospel Harmony Group of Lexington and the Joyful Saints, Lexington.

Allen K. Lowe is pastor.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, celebrated a

homecoming service Oct. 21. Orion H. Bell III is pastor.

Milton Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, honored Mrs. Grace Neal, pianist, upon her 90th birthday Aug. 19. The church recognized her more than 70 years of involvement in the church's music ministry. She continues to play for church services and accompanies the adult choir.

missions

Tatesbrook Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, has voted to begin a Southern Baptist mission at Cove Lake Apartments, Lexington. Doug Woodall, a full time deputy sheriff and chaplain of the Fayette County sheriff's department, will pastor Cove Lake Baptist Chapel.

Tatesbrook, which began as a mission of Porter Memorial Baptist Church, became a church two years ago.

associations

Elkhorn Baptist Association held its 200th annual session Oct. 22-23, officially launching a year of bicentennial observance.

Unusual events sponsored by the association in the year to come include the Oberammergau Passion Play Feb. 4-6 at Calvary Church, Lexington; Kentucky Historical Society, Apr. 12 with dedication of John Taylor Memorial Site at Clear Creek Church, but meeting at Great Crossing Church; a historical drama at Hill Chapel, Georgetown College, Sept. 30, and publication of a history that same date.

In addition, the Kentucky Evangelism Conference Feb. 25-26 will be held in the association at Immanuel Church, Lexington, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 12-14, 1985 at Calvary Church.

Spaulding welcomed to Daviess-McLean post

James E. Spaulding, a Kentucky native, former Kentucky pastor and foreign missionary, is the new director of missions for Daviess-McLean Association, succeeding the retiring J. V. Case.



He began his new post Oct. 1, after pastoring Central Baptist Church, Monroe, La. since August 1981.

Spaulding was born in Hustonville, Ky. and graduated from Campbellsville College. He holds the BDiv and MDiv degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the DMin degree from Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Ind.

After ordination in 1959, Spaulding pastored three Kentucky churches for a total of 10 years: First Baptist Church, Moreland, 1958-62, Oak Hill Baptist Church, Hodgenville, 1962-65, and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, 1965-68.

In October 1968, Spaulding and his wife Barbara were appointed missionaries to the Bahama Islands and were responsible for church development in the area from 1968-72. The Spauldings then worked in Trinidad, 1972-77; Scotland, 1977-80; and Germany, 1980-81, developing and pastoring new churches in each of these areas.

baptist forum

Resolution 'violates SBC constitution'

I have just been reading Western Recorder of Sept. 18 and am appalled by one of the letters you received.

According to this writer you are not even supposed to report that most of the letters you receive were against certain actions taken by the SBC.

Let me go on record stating that you have not only a right but a duty to report what Southern Baptists are saying.

On the issue of the ministry of women, I would prefer an all male ministry but let's face it, we now have about twice as many women in ministry on the foreign mission field as men. They do not lord it over the men. They only go there to minister. Does anyone think God is particularly bothered by the fact that hands were laid on the heads of some of them and not on others?

The handling of this vote was poorly done. Despite the ruling of my friend Jimmy Draper and the voice approval of those present and voting, the constitution of the SBC does say "the convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body."

Thus even bringing this matter to the convention was clearly unconstitutional.

Several years ago in Dallas we had a two-hour session on ordination of women. At issue was a little 98 pound young lady who could not be a federal chaplain to a women's correctional institute without ordination.

The issue was defeated. During the day I asked several ordained male preachers who had voted against the young lady being ordained if they would consider taking the position. Not one was for it. I talked to the chief of all federal chaplains, a Southern Baptist. He said he much preferred having a woman in that place. If Baptists could not conform to the rules of the federal government, he said he would have to find a female chaplain elsewhere.

We have hundreds of female missionaries on the field, who to all intents and purposes are performing all the functions of the ministry. God forbid that we should hinder them in any way. I do not believe in the ERA or the Moral Majority or ACTV. I do believe in Christ.

Frank F. Norfleet, Kansas City, Mo.

'Alien immersion' defined by reader

While reading some fundamentalist material recently (real Fundamentalists, not our Southern Baptist variety), I was struck with an apparent contradiction. They are opposed, they say, to "modernism, liberalism, and ecumenism," and thus to Southern Baptists.

Why? Because they find fellowship with those they consider heretics unbiblical. So does everyone else!

Yet the "independent Fundamentalist" movement includes in its ranks baby sprinklers and baptismal regenerationists!

How do they justify this apparent contradiction? Baptism is less important than a specific view of the second

coming, in their minds.

But if baptism comes between salvation and full church fellowship, as the laver came between the altar of burnt offering and the tabernacle, surely agreement on one baptism is a stronger basis for fellowship than agreement on eschatology.

While Southern Baptists may differ in interpretation of details, none of us think we accept alien baptism. How shall we define this term?

1) the baptism of an alien. Surely none of us would accept the immersion of a lost person as valid baptism.

2) a baptism that is alien. Sprinkling and pouring are not immersion. Sacramental baptism ("meeting the blood in the water") is not symbolic baptism. An adult immersion performed by those who practice other forms or accept contrary doctrines denies Eph. 4:5.

Authority must have a solid base of truth. If this is not so, why do we not accept adult immersions performed by Jehovah's Witnesses or Latter Day Saints?

3) a baptism alien to our historic pattern. We may find Christian fellowship with believers anywhere, but if we really mean what we say about the relationship of salvation and the one baptism that follows, we must hold to the main stream of our history. Some at the fringes have been pulled toward other views, but the broad current of Baptist growth has been among people of like faith and practice. Ultimately, to endorse other baptisms is to endorse the other doctrines on which they are based.

Charles Blair, Arlington

Utah church seeks pastor

As chairman of the pulpit committee of Maranatha Baptist Church, I wanted to advise you of our need for a pastor.

Maranatha Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and is located in northern Utah. It is a community church with a college ministry and in fact is meeting on the campus of Utah State University pending the construction of a church facility on a church-owned 3.5 acre parcel.

Our membership is currently 158 with a cross section of families, college students and university related members.

As a pulpit committee, we are developing a profile statement and description of the church and its ministry as well as a description of the pastor's position as we see it. For example, the pastor would have to have an ability and desire to be in an evangelistic church which is seeking to reach out to the community and to work in a college environment and in a church which is in the midst of a building program. These descriptions and other materials will be provided to interested persons.

I would appreciate your advising your readers through the form of a letter to the editor or other notice of the opening for a pastor and our desire for recommendations and applications. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Gary O. McKean, Logan, Utah



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Can two men serve the same master [as pastors] in the same town? The Williams boys are in their third decade and doing quite well at it

by Denise George
State Correspondent



Louisville ministers
Bob [left],
Joe Priest
Williams

Brothers in Christ

Not only are Joe P. Williams and Robert O. Williams brothers in Christ — both are Louisville pastors — they are biological brothers as well.

Joe has been pastor of Baptist Tabernacle 23½ years. For the past 22 years Bob has been pastor of Clifton Baptist Church.

Bob, 58, and Joe, 61, don't look much like brothers. Bob is five inches taller and 50 pounds heavier than Joe.

Their personalities are different, too. "Joe's an extrovert and I'm an introvert," quips Bob.

"I'm basically a very neat, supposedly well organized person," states Joe. "Bob's not."

Joe continues: "I'm a person who will speak up real quick, but it's unusual for Bob to speak up." "I'm quiet," Bob interjects.

Their political views are not the same either. "I'm sort of a liberal Democrat," remarks Joe. "Bob's a liberal Republican."

Bob describes Joe as a "very caring person and involved minister." Joe considers Bob a "very faithful, dependable, helping person, easy and non-offensive."

"Bob has a much more positive influence," Joe admits. "I have a much more disruptive influence."

Even though their makeup is not alike, they share much in common.

Both live and work in Louisville. Both are married with families. Joe married Emily in 1948. Bob and Anna Marie married in 1950. Their wives, who are close friends, are both graduates of Georgetown College and are musically talented.

Both Joe and Bob have had three children. Joe's family consists of Joe David, 32, Mark, 27, Stephen, 24, and a grandson, Joel, 2½. Bob's first son, Donald, 31, has three children: twins Cathi and Patti, 8, and Bobby, 2. His daughter, Laurice, 30, has one child, Nathan, 4. Bob's youngest son, Carl, was killed in an accident three years ago.

Joe and Bob were born in Henderson. They attended the same grade and high school (Hebbardsville) for 12 years and had many of the same teachers. Both graduated from Georgetown College (they were roommates one year) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

They made decisions for Christ at age

12. Each enjoys working with his hands and repairing things around the house.

Their careers have been somewhat similar, too.

At the time of his seminary graduation in 1951, Bob was pastor of Aberdeen Baptist Church in Ohio. After two years' active duty as a chaplain in the Air Force, he returned to Southern Seminary in 1955 and earned an MRE degree. Before moving to Clifton, Bob was pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ill., three years and First Baptist Church, Providence, six years.

Joe graduated from Southern Seminary in 1948, while pastor of Graham Baptist Church, Greenville. He returned to Southern Seminary and received the ThM degree in 1951. He held three positions in Kentucky before going to Baptist Tabernacle: pastor, First Baptist Church, Hickman, four years; staff worker, Bethel College, Hopkinsville, 2½ years; and BSU director, Murray (Ky.) State College, five years.

The brothers share other things in common. "We're both a lot alike in the sense we've been characterized by the depression," Joe believes. "We're both survivors. Whatever it takes to get the job done, we'll do it."

They agree they are "very patient people" who have "worked through some difficult situations rather than just throwing up our hands and quitting."

Both demonstrate strong service in the denomination and community. Each has been on the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board, moderator of Long Run Association, president of the Joint Minister's Conference and are involved with Southern Seminary's Supervised Experience in Ministry program.

Individually, Bob has been chairman of the assemblies committee. Joe teaches at Boyce Bible School, is a trustee of Georgetown College and now works with the Southern Leadership Conference, the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission and the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has received the Victor T. Glass award for his work in race relations.

A common thread runs through their ministries. "Our satisfaction in ministry is more in ministering to people and helping them than trying to build a

'successful' church," Joe admits.

Both attribute their early ministerial leanings to two major influences: their parents (who are still living) who had "a very strong faith," and to a hometown pastor, Clel Rogers, whom Joe calls "an ideal for me of somebody who was a changed person, a real committed person." Bob notes, however: "There was never a suggestion from either of them that we ought to go into the ministry — not even a subtle suggestion."

Why did these brothers choose the ministry?

"Out of a deep sense of need of people, and a strong conviction that God wanted to direct my life one way," Joe confesses. "Going into the ministry was a real crisis for me because I was not wanting to go that way. I wanted to go into politics, make a lot of money and have a lot of influence."

"I felt a calling of God, an inner experience of a call," Bob explains. "Joe had already answered a call to ministry and had shared that, but I don't believe that was an overriding influence. I felt a call into the ministry long before Joe announced he had been called."

Both Clifton and Baptist Tabernacle are 91 years old. On special occasions, the pastors have exchanged pulpits.

Even though Bob ministers in the east end of Louisville, and Joe in the west end, Bob explains: "Our ministries are probably more alike than different in some respects. Both are changing communities. Trying to help the churches relate to the community and minister to the needs there has been an overriding desire."

Joe explains how the communities are different. "The Clifton community is changing upwards whereas our community (west end) is a total change downward. It's a community where half the population has left in the past decade and a third of the houses have been torn down."

Brothers in Christ. What do they mean to each other?

"It's been nice to have Joe there to interact with, to try to get some answers to questions, to explore things," Bob admits. "He's been a good resource person to me."

Joe acknowledges: "The inspiration of Bob's quiet stability is real uplifting and encouraging to me. It's like a mountain that's always there."

Western Recorder Youth Writing Competition

To encourage youth participation in Western Recorder, a Youth Writing Competition for young people will be conducted.

To enter the 1984 Youth Writing Competition it is necessary to write 500 words or less about a moving personal experience in which faith in Jesus Christ had an important part. It should be an actual personal experience.

Western Recorder wants to know what young people are thinking and doing. The article should reveal the real person of the author.

Official rules:

1. Entrants must be between the ages of 15 and 22.
2. Entrants must write a first person story telling of some true personal moving experience in which their faith in Jesus Christ made a difference in their lives.
3. Entrants must be a member of a Southern Baptist church in Kentucky.
4. All manuscripts must be the original work of the person submitting the entry and must be written in English.
5. Manuscripts must be typed, doubled-spaced, with a maximum of 500 words.
6. Manuscripts must be mailed to: Youth Writing Competition, Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243. Entries must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 15, 1984, and include name of author, home address, telephone number, birth date, parents' or guardians' name, and author's church membership. Winners will be notified by mail prior to announcement in Western Recorder.
7. Manuscripts become the property of Western Recorder and none will be returned.
8. Authors of the top five manuscripts, as judged by the editors of Western Recorder, will receive cash awards of \$50.00 each.
9. Western Recorder also reserves the right to declare no winner.
10. Western Recorder employees, interns, stringers and directors and their families are ineligible to participate in this competition.

christian education

Cumberland will host high school science event

Seventy-two high schools from Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia have been invited to compete and participate in the Chemistry Symposium/Science Olympiad to be held at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Nov. 2.

Sponsored by the Chemistry Department, the purposes of the competition are to give students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to communicate a scientific concept and to present high school science departments the opportunity for recognition of excellence.

Several areas of competition are open to participants, including the chemistry team demonstration competition, science bowl and competition in chemistry, biology, earth science, physics and general science. Individual examinations will also be given in biology, chemistry, earth science and physics.

Two events are planned for teachers. One will be a Science Fair Workshop, led by Blaine Early, Cumberland College faculty member and director of the Southeastern Kentucky Science Fair. Additionally, Ann Hoffelder, chairman of Cumberland's Chemistry Department, will lead a discussion on the National Science Olympiad and other science competitions.

Registration packets and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Chemistry Department, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769, telephone (606) 549-2200 ext. 319.

Conferences reduce learner loneliness

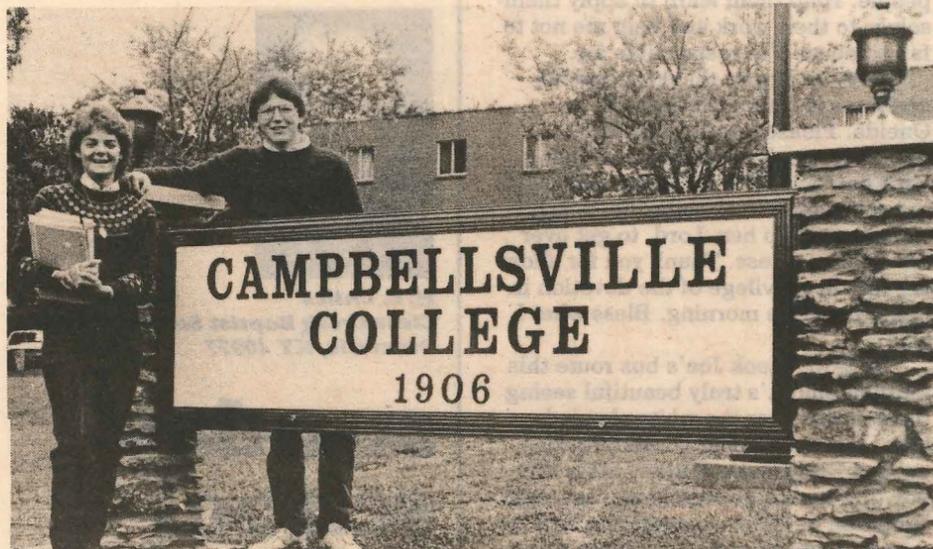
Ministers who have done much of their recent learning in isolation will have a chance to meet one another next summer.

Almost 700 correspondence students who are serving in or preparing for ministry roles are being invited to the first Correspondence Learners Conference being sponsored by the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute. The conference will be one of several during Bible/Preaching Week July 1-7 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Our students study the same material as is used in Seminary Extension centers but they miss the fellowship and sharing with other students," says Royce Rose, director of the institute. "This week will give them an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and with some of their correspondence instructors."

Part of each day's schedule will include seminars directed toward the special needs of independent learners. These will include such subjects as developing study skills, using a textbook effectively, taking advantage of community resources, and applying lessons to life situations.

At other times during the day participants will be able to attend sessions on church administration, preaching, pastoral ministries and other topics offered by the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board and others holding conferences that week.



Wendy Tallent [l], Littleton, Colo., and Doug Sibcy, Lebanon, Oh., stand by the new sign erected on the lawn of Stapp Hall at Campbellsville College. The sign is part of recent improvements that have been made at the college.

Southern Seminary faculty affirms commitment to Bible

In a unanimous vote, the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has adopted a resolution affirming belief "without reservation, in the inspiration and authority of the Bible and all that the Bible affirms about itself."

The faculty document, entitled "A Resolution of Gratitude and Commitment to Southern Baptists," expresses thanks to Southern Baptists for 125 years of prayer and financial support of the theological education through Southern Seminary, and reaffirms the faculty's commitment to "Jesus Christ as Lord and to the centrality of the Bible for all matters of faith and practice."

The resolution commends to all Southern Baptists' historic Baptist beliefs concerning soul competency, liberty of conscience and the priesthood of all believers, and specifically supports the statement on the Bible included in the 1963 "Baptist Faith and Message" statement.

In a call for denominational unity and cooperation the Southern Seminary

faculty calls on Southern Baptists to join in reaffirming "the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Bible, the ethical imperatives of the gospel, the unity of the Southern Baptist Convention with all its diversity (and) our cooperative partnership as Southern Baptists in education, evangelism and world missions."

Expressing support for the faculty action, seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt believes that "this resolution should encourage all Southern Baptists that their faculty at Southern Seminary consists of dedicated Christian teachers who are committed to the Lordship of Christ and to the inspiration and authority of scripture. I believe all Southern Baptists can be proud, not only of their scholarship, but of their spiritual strength and leadership."

The resolution was adopted on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Southern Seminary. The seminary was founded in 1859 in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1877 the seminary was moved to Louisville.

Folk singer Jean Ritchie to perform at Cumberland homecoming

Several special events and a weekend full of various activities will be presented by Cumberland College during "Harvest Moon Memories," Homecoming 1984, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27.

Special events include a concert by world known mountain folk singer and Cumberland College graduate Jean Ritchie Friday at 8 p.m. in Gatliff Auditorium.

Miss Ritchie is known for her dulcimer playing, Kentucky mountain folk stories and song writing. Her two most popular songs are "The L&N doesn't Stop Here Anymore" and "Black Waters."

Homecoming activities will begin Friday with a joint "Homecoming Convocation" at 10 a.m. Alumni will register in the Campus Center lobby from noon-5 p.m. An alumni art fair and alumni pictorial museum will be presented in the Campus Center banquet rooms.

From 2-3 p.m. tours of Cumberland's campus will be conducted, beginning in the Campus Center lobby. Dinner and entertainment will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Roberts Cafeteria. Entertainment will be by "Sunesis," Cumberland's con-

temporary gospel singers. A special movie will be presented at 11 p.m.

Saturday, honored class reunions will begin at 8:30 a.m. Honored classes are '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '74 and '79.

The Boswell 10,000 meter run will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by the homecoming parade at 11 a.m.

The alumni luncheon and awards ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Roberts Cafeteria. Alumni officers and honored alumni will be announced at this time and Sam McGill, production manager of WBIR-TV, Knoxville, will be recognized as an honored alumnus. Country music singer Red Rector will provide the entertainment.

At 3 p.m. Cumberland will honor its president emeritus and former first lady, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Boswell. A statue of Boswell will be unveiled and a new park will be named for and dedicated to the Boswells.

Activities will conclude with carriage rides around campus (6-7:30 p.m.); a country jamboree, featuring the Orange Blossom Special Cloggers and folklore games (7:30-9:30 p.m.); and an alumni versus faculty basketball game (8 p.m.).



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clear creek comment

Criticism and complaint

Recently I underlined in my Bible Num. 1:1 "and when the people complained, it displeased the Lord." I am convinced that a complaining attitude and a criticizing attitude are brothers, yea, even twins. I have never known a person who criticized who did not also complain and vice versa.

I am sure a complaining spirit displeases the Lord. A Kentucky farmer was known for his negative attitude. A neighbor stopped by for a visit one day and noticing the man's wonderful crop, said, "You must be very happy with this year's harvest." "Well, yes, it is the best I've ever had," the farmer grudgingly admitted, "but a bumper crop is awfully hard on the soil."

I believe it is true, as someone has said, some people go through life standing at the complaint counter and may not be happy even with heaven. I am learning to appreciate Disraeli's philosophy of life more and more: "Never complain and never explain."

I am also sure the Lord does not appreciate a critical attitude toward others. There's so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it ill behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us! I am convinced God does not want us to relate to our brothers and sisters with a critical attitude. This type of attitude both shames the Lord and degrades those of us who exhibit it.

The Critic

A little seed lay on the ground,
And soon began to sprout;
"Now, which of all the flowers
around,"

It mused, "Shall I come out?"
And so it criticized each flower,
This supercilious seed,
Until it woke one summer morn,
And found itself—a weed.

Anon.

I am also convinced that we can change our attitudes. We can learn to be "kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:30). I think Maugham is right when he says that, even if people ask you for criticism, most of the time they want only your praise. We can learn to praise people and "in everything give thanks" to God (1 Thess. 5:18). This is God's will for us. He leaves no room in our lives for criticism or complaint.

Every time you want to grumble,
Think of others who have less;
Ask the Lord to keep you humble,
Grateful for each happiness.



oneida journal

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Stored in heaven

Reading old diary entries brings back many long forgotten events and emotions. They, like pictures, capture and preserve a moment in time.

An elderly former teacher, who first heard our founder speak as a 15-year-old girl in Ottawa, Kan., was back for homecoming and gave me her diaries covering her Oneida years. She first came here by horse and wagon. Also, recently I was allowed to Xerox a copy of the diary entries of a former teacher and president of Oneida covering 15 years of Oneida history, extending back more than 50 years ago. Fascinating!

I was blessed with the opportunity, also, to read diary entries of a former teacher who has served with me. They give some real insights, some names are changed:

"8-27-75: Busy as we are here, our days are so full one has no time for boredom. Am praying for Johnny as only our Lord knows how someone feels who grew up feeling rejected and unloved. Please, Lord, help him to find the importance of himself. Help us as Christians to be more understanding and more loving. Many of us having grown up with love find it difficult to comprehend the world of unloveables. Classes were pretty good today. Lord, help me to do my best with these young

people. Help them learn to apply themselves to their work and help me not to fail someone I'm responsible for."

"8-28-75: I'm so thankful God has given me the opportunity to be at Oneida. Please, Lord, help Mrs. . . . to be more understanding and loving. Kids don't really mind being corrected, but rejection hurts! Today Susie is on my heart. Help her, Lord, to get over her homesickness. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of the devotion in homeroom this morning. Bless what I said."

"8-29-75: I took Joe's bus route this morning and it's truly beautiful seeing the sun rise over the white clouded hills. It is a joy being around the kids up Red Bird Creek. Father, bless that boy that had to be sent home last night. Help him to know we mean the best for everyone, and we can't let them go on breaking our rules. Help me to do better with my fifth period class. Above all, help me to love each one even when I must discipline them. Bless Mr. Moore and Mr. Halcomb as they lead us here. Keep our school filled with thy spirit."

"9-3-75: Thank you, Lord. Fifth period was more orderly. Please give me more love and patience."

"9-4-75: It was a day without any great troubles. I wish I could get to know each one more personally. Oh, Lord, to have more wisdom . . ."

"9-5-75: Today Nancy is on my heart for prayer. Help her to accept Christ as her personal savior, to lead her in all areas of life, fill her with peace. I enjoyed Mrs. DeJarnette's devotion this morning."

"9-6-75: Thank you, Lord, that you love us, imperfect as we are. I pray for Joey. If he could accept Christ as Lord of his life, he could not be so filled with self, but could think of others. I've failed him so badly. I pray for guidance."

"9-9-75: I'm thankful, Lord, that you hear our little prayers and you answer. I have found our prayers are stored in heaven and last forever. It is so important for us to pray. Rev. 5:8; Rev. 8:3-4. I pray for our school and our leaders, also for my husband as the head of my house. I pray for our President and the leaders of our nation, that they may be filled with God's spirit, and that others may know how great is God."

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 28, 1984

International Series

Help for family living

Ephesians 5:21-33 Much unhappiness would be avoided and many divorces averted if the plain and practical admonitions in these verses were followed. If a home is to be truly Christian and the members of the family are to enjoy the blessings of the Lord each member must recognize the importance and necessity of correct relationships and practice unselfish devotion toward one another. Marriage is a mutual affair, so husband and wife are to esteem the other spouse above all others and demonstrate an affection that is undivided, a purity that is untarnished and a trust that is unwavering. The obligations of the husband are heavier than those imposed on the wife and all of his actions are to be governed by love. His love for his wife should be thoughtful, sacrificial and faithful. Providing for the material wants and needs of life is only part of that which a husband owes his wife.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children bring their parents immeasurable joy, tremendous responsibilities and numerous problems. The most happy, successful and useful parents are those who live close to God and rear their children in his nurture and admonition.

When children respect, honor, love and obey their parents, they will receive the blessing of God, just as he has promised. When the parents perform

their God-given duties in the home in connection with the rearing of their children, they will be laying the proper foundation for them for the highest and best things in life.

Life and Work Series

We minister to needs

Luke 7:39-50 This beautiful and meaningful story portrays three individuals and from it we can learn some very helpful lessons.

A proud Pharisee. We are not told the specific motive which prompted Simon, the self-righteous Pharisee, to invite Christ to dine with him. Obviously, it was not because of admiration for or sympathy with the Lord. Perhaps Simon was an entertainer of celebrities and wanted to gratify his pride by making it known he had entertained such a notable person as Christ. Regardless of Simon's motive, Christ accepted his invitation and joined the other guests at the appointed time. When Christ entered the house the servants ignored him and the proud Pharisee withheld the kiss of welcome and merely proffered his hand and pointed to the seat Christ was to occupy at the table. His discourteous attitude was a studied and intentional insult, but Christ refused to be affronted by Simon's incivility.

A prostrate penitent. An unnamed woman, who had been notorious for her life of sin and shame but had experienced forgiveness through repentance toward God and faith in Christ, entered Simon's house uninvited and stationed herself behind the savior. With peace and joy in her soul she longed to express her gratitude to Christ for forgiving her sins, saving her soul and transforming her life. Giving vent to her feelings of thankfulness and joy, her warm and copious tears fell on Christ's feet and moistened them. Lacking a towel, she wiped away the tears with her long hair, smothered his feet with repeated kisses, opened her flask of precious ointment and emptied its fragrant contents upon his feet. From her we learn real love will always manifest itself in deeds.

A penetrating prophet. Simon reasoned that if Christ knew her character, then his tolerance of her conduct proved he was not a good man.

Reading Simon's thoughts proved Christ a prophet. He reminded Simon this woman had been forgiven and therefore loved him devotedly, whereas Simon had even failed to extend courtesies accorded respectable guests.



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on mission together

'We knowed it was comin' down'

For days now, those words, reflecting the fate of the men crushed to death in a coal mine of eastern Kentucky, have haunted me.

Death, for all of us, is an inevitable reality. We know "it is comin' down," sooner or later. Still there is something in the human psyche which persuades us that there will be time—there will be more tomorrows. Our own western culture has too readily classified as "sick" those who linger long on the subject of one's death. Against that cultural backdrop, the church by its very nature must continue to point a prophetic finger to all with the question: "Are

you prepared when it does 'come down'?"

An authentic Christian can answer that question with a humble but confident "yes." Far too many Baptists, however, while prepared to fellowship with God in heaven are not prepared to assure that what they leave behind will continue to participate in the worldwide mission of God.

Thousands of Kentucky Baptists are in their 60's. Statistics suggest that in 20 years few of those will be around. Literally millions of dollars will pass from the hands of an older generation to a younger one—or to the state and federal governments.

I met a person recently who alone, upon his death, could—if he chose—double the present endowment of all three of our three Kentucky Baptist colleges! More often I meet persons of more modest means but who, upon their death, could assure that their modest estate—or a portion of it—

would keep on "blessing" until the Lord comes.

There are still two billion persons who have yet to hear even for the first time the gospel. Kentucky Baptists are gradually increasing their giving through the Cooperative Program. But there is no evidence of the spectacular growth essential to support the dream of Bold Mission Thrust: that every person on earth will have the opportunity to hear the gospel (at least once) by the year 2000.

Yet just a few hundred committed Kentucky Baptists could make a tremendous difference in the world mission of God—just by assuring that all, or a portion of their estates, be left to continue the Christian mission in their absence.

Incidentally, I'd welcome the opportunity to discuss this with any Kentucky Baptist who would like to be assured that they can still be "on mission" even after "it comes down."

Peace on earth?

Can ministry be done in the midst of war? Before you answer, you should know that two Southern Baptist couples in El Salvador have seen 15% of the population become Christian—an increase of over 10%—during the last five years of war. Yet they say they've almost forgotten what peace is like.

Text by Eric Bridges
Photos by Joanna Pinneo

Southern Baptist missionaries Bill and Libby Stennett were sitting in a San Salvador hamburger shop one day when a group of armed men in civilian clothes barged into the restaurant, grabbed four or five young males and hustled them into a van waiting outside.

One of the kidnapers returned, looked long and hard at the missionaries, and said, "You haven't seen anything, have you?" Then he left and the van sped away.

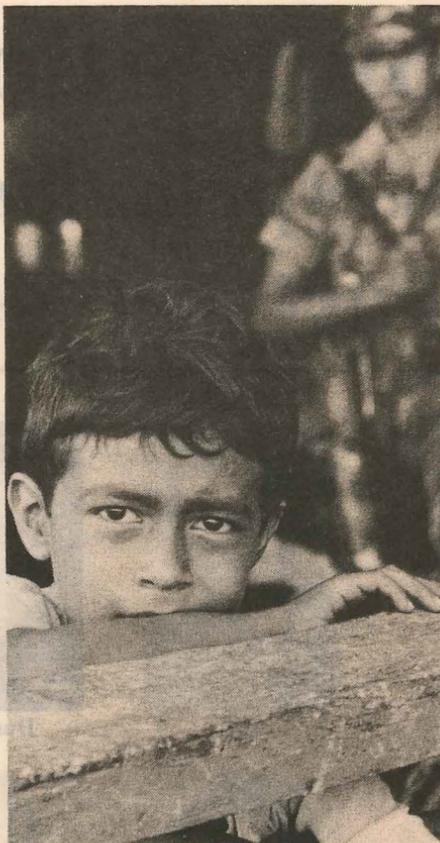
Maybe the kidnapers were a death squad. Maybe they were guerrillas on a "recruiting" drive. "When something happens, you never know whether it's the left, the right, or just somebody taking advantage of the situation," says Stennett. He has no idea what happened to the kidnap victims.

As the war between Marxist guerrillas and El Salvador's shaky government drags into its fifth year, the Stennetts have almost forgotten what peace is like. You don't get away from the war, they say; you learn to live with it. That's what they've done for most of their seven years as literature missionaries in the tiny Central American nation.

More than 400,000 people have died in the violence. Hundreds of thousands of the nation's 4.8 million people have abandoned their homes because of the fighting. Death squad killings continue. And the guerrillas talk of a new fall offensive.

The Stennetts know about offensives. So do their missionary colleagues Ernie and Lee Ann McAninch. The younger McAninches arrived as new missionaries in December 1980, one month before the guerrillas' so-called "final offensive" rocked San Salvador with daily bombings.

But things were calmer this summer in the city. The guerrillas concentrated



This young boy lives with 500 other refugees in an abandoned sugar mill on the edge of guerrilla territory.

on the eastern countryside. According to the Stennetts' son John, there's no reason for fear unless you happen onto the "wrong place at the wrong time."

More hopeful news is that the Baptist book store and book deposit (operated by the San Salvador missionaries) are setting sales records. People want Christian books, Stennett explains, because conflict drives them to search for answers to life's questions. A pastor by training, he can barely keep up with preaching opportunities and baptized at least 100 people last year.

So the missionaries feel fairly confident about the present and future. But you don't make long term plans in El Salvador. The following incidents would have sent less determined persons home long ago:

- A group of polite young guerrillas stopped the Stennetts one morning in January as they were getting into their car. The guerrillas declared they were "borrowing" the car but promised to return it. They fled when a compatriot ran up warning of approaching police.

- The Baptist book store received an anonymous note demanding a large sum of money be brought to a city park or the book store would be destroyed. Stennett and McAninch, shadowed by the police, went to the park carrying a satchel stuffed with paper. Nobody showed up.

- Four bombs exploded near the book store on another day, each blast coming closer. "I thought, now this is our day, we're finally going to get something," remembers Stennett. "We lost a few windows and the employees got shook up a little bit, but within an hour we were back open again and in business as usual."

More than 100 Protestant and evangelical missionaries worked in El Salvador when the Stennetts arrived seven years ago. Perhaps 10 remain, he estimates. Some of the original group wanted to leave. Others were pulled out by mission agencies because of "horror stories" in the U. S. media, according to Stennett.

The two Southern Baptist couples appreciate the fact the Foreign Mission Board has allowed them to make their own decisions about staying, though



Missionary Bill Stennett visits children at a Baptist war orphans' home.



Juanita de Agila and her son pray at the grave of her husband, Mario, who was killed last year by Marxist guerrillas. He was director of the youth group of First Baptist Church, San Salvador. Agila and the youth group of First Baptist Church, San Salvador, were returning from a conference in Honduras when guerrilla snipers mistook their church van for a military vehicle and opened fire.

that policy draws occasional criticism from concerned churches and anxious family members of missionaries in trouble spots.

"Hey, I'm not a martyr," McAninch emphasizes. "I take care of my skin. But if you're in God's will and you're killed or harmed in any way, you'll be with him in glory. I don't mean that to sound like I'm some kind of hero. I'm not. But that's what I believe. If it weren't for that we wouldn't be here. Also, if I thought it was unsafe enough for my kids and my family, I wouldn't come."

One question often put to the two couples is: what's the point? How much ministry can be done in a war situation? Their answer: plenty. According to a new study, evangelicals now number at least 700,000 in El Salvador, roughly 15 percent of the population. That's more than triple the number counted five years ago, when the war began to heat up. If growth trends hold steady, evan-

gelicals could make up a quarter of the population within two years.

"El Salvador is faced with so many extremes," explains McAninch. "You have the far left. You have the far right and every different color in between. They've had change of government ever since the beginning and people are tired of it. They're looking for something more firm, something that's not going to change. And the word of God does not change."

Some 55 churches in the Baptist Association of El Salvador (primarily related to American Baptists) count about 5000 members. Perhaps 100 independent Baptist congregations nationwide draw thousands more.

But Baptists suffer. Last fall guerrillas shot and killed Mario Agila, lay youth director at First Baptist Church, San Salvador. He was driving with the church youth group through eastern El Salvador, returning from a trip to Honduras. Guerrilla snipers mistook their Jeep for a military vehicle.

First Baptist of Santa Ana has also lost members. A former member who became a pastor in another city was assassinated. When death squad killings peaked in Santa Ana, says pastor Manuel Figueroa, "No one, in the middle of the night, liked to hear a car motor running outside of the house."

As a community leader and a minister, Figueroa walks a thin line. "Here in this country, politics is a matter of life and death. When you go to one side you're identified with that side, win or lose. If you lose, sometimes you lose your life. So the church and the pastor must not be seen identifying with the extreme of either side. Because then not only he but his church can be hurt from the other side."

Baptists haven't let their own pain blind them to the pain of others. Emmanuel Baptist Church, for example, sponsors a children's home in San Salvador for war orphans and children separated from their families by the conflict.

On a national scale, Baptists (and Southern Baptist relief funds) have aided thousands of refugees through CESAD, an interdenominational, evangelical relief committee that Stennett helped launch before the war. CESAD distributes food to refugees nationwide. It also runs medical clinics in refugee camps, distributes Christian literature, aids destitute pastors and rents land for poor farmers or helps them get loans.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Combining sound business practices with a spiritual imperative impacts spread of gospel

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation had its beginnings rooted in the vision of some concerned pastors and the wisdom of some dedicated businessmen. The Foundation has continued to function under the strong influence of good businessmen from across the state.

The Foundation is a business and functions according to the best business principles without losing sight of its spiritual imperative to impact the spreading of the gospel. The charter is a legal document that sets forth the parameters for the work of the Foundation.

The work of the Foundation can be divided into two major divisions: administrative and promotion.

There are many functions in administration, such as receiving and accounting for the funds, preparation of documents, keeping a multitude of records, distribution of income to the beneficiaries, and the supervision of the investment program of the Foundation. The Foundation board is organized to assist the executive secretary-treasurer in carrying out these functions. There are three committees of the board: the executive committee, the investments committee and the audit committee.

The executive committee meets regularly to review the work of the Foundation and to conduct whatever business transactions that are brought to the board by the Foundation executive secretary.

The investments committee meets regularly with the investment counselors to review the investments and to approve any transactions that are recommended by these counselors.

The Foundation's budget is supported by an allocation from the Cooperative Program and from earnings. For the fiscal year 1983-84, 56% of the total budget came from the Kentucky Baptist Convention portion of the Cooperative Program and 44% came from earnings.

In addition to the executive secretary-treasurer, the Foundation has a combination office secretary/bookkeeper. This position is currently filled by Eunice Pierce who has been with the Foundation 13 years.

The current board of directors whose pictures appear above consists of the following:

L. Felix Murray, president, is a retired banker from Glasgow, in his second term on the board. He brings to the board a lifetime of experience in the financial field. He is a deacon in Glasgow Baptist Church.

Cy Waddle, vice president (photo not available), is serving a third three-year term after having been off the board the required one year. He is the owner and operator of Somerset Oil Co. and has provided wise and helpful judgment for the Foundation. He is a deacon in First Baptist Church, Somerset.

P. A. Stevens, secretary, is also serving the third year of a three-year term. Stevens, a Louisville businessman, has provided invaluable leadership to the Foundation. Being a local member, he is called on for counsel frequently. Stevens is active in his

local church and has filled positions in Baptist Brotherhood organization in Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

Guy Billington, is the owner of the Murray Insurance Agency, Murray. He has served more years on the Foundation board than any other director in the history of the Foundation. His reputation as a businessman in western Kentucky and his Christian commitment to Baptist causes has made him a most valuable board member. Despite the distance between Murray and Louisville, Billington has rarely missed a meeting. He has served as an officer and on the investment and audit committees.

Jewell Hill, a banker/farmer from Hopkinsville, is serving his second three-year term on the board. He is also a deacon and active member of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. His experience in business has made him a valuable member of the board and an effective member of the investment committee.

Clifford G. York (photo not available), an account executive for 3-M Company, is serving his first term on the board and is on the investment committee. He is a member of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. His business acumen and knowledge of investments have been valuable to the Foundation.

John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, is in his first term on the board. He has much experience in Kentucky Baptist Convention life having served as president in 1979-80, which makes him most helpful in dealing with denominational institutions and agencies.

Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, is serving a second three-year term on the board. His wide experience in Baptist affairs at all levels—Kentucky Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist World Alliance—enables him to give good counsel to the board in matters of denominational affairs.

John Kruschwitz, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, is serving his second three-year term on the board. He has served effectively on the investments committee. His many years as a pastor in Kentucky and his service in the denomination, having served as Kentucky Baptist Convention president, have made him a source of wise counsel to the Foundation executive secretary and to the board as well.

The administration of the affairs of the Foundation is in capable and trusted hands.

The second phase of the work of the Foundation is in the realm of promotion. Getting the word out to Baptists about the work and ministry of the Foundation is a large task. Writing articles, securing and distributing materials in an effective manner is a must if the Foundation is to fulfill its purpose. This is primarily the responsibility of the executive secretary, although on occasion some of the directors aid in this also.



Hill



Dunaway



Billington



Dehoney



Murray



Kruschwitz



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The promotion segment of the work of the Foundation, in addition to the printed material, consists of preaching engagements, wills' conferences, estate planning seminars and personal conferences.

Several years ago a Baptist lady, who lived on a small retirement income, inherited a small sum of money from her sister. She placed this money with the Foundation and received the income from it for the remainder of her life through a Gift Annuity Agreement. Fourteen years later she died and the balance of the money, \$8500, went to the Cooperative Program. There was never a time during her life that she could have made this large a contribution to a Christian cause. But she made it at least once through planning.

A successful businessman in Lexington made his will, leaving the bulk of his estate to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Those assets amounted to nearly \$1 million. The income from those assets are to be used for scholarships for needy students attending our Baptist colleges. In 1983-84 there were 150 scholarships granted and in 1984-85 there will be 135 more granted. This man, who did not attend college, has

made it possible for others to do so. He has extended his life through the lives of these young people.

Several years ago, Paul Whitler, who then was the business manager of Western Recorder, went with the executive secretary of the Foundation to a small town on the Ohio river southwest of Louisville. A lady had requested Whitler to visit her. This active Baptist woman in the Cloverport Baptist Church had a large amount of assets that she wanted to contribute to Baptist causes. She had sufficient income from other sources, so there was no practical need to keep these assets. Over a period of time an agreement was worked out with the Foundation whereby these stocks and bonds were transferred to the Foundation. The donor named the income beneficiaries. This became the largest outright gift ever made to the Foundation during the lifetime of the donor. This woman had the joy of seeing her gift work for the cause of Christ for a number of years before her death.

These three events illustrate better than anything else the ministry and function of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.