



Somerset Community College's BSU: cooperation by association

by R. Don Whitehead,
State Correspondent

It is the first of its kind in the state and it is now officially open.

The new Baptist student center at Somerset Community College was dedicated Sunday, Oct. 28. This is the only Baptist student center in the state on a community college campus that is jointly owned by the state convention and the local association and devoted exclusively to student work.

This pilot project has been a cooperative effort of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department and Pulaski Baptist Association. David Aker, association missionary, has worked closely with Don Blaylock and Ralph Hopkins of the state Student Department to bring the center into being. Its success may have implications for the work at other community colleges in Kentucky.

C. Williams, director of the Missions and Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, brought the message at the impact of BSU on the Southern Baptist program of missions, noting the large percentage of career missionaries who received their first taste of mission work in BSU summer missions. Lisa Olivero, BSU president at the community college, spoke on behalf of students. Revelation, choral group from Eastern Kentucky University BSU, sang.

The extensive community college system in the state of Kentucky is a fairly recent development on the educational scene. Almost from the beginning Kentucky Baptists have been interested in ministering to community college students.

Baptists quickly discovered that the nonresidential community college is very different from the residential four-year college. Students at the community college attend classes on campus

during the day but return home at night. Some hold full time jobs and others are the heads of households. A significant percentage of the students is older than traditional college age.

Ministry to a student holding a full time job and supporting a family is different from ministry to a 19-year-old sophomore. BSUs at state community colleges attempt to structure a program that will meet the needs of a wide variety of students.

Somerset Community College first opened its doors in 1965. Faculty sponsors were instrumental in the success of the program in those early years. Don Johnson (chemistry), Goldie McCann (psychology) and Karen Mounce (business studies) have provided leadership when campus ministers lived far from campus.

In the early years of the ministry at SCC, the campus ministers drove from miles away to be on campus one day a week. In the late 70s, students from Southern Seminary were campus ministers, driving to Somerset on Monday for meetings and counseling sessions.

In September 1980, again through a cooperative effort between association and state convention, a local minister was called to serve two days a week as campus minister. Having a local minister meant he was much more available to students and would spend more time on campus. This local person could have more time to build relationships with students, faculty and local churches.

Beginning in January 1982 Gary Kasey was called to be campus minister. Kasey also pastors Buena Vista Baptist Church in Somerset. Funds for his salary are again a cooperative effort between local churches, the association and the Student Department. Kasey is at the center three mornings and two afternoons each week to work with the BSU officers and provide counseling for students.

The ministry at Somerset Community College is multifaceted. Much of the work turns on the Thursday luncheon that is provided free to students. Obviously the "free" tag helps attract students. That is possible because the food is donated, prepared and served by WMU ladies from local churches. It is a part of that same spirit of cooperation that has made the BSU at Somerset possible.

The Somerset BSU has a regular monthly meeting for business and Bible study and another fellowship meeting each month. An annual tradition on campus is the Thanksgiving service sponsored by the BSU. Faculty and students from all walks of life attend this service. An emphasis on missions has always been a large part of the BSU program. The Somerset BSU raises money to support summer missionaries and takes part in an annual spring break mission project. In past years students from the college have worked in such places as New York City and Lake Placid, N. Y. on spring break.

Perhaps the best measure of any program is its results. One alumnus of the BSU program at SCC is currently working in medical missions in India. Another has just returned from a semester missionary assignment in Brazil. Still another pastors a church 10 miles from the campus.

'I know how you feel' means nothing if you've not been there: Eleanor Nutt

A very personal, powerful examination of how to deal with grief was presented on Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN) in late October featuring Eleanor Nutt of Louisville, widow of Southern Baptist humorist Grady Nutt.

In the program, Mrs. Nutt discussed different stages of grief she felt after her husband's death in a small plane crash nearly two years ago—beginning with the news of his death in the middle of the night.

She said she knew something was wrong earlier in the evening when Grady had not telephoned as he had said he would. Then at 2:30 a.m. her pastor knocked on the door, telling her he had "terrible news, Grady has been killed in a plane crash."

Mrs. Nutt said she appreciated the candor of her pastor, friends and church members who shared doubts, fears and sorrow with her. In particular, she said she was grateful for people who had the courage to talk about Grady after his death.

"It is a great injustice when we don't talk about the one who has died," she said in the program. "Don't play like the person never

existed. Make death a speakable issue."

Through the process of dealing with her grief, Mrs. Nutt said she learned it was okay to be frightened, because it doesn't mean you don't just pretend all is okay.

The follow-through in the months after Grady's death have been vital, according to Mrs. Nutt. Some people send mail every two or three months, others invited her to dinner, even though it meant an uneven number at the table. Someone else washed the dog and filled in a hole in the backyard without asking "what can I do?"

Through these and many other practical things, Mrs. Nutt, a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, said, "You know people care that your life has been ripped apart."

"There were times when words didn't help me," she said. "It was more important for someone just to be there," so I knew they cared.

Mrs. Nutt said, "I know how you feel," if they have not experienced such a loss. She said it is better to say "I am really sorry, and I will be here for you."

62 converts, 300 decisions results of Lone Oak meeting

by Jack D. Sanford, Editor

A mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit went to Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, week before last in an unusual revival meeting.

When the week long meeting concluded, more than 300 people had made public decisions of one kind or another. The pastor, Willis Henson, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, reported 56 professions of faith, six people for baptism from other denominations and one young man, Derrick Gourieux, surrendered to the ministry.

Evangelist for the revival was Henry Linginfel, Alcoa, Tenn. Dick Barrett, Bremen, Ga., led the music.

Henson said plans for the revival were made more than 18 months ago, and actual preparation for the meeting began three months ago. Prayer groups met continually for three months prior to the revival, and prospect discovery and visitation assignments were carried out by the Lone Oak people.

For one week before the start of the meeting the church building was open two hours each night for prayer. About 50 people gathered each night and were given specific people to pray for by name.

From the first service of the meeting to the last one the church was caught up in an exciting time of worship and praise. The end result was a great revival that reached far beyond the Lone Oak congregation.

A group of senior citizens in a campground 60 miles from Paducah heard of the revival. They called to report their prayer support and to make inquiries

about how the meeting was progressing.

A pastor from a Baptist church more than 40 miles away was in town to visit some of his church members in the local hospital. He came by the church and asked for the address of persons whom he could visit on behalf of the revival. He said he just wanted to be part of something so exciting.

According to Henson at least seven churches from other denominations in the Paducah area are gaining new members as a result of the revival.

Henson declares it was the greatest spiritual experience of his 30-year career as a Baptist minister. He also stated the church has been thoroughly revived. For instance, Henson said the greatest love offering in the history of the church was given the revival team. When the total was made known, the congregation stood and applauded itself for such generosity.

"This revival is unusual," Henson said, "because Lone Oak is not known as a revival church. We win people constantly. In fact, only two times in my 13 years as pastor here have we gone as long as three weeks without additions to the church."

Henson says one of the great benefits of the week was the opportunity for laypeople to serve as counselors to the great many who responded to the invitation. Church members opened Bibles and helped inquirers find the Lord. As a result of the good work of the people in prayer and visitation before the meeting and in counseling during the meeting, Henson declared he would baptize more than 50 of the 62 people who have made professions of faith.

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sanford's perspective

War of words

Some emotion laden words are in wide use among Southern Baptists today. These words throw up warning signals and often prepare either the user or the hearer for conflict. The words concern what we believe about the Bible. Words such as "inerrant," phrases such as "documentary hypothesis" and "plenary verbal" raise the hackles on some of the brethren.

Use of these words is meant to convey some mind set about the Bible, some acknowledged method of interpretation or understanding about scripture. The user of such words is attempting to position himself and declare his believe about the word. Usually his intention is honorable, springing out of deep conviction, but the result is often angry debate and conflict.

Seminary and Baptist college faculty members are frequently the object of stinging rebuke in this continuing argument. These are the persons most often criticized for their pronouncements, or alleged pronouncements, about scripture.

Ellis M. Bush, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, has spoken an excellent word in this general area. I want to share part of that word with you. Bush said, "I believe that every word of scripture is divinely inspired. I came through Southern Seminary . . . as a student without any hint or suggestion that any word of scripture was unimportant and uninspired. In fact, just the opposite impression was made upon me. An unusual illustration of this grew out of some of the graduate theses that caught my attention. They dealt with use of some particular preposition in the writings of Paul, or the significance of the presence or absence of the definite article for grasping the interpretive thrust of a given passage. All of these studies might appear trite or unimportant to some. Yet they were to me vivid and convincing illustrations of our belief that every jot and tittle of the word of God is inspired of God and any pursuit of knowledge that will contribute to your understanding and interpretation of God's truth is worthy of our best in discipline and study."

Bush goes on to say, "One of the things I had to learn was that critical studies of the scriptures did not mean studies from a negative attitude or judgment. They did not mean that one approached the scriptures as an adversary. The use of the word critical in the popular mind conveys the notion that one has adopted a harsh and a negative attitude toward the object that is being criticized. In this case, however, critical means a careful, analytical, intensive prodding into every conceivable possibility of usage and meaning that might have been a part of the writer's intention. While critical studies may have been perceived or viewed by some as a way of discrediting the truth, I came to understand them and value them as a way of discerning the truth."

Bush is saying what all Baptists believe, that the Bible is the inspired record of God's activities in his world.



Jack D. Sanford

We lose something of credibility with the lost world around us and usefulness to the heavenly Father when we quibble with each other over how we got the word. Our main emphasis should be on why we got it. When we are settled as to why we have scripture, perhaps we will then go forth to share our faith with a lost world.

The incessant squabble over words used about the Bible has crippled us as useful servants of the Lord. Surely we have heard enough, let us lay down the cudgel and embrace each other as forgiven sinners with a job to do for God. We all believe the Bible, else we would not be Baptists in the first place. Let us refuse to pour any more fuel on this fire of discontent and instead let us say to the brother or sister who wants to fight, "Go in peace, we have work to do for Christ, and have no time to tarry and pick nits."

A peculiar people

When Simon Peter described the first century Christians as "a peculiar people," the Holy Spirit, who inspired the words must have looked through the ages with his eye on present day Kentucky. For we are a "peculiar" people, as varied as any people on earth.

Our state is divided into regions with different life styles, cultural patterns, political expressions, even different worship practices. That vast stretch of country from the Tennessee border to the Ohio River is different than the Purchase. The Bluegrass is not at all like Northern Kentucky, and Louisville stands alone in many ways.

Yet there is a bond of unity, at least among the Baptists in our state. That bond is our commitment to the great enterprise of missions. We demonstrate that bond by service in Kenya and in Ohio and particularly through the Cooperative Program, which reaches into more than 100 countries.

We may not worship alike, nor play alike, nor vote alike, but we do think and act alike in our mission efforts.

We must strengthen that bond by an even larger commitment to the best mission program in the world. Participation by gifts through the Cooperative Program is the way every church in this state can stand with every other church in equality before God. This is what unifies us and we must never cut back our work through this God-blessed effort to be the people of God.

We may be separated geographically, culturally, politically, but God forbid we ever lessen the mission giving bond which is the life line of our world wide commission. Unselfish giving makes us a "peculiar" people for the Lord. May it ever be so.

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

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baptist forum

Life begins at birth

I urge Southern Baptists to review the traditional belief based upon scripture that life begins with breath at birth before we throw away our Broadman and other Bible commentaries, and change the King James Version and expect the Catholic Douay and Jewish Torah to change theirs, in keeping with the current science-medical definition of life before birth. In many places we are told that life begins with breath (Gen. 2:7; 1 Kings 17:17-22; Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:5) and that the unborn is a potential life (Ex. 21:22, 23) as there is no guarantee it will not be stillborn or naturally aborted before birth. The gift of, or ability to have, children is specifically given to the married, not the church nor the state, but the child conceived by evil or by force is not a God given or desirable gift else marriage is meaningless. Chaotic circumstances determine attitudes of the desirability of the gift of children as Jesus reminded the weeping women that there would come a time when barrenness was considered more blessed than children (Lk. 23:29). How would God's law be impartial if the innocent were forced to sin because they were sinned against by another? If we believe that life begins before birth then by Mosaic law an innocent woman who conceived by rape or incest would be forced to sin by choosing either abortion and therefore die as a murderer, or bearing a bastard and defile the land and having her soul cut off, or choose to lose her life or her soul because of another's sin. The man who started the fight in Ex. 21 would lose his life even though the unborn child may not have lived had the fight never occurred.

I believe that Jesus shared this view that life begins at birth when he said

(John 3) that "ye must be born again," or that eternal life begins with spiritual birth as natural life begins with physical birth—not conceived again or implanted again or DNA again, etc.—but born again; we are born into life and reborn into eternal life.

M. Geneva Jones, Hopkinsville

Moderates misunderstand 'grass roots'

I hear a lot of talk about "grass roots Baptists." I think there is a vast misunderstanding on the part of "moderates" about who grass roots Baptists are. The ones they write about have little similarity to the thousands I have met in my 35 years of pastoring small rural and large suburban churches as well as in evangelism throughout the state and country. The former editor of Western Recorder said, in essence, that the way to reverse the conservative trend of recent years in the Southern Baptist Convention is to get out more grass roots Baptists. The very reason that the convention is where it is today is because more grass roots Baptists have gotten out. The further down the holler, or on the ridge, or in the valley, or out on the plains you go to get Baptists out, the greater majority you're going to have that will stand firm with those who do not question the authority of one word of the Bible. In the thousands I have met I have never met one Baptist, I repeat not one, who would question the reliability of any of the teachings of God's word. This is an evident fact that the moderates steadfastly refuse to accept or even admit. This and their denial that the differences separating us are doctrinal (not political as they contend) are two of the issues that have brought us to this impasse and continue to hinder the

resolution of our problems.

I know that those of us who believe all of God's word without question are accused of being clones of Paul Pressler and Paige Patterson. This is an insult to our intelligence. My conservative theological position was established long before I ever heard there was a Paul Pressler or Paige Patterson. If someone comes along, such as these men, who can articulate what I believe better than I, that doesn't mean that I subjugate myself to him and become his gullible, blind follower. But we have common grounds of fellowship and are naturally drawn together by our conviction and beliefs.

Therefore, I'll join hands with anybody to get the grass roots Baptists out. I know that when we do it will assure the continued conservative trend of recent years and I, for one, like it.

Hayward R. Casey, Beaver Dam

Are church members represented?

Your "Perspective" Oct. 16 was read and its contents carefully noted.

One out of five at Kansas City Southern Baptist Convention is not too bad if you consider that one of five at the regular business meetings of local churches is not far off the mark!

A church claiming some 1500 members would then have 300 on Wednesday business meeting or a church of 800 would have 160 at their business meeting. I can't seem to recall this kind of participation, do you?

If this is true, our membership is not adequately represented and the voice of the people is not being heard. No money and very little time is required of our business meeting.

Is there a better way? A more sure way?

What sort of movement do you think it would take for us Christians to think more of our church groups as being needed in the total decision process? And when we do, what chance is there of the turtle's voice being heard?

Going, in itself, does nothing for input. Exchange of ideas is, in my opinion, very important to our growth.

Going, making, baptizing, and teaching are our commands.

George Hall, Florence

Reader endorses Routh's proposal

I could kick myself that I didn't think of it first. Porter Routh's suggestion that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention appointments to the committee on committees be composed of the presidents of our state conventions and Woman's Missionary Unions is a God send! I would add, why not carry the idea a step further and apply it to the resolutions committee as well!

Charles Stanley has a unique opportunity to send a message across the Southern Baptist Convention that the presidency of the convention is "not for sale," and that no one group or individual can play political hard ball with this significant office.

By design or not, the impression is present, however, that the appointments to the committee on committees and committee on resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention are motivated not by the Spirit of God, but the spirit of manipulation and control. Routh's suggestion, if implemented this year, could go far in restoring confidence in the office of the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I, for one, and I pray among many, call upon Charles Stanley during his

term of office to follow Routh's suggestion and take a significant and much needed step toward de-politicizing the office of president.

Rick White, Lebanon Junction

N. C. church supports Stanley

Whereas, we the members of Benton Heights Baptist Church believe that God is continuing to use the Southern Baptist Convention to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Whereas, we also feel that Charles Stanley has led the convention well and will continue to do so.

Whereas, we the members of Benton Heights Baptist Church want Southern Baptists to know that we support with love and prayers the president of our beloved convention, Charles Stanley.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of Benton Heights Baptist Church feel extremely grateful that Charles Stanley, a compassionate, kind and Christlike man, is our president.

Congregation of Benton Heights Baptist Church, Monroe, N. C.

Kentucky Baptists must take a stand

Once more in the life of Christians the necessity exists for a choice. In Kentucky the year 1984 has brought great challenges to Southern Baptist Christians. These challenges began in June when the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City dealt Kentucky Southern Baptists a blow when the convention declared that according to scriptures it was unlawful to ordain a woman to a pastoral position. During that resolution's debate many Kentucky Southern Baptists spoke against the resolution, though the position of the fundamentalists was adopted. This resolution was an affront to Kentuckians because more than three quarters of the congregational makeup are women. It does seem absurd that where there are more women than men, men are always in charge. Thus, Kentucky Southern Baptists have to decide to either follow the resolution or begin appointing women.

The confusion the above resolution produced had not been cleared when Kentucky Southern Seminary president Roy Honeycutt declared a "holy war" on those whom the president and many astute Bible students considered naive in biblical interpretation. The president's declaration was not met with anything less than the harshest words that have ever come out of the fundamentalist stronghold.

The fundamentalists immediately recognized that their strength could be felt in the Cooperative Program. As such, they immediately called for the president's resignation because they could not pay the salary for someone who did not believe as they do. In the declaration of the fundamentalist group was a call to Kentucky Southern Baptists to take a stand. If the president were to resign, that would mean a defeat to the trustees of Southern Seminary who are residents of Kentucky, meaning they are not competent to interpret biblical matters. Also that would cause other astute scholars to fold their tails and run under their beds in fear.

Kentuckians must see that the resolution adopted in Kansas City and the declaration made by the fundamentalist stronghold demanding the president's resignation is an affront to their integrity and fight to see that their seminary's president remains the president of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Washington Dixon Cisco, Louisville

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.

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Official rules:

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10. Western Recorder employees, interns, stringers and directors and their families are ineligible to participate in this competition.



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homes for children

Prayer power

Abraham Lincoln said he had been driven to his knees many times with the overwhelming conviction that there was no where else to go. Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

You and I live in a power conscious age. Jet engines, space rockets and atomic power are all commonplace. Yet the greatest power in the world is in none of these things. Rather it is the power of God released through prayer. While it is sad that many Christians do not avail themselves of prayer power yet it is wonderful that many things are wrought by prayer.

Hannah was barren. She prayed for a child and God answered her prayer. Elizjah, a man of God, prayed that it not rain and it did not rain for three and a half years. Then he prayed for rain and it rained. Paul and Silas, when in prison, tested prayer power. At midnight they praised God and prayed and God opened the prison. In the early days of the New Testament church the Bible says, "And when they prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

There is no less prayer power available today. The Bible teaches when there is a need we should pray. James said, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." Then he said, "Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss." And Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive."

I want to ask every reader to join with others in a prayer request. The Women's Advisory Board of Baptist Homes for Children is encouraging all Kentucky Baptists to participate in a week of prayer for the annual Thanksgiving offering. Pray at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for seven days beginning Nov. 4. Pray for the success of this offering. This year's goal is \$685,000 and every dollar is needed. Pray for the staff as they work with the children in our care. Most of all pray for troubled, hurting, dependent children everywhere. Pray that Baptists will rise to the great needs of children with bold generosity to the glory of God and blessing of children. Be a part of this prayer power in prayer and giving.

viewpoint

Crossing the river

by C. E. Jacobs, Somerset

The Sept. 4 edition of Western Recorder contained an article by William W. Marshall. It revealed some disturbing statistics. His article indicated that in the past 13 years Kentucky Baptists have only shown an increase of 34 churches. Hopefully that statistic is bothering all of us.

Some of us must be ignoring lots of good opportunities while some live in areas where there may not be a need for a new work. The 2200 or so churches we have in Kentucky are a veritable army of people. We are not as weak as our lack of progress over the past 13 years would seem to indicate.

I would just like to call it to our attention that we Kentucky Baptists have formed a linkup with Ohio Baptists, which is a pioneer state for Southern Baptists. The opportunities for starting new missions and for helping existing missions and weak churches is almost unlimited there. I would like to get us to lift up our eyes and LOOK ACROSS THE RIVER. Surely we haven't gotten so satisfied that we are in danger of losing our vision of the needs of the teeming multitudes just to the north of us. Since most congregations follow the leadership of the pastor, we desperately need to be leading in the area of beginning new works. We might be wise to LOOK ACROSS THE RIVER.

Let me suggest a few things that may hinder us from LOOKING ACROSS THE RIVER to the land of Ohio as a potential place for our individual churches to begin helping in mission work:

Fear #1. Some fear we might not be

able to control a mission if it is too far away from our church field. So, some of us have just dismissed the idea from our minds—and our hearts became as cold as our minds.

Fear #2. Some fear the folks in Ohio are different and have no background in Southern Baptist ways and they might have strange ways and strange doctrines—and it just might get a mess started—and since they wouldn't be members of our church, how could we control it?

Fear #3. Some of us may be afraid we wouldn't be able to report it as Cooperative Program or associational giving and wouldn't get any credit for it. Pastors know that all the good pulpit committees from the good churches look at those two columns when they seek a pastor.

Fear #4. We also may be afraid it will bring ruin upon our local financial situation. And yet we do believe our people are mission-minded people and can and will give more if they are informed and know that they help good causes.

Having pastored in Ohio for a number of years and having pastored a church in Kentucky for the past 16 years that has been involved in sponsoring or cosponsoring missions in the pioneer areas, I think I can and should say a few things about the FOUR GREAT FEARS that strap us down.

Our church, the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Somerset, has had a total of six missions in the pioneer areas of the north and we have had some very rewarding experiences. (Four of these works we are still cosponsoring, two of these works in Ohio have become growing, self-supporting churches.) We

have had sister churches in the area where the mission was located to look after the work and help guide them to believe, practice and mature in the right direction. We have not worried about who gets the credit nor how it was reported. We have tried to concentrate on helping people rather than worrying about our image. We have, while helping these missions, increased our giving through the Cooperative Program and also through our association. We have kept our people informed about those missions and have continually sent groups to help them in revival and Bible schools, etc., which, when they return to us, give testimonies about the mission and that helps keep the fires of interest burning here. We have experienced good, steady financial growth in our own situation as well.

We recommend that a church that is interested in getting involved in this type of mission work do the following: Contact a director of missions in Ohio and ask for information of a possible situation. Arrange to go with a carload of adults and visit the area and allow the DOM to show you the area. If a group is meeting already, worship with them for a weekend and come back home and spend the next service sharing with your church what you saw and what you think should be done to help. And designate somebody to make a motion in the following business meeting to begin helping financially and through prayer—and you are on your way!

If we don't have suitable places in Kentucky for the beginning of hundreds of new missions—let's GO ACROSS THE RIVER!



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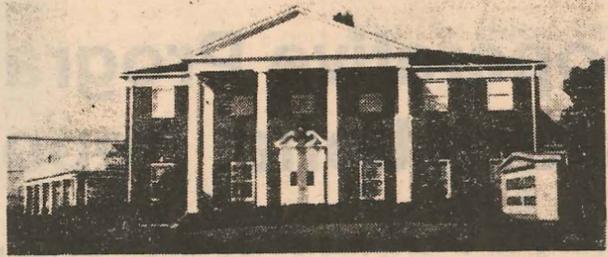
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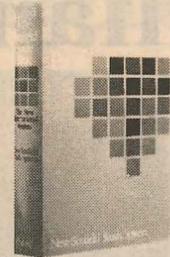
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Gospel music's *grande dame* is now a Louisvillian

by Denise George,
State Correspondent

"I want to be remembered as an artist," states Cynthia Clawson, 35, a "leading light" in the gospel music industry.

"An artist in the purest sense," she allows. One given the "ability and temperament" to channel "everybody's thinking back to Jesus."

Cynthia's more than 100 concert appearances this year have taken her across the United States, to Canada, South America and New Zealand.

Miss Clawson calls herself a 'song stylist.'

"It's hard to pin me down as to whether I'm a classical singer or a gospel singer or a country singer or a pop singer or whatever. I'm a 'song stylist' who prefers the gospel message to anything else."

She adds: "I've got all this music inside of me, and all kinds of messages—the most important one is the fact that God can be a part of your life, and can change it."

In a recent article in the Louisville Courier-Journal, Roger Fristoe described Cynthia Clawson as the "grande dame of contemporary American gospel music."

"Her sound is a mixture of pop and classical styles. She has a four-octave range and a dramatic stage presence that combines the simplicity of pop singer Jane Olivor, the confidence of Barbra Streisand and the impish humor of Bette Midler," he declares.

Cynthia describes herself simply as "a child of God" who is struggling along to do "the best I can while I'm here on this earth," and "trying hard" to be a follower of Jesus.

"I have to minister. I don't have a choice. Jesus said 'love one another'..."

Eleven years ago she married Ragan Courtney, actor/poet/playwriter and teacher (associate professor of Christian drama at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary). Together, they write many of her songs, Cynthia writing the music and Ragan producing the lyrics.

They have two children, Will, 5, and Lily, 3.

On moving to Louisville this fall they joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Born in Houston, Tex., Cynthia began singing in Baptist churches in Texas at age three. Her minister father and musically educated mother encouraged her in her music. In junior high school she was first paid for her singing.

Her first major career break came



Cynthia Clawson

during college when she appeared on television's All American College Show with host Arthur Godfrey. Following that, she was cast as a regular on "The Newcomers," a CBS summer-replacement show for Carol Burnett.

She received several Hollywood offers but turned them down to move back to Texas to be married. The marriage did not take place, but she remained in Texas.

In 1973 she married Courtney, whom she met when she performed in his church musical, "Celebrate Life." They settled in Nashville.

Within the last 10 years Miss Clawson has recorded seven albums, has won three "Dove" awards from the Gospel Music Association, a Grammy award, and—this year—for her recording of "Come Celebrate Jesus" (on her latest album "Forever") was nominated for outstanding gospel performance by a female.

Cynthia confesses that she enjoys concert work, but hates to travel. She credits her husband for her freedom to travel two weeks out of every month.

"Ragan is very liberated," she acknowledges. "He is as much mother as he is father." She adds: "Ragan and I think we have the best marriage of anyone we know."

When they have free time, which is seldom, they both enjoy going to movies and having friends to their home to talk about philosophy and art.

Social issues concern Miss Clawson. She is involved in the issues of world hunger and world peace. "I'm very much a pacifist," she states.

Peace among Christians also concerns her. She admits: "I would like to help unite the Southern Baptist Convention."

Why does Cynthia sing?

"I don't have a choice," she confesses. "It's like asking 'why do you breathe?' I sing all the time, in the car, in the kitchen—I just always sing. As far as the message I sing, I have to minister. I don't have a choice. Jesus said 'love one another,' and there's no choice. That's what I'm trying to do."

Cooperative Program Associational Report

The following list of Cooperative Program giving by churches in each of the 70 associations shows both the 1983 and 1984 reports and a comparison of dollar and percentage changes.

The largest dollar increase was recorded by the churches of Severns Valley Baptist Association with \$51,544. The largest percentage change was recorded by the churches in Booneville Association with 23.4%.

Association	1983 CP	1984 CP	\$ Change	% Change
Allen	33,671	41,155	7,483	22.2
Anderson	80,406	85,509	5,102	6.3
Bell	56,809	62,291	5,481	9.7
Bethel	224,431	244,311	9,120	4.0
Blackford	104,182	108,655	4,472	4.3
Blood River	420,837	463,173	42,335	10.0
Boones Creek	185,544	183,326	2,217	1.2
Booneville	61,791	76,245	14,453	23.4
Bracken	52,890	56,908	4,018	7.5
Breckenridge	39,303	38,950	353	-.9
Caldwell-Lyon	218,462	238,682	20,220	9.2
Casey County	18,631	13,973	4,657	25.0
Central	95,167	91,045	4,121	4.3
Christian County	287,161	302,097	14,936	5.2
Crittenden	86,613	93,693	7,080	8.1
Daviess-McLean	760,782	808,938	48,155	6.3
East Lynn	7,322	7,359	37	.5
East Union	1,567	1,596	28	1.9
Elkhorn	778,787	827,187	48,400	6.2
Enterprise	57,352	65,843	8,491	14.9
Franklin	205,053	219,933	14,879	7.2
Freedom	21,014	23,042	2,027	9.7
Fulton	48,304	53,448	5,144	10.7
Gaspar River	34,434	35,523	1,088	3.1
Goshen	816	610	206	25.2
Graves County	214,915	196,066	18,848	8.8
Grayson County	70,776	81,406	10,629	15.0
Green Valley	181,396	206,628	25,232	14.0
Greenup	271,973	314,669	42,695	15.7
Henry County	57,718	59,700	1,982	3.4
Irvine	12,997	13,389	391	3.0
Jackson	--	--	--	.0
Laurel River	108,292	122,778	14,486	13.3
Liberty	104,597	124,465	19,868	19.0
Lincoln County	64,146	77,046	12,900	20.1
Little Bethel	29,270	358,243	28,972	8.8
Little River	89,762	93,945	4,183	4.7
Logan	73,677	81,340	7,662	10.4
Long Run	1,378,078	1,409,930	31,852	2.3
Lynn	72,071	68,329	3,742	5.1
Lynn Camp	25,061	30,200	5,139	20.5
McCreary	31,534	34,947	3,412	10.9
Mercer	257,306	259,298	1,991	.8
Middle Fork	--	--	--	.0
Monroe	28,919	28,046	872	3.0
Mt. Zion	163,250	180,117	16,866	10.3
Muhlenberg	387,466	382,643	4,822	1.2
Nelson	221,862	237,696	15,834	7.1
Northern Kentucky	517,486	547,664	30,177	5.9
North Concord	54,796	62,773	7,977	14.5
Ohio County	169,107	173,745	4,638	2.8
Ohio River	124,974	132,926	7,952	6.3
Ohio Valley	137,776	144,334	6,557	4.8
Owen County	86,708	89,062	2,354	2.8
Pike	157,789	174,088	16,298	10.3
Pine Mountain	37,651	33,580	4,070	10.9
Pulaski	383,223	411,691	28,468	7.4
Red River	30,996	34,907	3,911	12.7
Rockcastle	32,472	35,002	2,529	7.8
Russell County	29,678	28,298	1,380	4.7
Russell Creek	76,925	71,759	5,166	6.8
Salem	76,572	82,343	5,771	7.5
Severns Valley	453,997	505,541	51,544	11.3
Shelby County	166,224	175,824	9,599	5.8
Simpson	103,174	106,501	3,326	3.2
South District	216,940	225,242	8,302	3.9
South Union	8,174	9,100	925	11.3
Sulphur Fork	139,996	139,503	493	-.3
Tates Creek	139,703	150,460	10,756	7.8
Taylor County	281,289	279,561	1,727	-.7
Ten Mile	83,591	89,039	5,448	6.5
Three Forks	126,113	140,472	14,358	11.3
Union	53,664	64,806	11,142	20.8
Upper Cumberland	59,099	61,311	2,212	3.8
Warren	239,283	247,623	8,340	3.4
Wayne County	27,834	33,796	5,961	21.4
West Kentucky	88,346	96,083	7,737	8.8
West Union	421,085	431,097	10,012	2.3
Whites Run	27,669	26,940	728	2.7



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Accountability and servanthood

While first and foremost accountable to the Lord to whom we bear witness, in a very real sense denominational servants are also responsible to the constituency we serve.

We may be employed by an individual or board. But in Southern Baptist life, we actually perform at the pleasure of the individuals who comprise the congregations of our supporting constituency.

The denominational servant who sets himself above the people who employ him is misguided. Nor should the people to whom he is accountable see him as some type of hero, one who lives a more holy life or who commands unreasonable respect because of his position.

The truth is, denominational workers are subject to the same frailties as anyone.

In practical terms, what does accountability mean for the denominational servant who attempts to be responsible to his constituency? Here are some suggestions.

1. He is active in his practice of worship, faithfully attending the services of his own Southern Baptist congregation when possible, and praying for that particular body when he must be away.

2. He lives his Christian life by example rather than by lecture.

3. He is concerned for the salvation of those in his own home, trying to be a model spouse, parent, child, sibling.

4. He tithes his income, and practices worthy stewardship in every area of his life.

5. He studies his Bible daily and prays regularly for multiple concerns.

6. He is an upstanding citizen of the community in which he lives, never bringing shame upon himself, his family or his employer by his demeanor and how he conducts his personal business.

7. He is ethically and morally above reproach, a person of integrity, on and off the job.

8. He gives his employer a full day's service in exchange for a full day's pay.

9. He represents his constituency joyfully and happily, going out of his way to avoid giving signals that he views his calling as "another job."

10. He loves his denomination with all his heart, and his actions affirm it.

11. He works through proper channels to create a climate for positive change when it is warranted.

12. He is essentially a likable, loyal, cooperative employe, seeing that the good outweighs the remainder in what he is called to do.

There's joy in Christian service. But along with it comes responsibility for knowing who and what we are, and for making an appropriate response to those whom we are called to serve.

The Badgetts of Campbellsville left Kentucky last week to become our first volunteers to Kenya. In the next three years, hundreds of additional Kentuckians will follow them. But the Badgetts are accustomed to pioneering: since "retirement" in 1980, this is their third foreign mission stint.

On the road again

by Kima Jude,
State Correspondent

Instead of secluding him, retirement broadened the world of J. Chester Badgett, minister.

In fact, to date, four years after resigning his last pastorate, Badgett has not yet encountered any of the seclusion retirement often brings—not when after spending 45 years pastoring churches in his native Kentucky, more than 30 of those at a single church, his world has now stretched to include the likes of Hong Kong, Venezuela and, now, Kenya.

Badgett, who pastored Campbellsville Baptist Church in Taylor County more than 30 years, is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He holds a doctorate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He will assume pastorate of an English-speaking church in Nairobi, Kenya, for four months while the church's regular pastor returns to the states for a short furlough. In accepting the interim position Badgett and his wife have become the first two volunteers in Kentucky Baptists' partnership plan with Kenya.

Badgett's aid was solicited by a committee to determine how Southern Baptists can aid outreach in Kenya.

The post comes on the heels of a series of volunteer and part time ministries that Badgett has undertaken during the four years of his retirement.

He was also a mission volunteer to Hong Kong where he spent a year pastoring an English-speaking church shortly after his official retirement.

Last year he assumed pastorate of an English-speaking church in Caracas, Venezuela, for a year to relieve that church's regular pastor. He returned home last May.

In between those two sojourns he pastored part time at a small church in Taylor County and was church relations director at Campbellsville College.

In short, Badgett never retired from the ministry. He merely switched fields.

"I'm pretty sure I would not have given up the preaching ministry at home if I had not anticipated being able to work as a mission volunteer," said Badgett. He began his ministry at age 18 and started pastoring at 19.

So more than a year before his anticipated retirement he contacted the Foreign Mission Board to let the board know he would be available for volunteer mission work. Although he had been previously involved in some short term mission projects, Badgett said the board had been seeking retired persons who could act as volunteers.

Nevertheless, Badgett said he had anticipated last year's mission work in Venezuela to be his last foreign trip.

"I told just about everybody in town we were here to stay now because of our age," said Badgett, who retired in Campbellsville. The Foreign Mission Board does place age limitations on volunteers and Badgett will be 70 in January. His wife is 71.



Since retiring from the pastorate J. Chester Badgett and his wife Ruth have been mission volunteers in Hong Kong and Venezuela. They examine a globe to pinpoint where their next mission work will take them—Kenya—as part of Kentucky Baptists' partnership plan with that country.

I would not have given up the preaching ministry at home if I had not anticipated being able to work as a mission volunteer.

J. Chester Badgett

However, because this particular assignment is of a very short duration and filled at the discretion of Kentucky Baptists, the age factor was eliminated, he said.

So after receiving favorable reports from their doctor, getting their required inoculations and spending time reading up on Kenya, the Badgetts were to leave for the east African nation Nov. 1.

In Kenya they will stay in the home of a missionary in Nairobi.

"It's real nice, exciting to get to meet the different people," said Mrs. Badgett, a retired school teacher. There she plans to simply "live it day by day. Do whatever comes up in the day to serve."

The international church where they will serve has a congregation of about 500-600.

They expect the experience they gained on mission fields in Hong Kong and Venezuela to have prepared them for the work in Nairobi, however.

"We have really been impressed with what the Lord can do with crossing international barriers with deep love and concern for each other in an international church," Badgett said.

As mission volunteers their work is unsalaried, which means they are responsible for their own living expenses and transportation to and from Kenya.

On excursions that last for more than six months the Foreign Mission Board does pay travel expenses, according to Badgett.

"We certainly don't go in our own strength. We go depending on the Lord."

Which means that it is perhaps not the easiest of jobs, uprooting themselves to settle briefly in a foreign land and then uprooting themselves again.

Indeed, home becomes dearer.

"Homesickness is the worst thing I face," Badgett said. "She (Mrs. Badgett) takes it better than I do."

"We've come to a new appreciation that missionaries go out and live their lives away from their home and families."

The Badgetts have three children, two living in Frankfort and one in Lexington, who are supportive of their parents' mission work, the retired pastor said.

"We didn't necessarily want to leave home, but when the Lord opens a door that we can help fill . . ." they fill it until they are no longer needed.

Then "I look forward to coming home," Badgett said.

But not to rest.

Health permitting, he plans to continue some type of ministry. In between his missionary sojourns his time is easily filled by making rounds discussing mission work, preaching revivals and such.

"As long as I'm physically able, I want to be serving the Lord," said Badgett, who urges other retired ministers to consider becoming mission volunteers.

"I don't think the Lord ever means us to retire from being a Christian worker," he said. "There's always something to do."

Be it in Kenya or Kentucky.

baptist news in brief

Convention services to be interpreted for the deaf

The Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Louisville at Walnut Street Church (Nov. 13-14) will have its Tuesday and Wednesday evening services interpreted for the deaf. This will enable the deaf in the KBC churches to participate in these two sessions.

More than 30 of the Kentucky Baptist Convention churches report a ministry to the deaf, according to Kentucky Baptist Convention for the Deaf officers Eddie Johnson, president, and Mary Ann Miller, vice president.

The "signing" of these services will assure the hearing impaired and deaf members of Kentucky Baptist Convention churches that they are truly encouraged to participate in Kentucky Baptist Convention activities such as the annual convention, said KBC staffer William D. Jagers.

Those who have been asked to interpret are Mrs. Pat Nickel, St. Matthews; Louisville; Mrs. Joyce Wilder, First, Bowling Green; and Mrs. Sandy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stacy and Miss Cathy Howle, Lyndon, Louisville.

Albert Bean named to Midwestern faculty post

Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., named a Midwestern alumnus to a faculty position during their semiannual meeting Oct. 15-16.

Albert Bean, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, Mo., was named associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Bean, 46, is a 1972 Midwestern graduate. Before going to Calvary Church in 1979, he was Baptist Chair of Bible instructor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, for three years.

Earlier he was an instructor and a Garrett Fellow in Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. While in Louisville he was pastor of Highland Park Second Baptist Church and instructor of Old Testament theology at Simmons University.

Bean holds a PhD from Southern Seminary, an MDiv from Midwestern and a BA from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Dunn named president of Bread for the World

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn has been elected president of Bread for the World—a Christian citizens' movement focusing solely on hunger.

Dunn and 41 other religious leaders volunteer their time and services as officers and directors of Bread for the World. Dunn, who has been a director of Bread for the World for the past six years, is the first Southern Baptist to head the 10-year-old organization.

Another Southern Baptist, Patsy Ayres of Sewanee, Tenn., was elected vice president. Mrs. Ayres, currently a member of the SBC Christian Life

Commission, previously was secretary of Bread for the World.

Other Baptists currently directors of the Washington, D. C.-based organization include Andy Loving of Atlanta, and William A. Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston.

SBC Forum to meet second time in Dallas

Planners for SBC Forum, a pre-convention meeting begun in 1984 in Kansas City, have announced the program for the 1985 session to be held Monday afternoon, June 10, 1985 in Dallas, Tex.

Featured speakers will include: Don Harbuck, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Catherine Allen, associate executive director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.; James Flammig, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; and Bill Moyers, CBS Television, New York City.

Featured musicians will include Cynthia Clawson, Louisville; Ken Medema, San Francisco; Bill O'Brien, Richmond, Va.; Darrell Adams, Louisville; and Bob Bailey, Nashville.

John Hewett, pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, and a member of the Forum program committee, said "Again we are offering Southern Baptist messengers and visitors an opportunity for worship, encouragement, and celebration before we convene June 11 for the work of convention business. Those attending SBC Forum will experience a positive, helpful afternoon of inclusive Christian fellowship. Everyone is welcome."

Porn seminars to meet in Louisville, Lexington

The National Federation for Decency has scheduled decency seminars for Louisville and Lexington. The purpose

is to acquaint ministers and concerned citizens with the problem of pornography, indecency and obscenity.

Donald E. Wildmon, a United Methodist minister who heads the NFD, said Louisville and Lexington were two of approximately 75 major cities where the NFD will be conducting seminars during the next six months. There is no charge for the seminars.

The seminars will consist of a multimedia presentation of the destructive entertainment in network television; the anti-Christian bias of the TV elite; pornography in the family marketplace; how to deal with cable porn; correlation of pornography to sexual aggression and similar subjects.

The seminars will be held in Louisville Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Southeast I-264 (3255 Bardstown Road at Watterson Expy.) and in Lexington Thursday, Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at First Alliance Church, 2201 Higbee Road.

Another school's faculty supports leader's voice

The faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., unanimously adopted a resolution of support for president W. Randall Lolley and renewed their commitment to "fulfill our calling."

The resolution, adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the 38-member faculty, cited Lolley for "providing significant leadership for this seminary and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in a time of grave challenges to our evangelistic, missionary and educational work . . ."

Lolley's commitment of time, talent and energy was seen as "a source of encouragement and inspiration" to the members of the teaching staff, according to the resolution.

He was further lauded for his affirmation of "the ministries of women in the tasks to which God has called them or yet shall call them . . ." and for his work "to open the doors of opportunity for ministry to all persons who are thus called . . ."

Georgetown Alumni, Pastors, Friends

You are cordially invited to the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention Breakfast celebrating Georgetown College along with President and Mrs. W. Morgan Patterson, who join us in a first . . . a Convention tradition.

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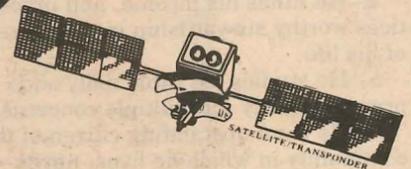
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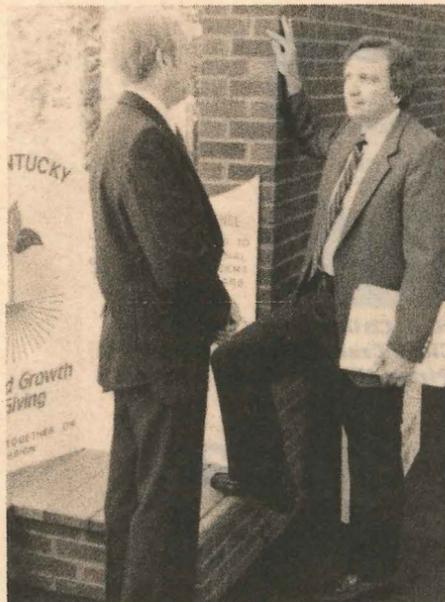
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Cauthen begins therapy following earlier stroke

Baker James Cauthen, who suffered a mild stroke Oct. 22, was scheduled to be moved to a rehabilitation hospital Oct. 26 for several weeks of therapy.

The executive director emeritus of the Foreign Mission Board reportedly has weakness on his left side and requires assistance in walking. His speech is slurred, but Mrs. Cauthen reports other brain functions appear normal.

Cauthen, 74, has cancelled his speaking engagements for November and December. Other professors are covering the two classes he was teaching as visiting professor of missions at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.



Two members of the Planned Growth in Giving Task Force discuss plans for the national seminars in January and February 1985. Don Mathis [r], pastor, Central Baptist Church, Corbin, and Glenn Durham [l], layman from Harlan.

New age groupings set for RAs, Baptist Men

Major changes in the Royal Ambassador and Baptist Men's programs were approved by the Brotherhood Commission during the commission's semi-annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 24-27.

The commission voted to divide Royal Ambassadors into three age groups—Lads, for boys in grades 1-3; Crusaders, for boys in grades 4-6; Pioneers, for boys in grades 7-9. The commission also voted to change older Pioneers to High School Baptist Young Men and to create three new divisions in the Baptist Men's program—Collegiate Baptist Young Men, ages 18-29, who are college students; Baptist Young Men, ages 18-29 who are not college students; and Senior Baptist Men, ages 55 and up. The program changes become effective in the fall of 1987.

Don Greene, a layman from Hickory, N. C., was reelected to a second one year term as commission chairman; Norris Stampley, a Jackson, Miss., layman, was elected vice chairman; and Les Albros, a Jeffersonville, Ind., layman, was elected recording secretary.

State PGG leaders to train for seminars

The Kentucky Planned Growth in Giving task force composed of seven pastors, five lay persons, two directors of missions and 14 Kentucky Baptist Convention state staffers will be trained at two national seminars in January and February 1985.

The training will be to prepare them to lead 21 Planned Growth in Giving seminars across Kentucky. These will be held February-May 1985.

The first of the seminars will be held in Denton, Tex. in January 1985 and the second at Shocco Springs, Ala. February 1985. Half of Kentucky's task force team will go to Texas, and half to Alabama.

The 21 Kentucky seminars are for the pastor and church Planned Growth in Giving chairman of each church. They will be trained to lead their church in a four-week church event in the fall of

1985. The Kentucky Baptist Convention will pay the lodging and meals of each participant enrolling in each of the 21 seminars which are five-session, two-day events.

There will be a five-member team leading in each of the 21 seminars. Two will be pastors of lay people, two Kentucky Baptist Convention staff members and one team member from a Southern Baptist Convention agency.

Materials will be provided each participant, along with expert training so that the team from each church will be prepared to lead their church in an effective time of instruction and inspiration to undergird the efforts toward Bold Mission Thrust in reaching the world with the gospel by the year 2000.

Home Board sets 81 for U. S., Canada posts

The Baptist Home Mission Board commissioned 81 missionaries for service in 24 states and Canada during Oct. 28 morning worship services at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. The commissioning climaxed a week-long orientation at a downtown Dallas motel.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala., led the prayer of dedication and Home Mission Board president William G. Tanner challenged the 81 missionaries to be sensitive to the needs of hurting people.

The 81 include eight serving in Michigan; seven in Colorado; six in Texas, Louisiana; five in New England; four in Maryland, Arizona and Missouri; three in Ohio, Alaska, Illinois and Virginia; two in Pennsylvania, Nevada, California, Washington, New York, Kentucky, New Mexico, Minnesota and Georgia; plus one in Manitoba, Canada.

C. B. [Bill] Hogue elected to lead California Baptists

C. B. (Bill) Hogue, former Home Mission Board vice president for evangelism, has been elected executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Hogue, 56, has been pastor for the past two years of Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., following nine years at the HMB post. He was elected Oct. 19 at a special meeting of the executive board of the California Convention held in Fresno where he was presented as the recommendation of the board's search committee.

Youth fellowship tool is planned to air Nov. 25

Testimonies by Carl Lewis and other world-class athletes, highlighted in the ACTS broadcast, "An Olympic Flame," will be used in Southern Baptist churches as an outreach tool to youth during November and December.

The program will be aired on ACTS at 8:30 p.m. and midnight Nov. 25 and at 10 p.m. Dec. 2 (all times Eastern). It can be received over cable TV systems and television stations carrying ACTS or directly from the Spacenet I satellite.

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clear creek comment

Set yourself a goal

Recently our campus turned out en masse to welcome the Aldridges back from Africa. As we celebrated "D. M. and Kay Aldridge Day at Clear Creek," we were blessed by their presence, their slide presentation of mission work in Zambia and refreshing fellowship in the Lord. We hosted the Aldridges at a faculty/staff lunch and asked him to share with our faculty.

During his remarks he said something that found a chord of response in my heart—"If we had not set goals, Clear Creek would never have amounted to anything." How true!

Paul said, "This one thing I do . . ." (Phil. 3:13). It is obvious he was a big goal-setter. And I am convinced God wants all of his children to set goals for themselves.

Christ set a goal for the church—to carry the gospel to all nations, disciple them, baptize them and teach them his word. He set a goal for individuals—to come to him, believe in him, obey him, follow him and witness and serve him.

A Christian is blessed and helped when he sets specific goals for his life. Specific goals remind us that life is lived a little bit at a time. "By the yard it's hard, but by the inch it's a cinch" is true of fulfilling difficult tasks; however it is also true about life. God sets before us one thing to do in this specific moment, and that is his will for us.

Setting goals also helps us to prioritize our lives. To write down the most important things for me to accomplish today challenges me to decide what is important in my life.

Finally, setting goals helps us to conserve and use our time wisely. An unplanned day is not as productive for the Lord as one which is planned deliberately and prayerfully.

We continue to set goals at Clear Creek and will until our Lord shall come.

From in the Dawn

We are standing in the great dawn of a day they did not know,

On a height they only dreamed of, toiling darkly far below;

But our gaze is toward a summit, loftier, airier, mist-encurled, Soaring skyward through the twilight from the bases of the world.

Up and up, achieving, failing, weak in flesh but strong of soul.

We may never live to reach it—ah, but we have seen the goal!

Odell Shephard

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oneida journal

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Cleo Hatton Coyle is one of the more remarkable products of Oneida.

She started school here as a very small girl in the earliest years of our school. For the first 58 years, Oneida had kindergarten through the 12th grades. Today we serve grades 6-12.

Seventy-four years ago Cleo made her profession of faith in old Marvin Hall Chapel. It was a real and life changing experience for her. Her life has been a continuing testimony of devotion to Jesus Christ. She was obedient from the beginning. She followed the Lord in baptism where the waters of Goose Creek, Red Bird Creek and Bullskin Creek mingle to form the South Fork of the Kentucky River. This was our traditional place of baptism until the Oneida Baptist Church baptism was dedicated in 1949.

Cleo studied to be a registered nurse after graduating from Oneida in 1917. When she took the exam to be licensed, her mark of 97 was the highest in the state that year.

Cleo has the reputation of having been a splendid nurse for 25 years. She truly cared for her patients. She ministered lovingly to them physically. She was concerned for each one spiritually. Prayer is just a part of her. She had prayer with each of her patients through the years.

Most of her adult years have been lived in Berea. She and her late husband raised a son and daughter. The son is deceased. The daughter works in the Governor's office at Frankfort.

Cleo has been very active and very faithful to her church all through the years. She is still to be found in her place at the age of 86.

As she has been faithful to home, her profession, her God and his church, so she has been loyal and faithful to Oneida. "I really am proud of my roots," Cleo has said and written not once but many times. "What I am today I owe to Oneida."

She has sent gifts regularly for many years. Her letters have been filled with encouragement. She has lifted us up in

daily prayer. She has been faithful to visit several times a year. She has never tired of telling others of "wonderful Oneida."

Cleo has been to many Oneida homecomings. But this one was special. She celebrated her 67th anniversary of graduation on the Sunday of homecoming weekend. That day was also her 86th birthday.

Our choir and band honored her with an hour-long concert in our Chapel. They had worked so hard each day for two months to get ready. Their performance gave witness to their effort. It was a beautiful performance to honor a beautiful lady.

Band numbers included "Exodus" and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross." The choir did "This Lonesome Valley," "Unfailing Love," "Praises," and "Ten Thousand Angels." Then they did "An American Trilogy" which included verses of "Dixie," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "All My Trials." This was followed by the old Negro spiritual, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Then Buryl Red's arrangement of "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

At this point I paid tribute to Mrs. Coyle's long life of faithfulness and presented her with a plaque. She looked at least 25 years younger than her 86 years as she stood to receive it with gracious words of appreciation. The congregation of 600 gave her a standing ovation.

Looking at her one would never have thought she had lain close to death just several months before, that she had been in a coma for two months.

"The town of Berea prayed for me. I lived. I was able to get up in my church and thank them. I thought it would be hard for me to stand up in front of 400 people. But I did it without trouble or fear. God is still with me," Mrs. Coyle exclaimed.

"I am thankful I became a Christian at Oneida Baptist Institute school and church. I was baptized in the South Fork at the age of 12. All the years I worked as a nurse I prayed a prayer before opening the hospital entrance door. 'Please, dear Lord, keep me from giving a wrong medicine or making a serious mistake.' I never did. I still praise my Lord. It all started for me at OBI."

The choir then sang "A Gaelic Blessing" followed by a prayer of thanksgiving by Oneida pastor Joel Rackley. The service closed with the choir singing "Go Out With Joy." And we did.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR NOV. 11, 1984

International Series

The Christian's hope

First Thessalonians was written to correct certain errors in the church at Thessalonica, to give the proper instruction concerning the return of Christ, to comfort believers and to encourage them in their work for Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 The Thessalonian Christians were a great joy to Paul and his assistants, as well as a splendid example and a great inspiration to others. In emphasizing the safety of their church, Paul referred to its wonderful position as being "in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ." He wished for the members grace and peace from the only source of both, namely, God the father and the son. Paul thanked God that the members were such healthy Christians. Gratitude, honor and praise were due to God because of the marvelous things he had done in, for and through them.

Paul and his associates thanked God repeatedly for three things especially which characterized the Thessalonian Christians: an active faith, a fervent love and a sustaining hope. Having been saved by grace through faith, their lives were transformed and they worked diligently for the Lord. The efforts of Christians in Christ's service should be characterized by the potency of faith, the fervency of love and the constancy of hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18 Paul reminded the Thessalonian Christians he was delighted with their achievements in brotherly love. He exhorted them to increase more and more in this important virtue and great duty.

Some Thessalonian Christians who were waiting, watching and expecting Christ to return during their lifetime, were disturbed by the fear their loved ones who has passed away would have to occupy a position second to those who would be living when Christ returns. Paul taught them not to worry. Truly it will be wonderful to be reunited with our Christian loved ones and friends whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile." It is important we remember the challenging words: "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Life and Work Series

Using the Bible

Acts 8:27-36

Acts 8:27-36 Just when Philip was having his most signal success in that glorious revival in Samaria he received a divine call to go elsewhere, to a desert where there did not appear to be any prospect of success. This is a reminder that God's ways and man's ideas do not always coincide.

When the Holy Spirit told Philip to "join himself to this chariot" in the desert, he obeyed the divine command. Philip rushed toward an approaching chariot in which an Ethiopian eunuch, a man of prominence and distinction, was riding.

The eunuch was reading aloud Isa. 53, which delineates the sufferings of Christ. Approaching the chariot, Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading. Knowing he did not but surmising the inquirer did, he invited him to enter his chariot. Philip began with the very scriptures he was reading and preached Christ to him.

Having a sincere desire to conform to the will of Christ, the eunuch made prompt and public acknowledgement of his faith in Christ and his desire to be baptized, which Philip did.

This eunuch rejoiced greatly because Christ had saved him, and because he had followed his savior and Lord in baptism. He longed to inform others of what Christ could and would do for them if they would repent of the sins and believe on the savior.



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on mission together

A job well done, president Henson

At this time next week messengers from Kentucky Baptist churches will begin the 147th annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, hosted by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

If the atmosphere of this year's annual association meetings is a reliable gauge of how Kentucky Baptists "feel" about local and state ministries, we should be in for another inspirational convention. With few exceptions, reports from the associations are progressive and encouraging

—in spite of a slow year economically.

Holding fast to the tradition of excellent leadership provided by previous Kentucky Baptist presidents, Dr. Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, has represented and led us faithfully.

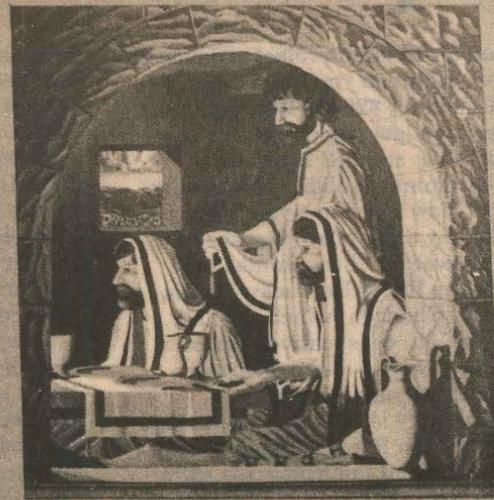
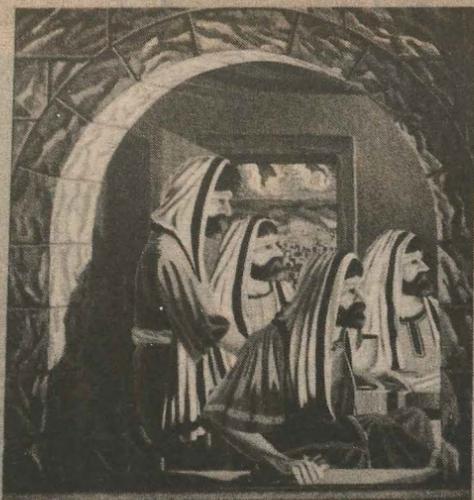
With few, unavoidable exceptions, he has attended every meeting of the convention and the executive board committee meetings, no easy task while, at the same time, pastoring a growing congregation. Working harmoniously alongside the administrative committee, he and that committee's chairman, Bill Sullivan, led this executive secretary-treasurer through his first performance evaluation. They did so with commendable integrity and sensitivity. He has worked cooperatively and constructively with me in the midst of some sensitive issues.

However, it was in a recent telephone conversation with him that the heart of president Henson can most easily be

understood. When I called, he could hardly contain his excitement, for his church had just concluded the most exciting revival in its history and in his ministry. During that October week of revival meetings, more than 300 persons made public decisions. More than 60 made professions of faith, 45 of whom have already been baptized into the fellowship of Lone Oak church. Bubbling over with excitement, it was all that he could do to constrain himself from shouting.

And shout he should when such remarkable evidences of the Holy Spirit are showered upon one's church.

In my opinion, president Henson has "kept the faith" with which Kentucky Baptists entrusted him a year ago. His heart for missions, his cooperative spirit, and his energetic commitment to the task deserve a strong word of affirmation from Kentucky Baptists. Thank you, Willis Henson, from all of us for a job well done.



After countless hours of work BSSB artist donates original Last Supper painting

by Gail Rothwell

An original painting of the Last Supper is the result of almost two years of labor by Bill Latta, supervisor of the youth/adult art section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Bible teaching division.

The picture, depicted in three different panels, measures nearly 20 feet long and is slightly more than five feet high.

Although Latta initially refused the mammoth undertaking, he eventually agreed to paint the scene of Christ and the 12 disciples in the Upper Room

because "it was my way of giving back to God some of the things he has given me," he said.

He noted that the two main reasons he consented to do the project are his children Derek, 8 and Scott, 3. "I believe my children are miracles from God, and this picture is just one way to show my thanks," he explained.

Called "The Promise of the New Covenant," the painting was unveiled early this year in a dedication service at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, Tenn. Latta has taught Sunday school there for 12 years.

The idea for the project originated three years ago when the church's youth decided they wanted to donate something meaningful to the church. Money collected from youth who were a part of the department during 1980 to 1983 was donated to purchase the needed materials. Latta then contributed his time and talents to the project.

In addition to the countless hours spent painting, he conducted intensive research about first-century Christians and their environment so he could depict, as realistically as possible, the clothing, decorations, room arrange-

ments, building construction, lighting and other essential elements. He even studied the geography of the city of Jerusalem and the lighting at particular times of the day.

Latta admitted he took a few "artistic liberties" by showing Judas holding the money bag, placing the disciples who were related next to each other and showing Jesus holding both the wine cup and the bread.

Reluctant to take praise for the work, Latta's ultimate hope for the picture is that "it will be my testimony long after I am gone."

Thanks to the BSSB's response to an urgent need, Korean Baptists can now study Sunday school materials in their native language

Adult Sunday school lesson materials for Korean Southern Baptist congregations in the United States were used for the first time Sunday, Oct. 7. The materials, which parallel the Bible Book Series, were made available by the Baptist Sunday School Board's church programs and services language unit.

Ho Kil Kahng, editor and consultant in the language unit, has headed the production process of the new materials. The process began nearly two years ago when Kahng was employed part time by the board. Since then he has been instrumental in developing Korean translations of the "Baptist Faith and Message," "Baptist Ideals," and "Til Millions Know."

Kahng, who has been pastor of the Korean congregation at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, for eight years, believes the materials will strengthen Korean congregations.

The urgent need for such materials was evident from the response, he noted. "I originally thought that if we sold about 2000 copies we would really be doing well," Kahng said, explaining there are about 300 Korean Baptist

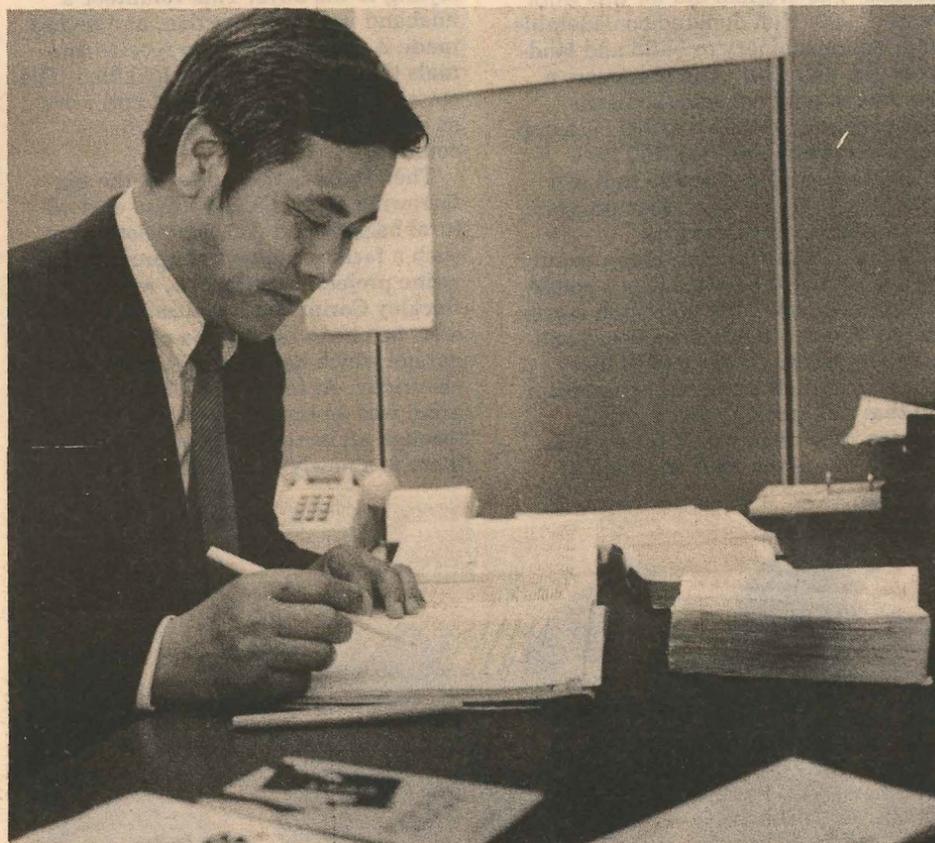
congregations in the United States.

"But within the first few months more than 3600 of the periodicals were sold and an additional 2000 have been ordered and are expected to sell before the end of the year."

The process by which the periodical is produced is a long and tedious one for Kahng. Although most of the Korean materials are translated and printed in the United States, the Sunday School Board has a working agreement with the Korean Baptist Church Development Board for joint production and usage of the lesson periodical.

After Kahng edits the original English materials they are sent to Korea for translation then returned to Kahng for further editing. After that they are returned to the Korean development board for typesetting. The galleys are returned to Kahng who sends them to the Sunday School Board's art and procurement departments for layout and printing.

Kahng has also been involved in leading MasterLife discipleship workshops in Korean. The MasterLife materials, produced by the Church Training



Ho Kil Kahng, editor in the language unit at the Baptist Sunday School Board, edits a lesson for adult Sunday school for Korean Southern Baptist churches.

Department, are also available in Korean.

Bill Banks, acting supervisor of the language unit, said the publication of the Korean Adult Bible Book Series represents cooperative efforts of the Foreign Mission Board, the Korean Baptist Church Development Board and the Sunday School Board.

"We are convinced, more than ever before, that where there is a critical need such as language materials, that Southern Baptists will find a way to meet it," said Banks.

A church literature order form in Korean is available from the board's Materials Services Department and lists all items available in Korean.

To Children's Home

Baptists are living through giving

How can a 4-H lamb project produce 25 bicycles? How can you build a \$17,000 softball field for \$2000? Why would a Chicago-area law officer give away a sterling silver saddle? How can a pastor's comment solidify community support? How can a two-year prayer be answered by a pig farrowing shed?

The answers to these ironies help describe the life of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, which this fall starts its 116th consecutive year of caring for troubled and neglected children in the name of Jesus.

This ministry is the oldest of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention because Baptists in the Bluegrass state know the joy that comes by giving generously of themselves.

Every gift of time and money glorifies God and helps hurting children. Here are some of the stories that stand out as we cherish a poignant past and forecast a faithful future.

Two men from the First Baptist Church in Richmond—Lindsey Horn and Kenneth Clawson—were visiting our Glen Dale campus in conjunction with a lamb and sheep 4-H project. Campus director Buckley Carlin mentioned in passing that the children's home had a genuine need for bicycles. The matter was presented to the church's Brotherhood and recently 25 bikes were delivered to Glen Dale. Curtis Warf, pastor at First Baptist Church, Richmond, and the new president of the agency board, accompanied several men from his church on their mission. Now fall bike hikes can be held for the first time.

Through the generous efforts of Ken Hall of Louisville, our outgoing board president, we're getting a new, beautiful softball field at the Spring Meadows campus. The original bid for this work was \$17,000. Hall donated considerable labor and machinery to build and landscape the diamond. And it appears a separate donation from a Louisville civic club will provide a \$1000 backstop. Our investment will be \$2150 for a \$17,000 recreational facility that will greatly enhance our activities program on the metropolitan campus.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton recently were in northern Kentucky on a speaking engagement. Mrs. Hamilton serves our Women's Advisory Board and is well informed on our needs. They turned over their speaking honorarium and that gift quickly served a dual purpose. The money paid for a trip to Chicago where the staff attended a

seminar, and the Carlins also accepted two beautiful parade horse saddles. One of the saddles is worth nearly \$5000. The donor was a Christian law enforcement officer who learned of Glen Dale's need for equipment in an article in the National Horseman written by Nancy Drown Allen, wife of former Messenger editor Mike Allen. The luxurious saddle will be sold to finance the 4-H horse project.

The vision to build an outdoor basketball court and provide other recreational equipment at the Temporary Shelter at Dixon came from a comment by a pastor in Paducah who placed the first youth. Cora B. Hooks, formerly of Dixon who now resides in Bowling Green, donated the land for the shelter near Madisonville. Then she earmarked her checks for the basketball court and a fund was started. The Kentucky Colonels chipped in with a generous donation.

The First Baptist Church at Madisonville has rallied behind the Dixon home. Omar Parrish, a deacon at First Church, Madisonville, not only built the court for the lowest bid, but later donated an \$800 fence to enclose the area. Many other friends have helped the shelter at Dixon. As western regional coordinator Bill Heaton said, "These gifts, regardless of size, are big things for us." Churches, WMU's, Sunday school classes—the entire community—back the shelter solidly.

Community folks have rallied round the Elizabethtown Shelter. Donations have included a horse from Shepherdsville, a bull from E-town, labor for installing lights for the basketball court, a copier from New Albany, Ind., and wood for building a barn as well as firewood. A hair stylist gives free styling to the boys. This volunteer's husband is a game warden, and he has made it possible for us to receive animals that have been illegally killed. The cottage is being refurbished and work as well as material has been discounted.

Then there is the matter of the pig farrowing shed. Folks with an agricultural background will appreciate what such a facility can do to improve a 4-H swine project. Sue Carline, wife of Buckley Carlin and a dedicated volunteer, has been raising the pigs in a garage which has no running water or electricity. At times she felt the program was on the verge of failure. But through an incredible array of events, there is a newly designed and con-



Glen Dale director Buckley Carlin thanks the Brotherhood of First Baptist Church, Richmond, for their donation of bicycles. Those in the group include Kenneth Clawson, Lindsey Horn, James Salter, Orville Phillips and pastor Curtis Warf [far right], new president of the children's home board.

structed pig farrowing shed. Numerous people have helped.

"It was really bad," said Carlin. "Everything had to be done by hand. Frankly, we were concerned we were going to lose the pigs." That would be quite a blow, since the swine project is one of the few programs that returns a quick profit.

All Sue Carlin had was an old concrete slab overgrown with weeds—and her prayers of two years. Then it all came together. Poles, lumber, gates and farrowing crates were donated from various friends. A state swine extension specialist helped design the interior. And the Brotherhood of the Green River Memorial Baptist Church provided the skill of putting it all together.

"They came three different times to the campus and finished boxing in the shed and putting on the roof," Carlin said. That was a yeoman task.

A number of other Brotherhoods have taken on tasks that are greatly appreciated.

"These groups discover the same truths our youth do in giving of themselves in work, service and mission projects. The people who really benefit are the ones who come and do it. They increase in numbers and spiritual growth," Carlin said.

Baptist Homes for Children walks by faith. That faith is invested in you and in God. As our annual Thanksgiving offering approaches we know you will remember us as you do all year.

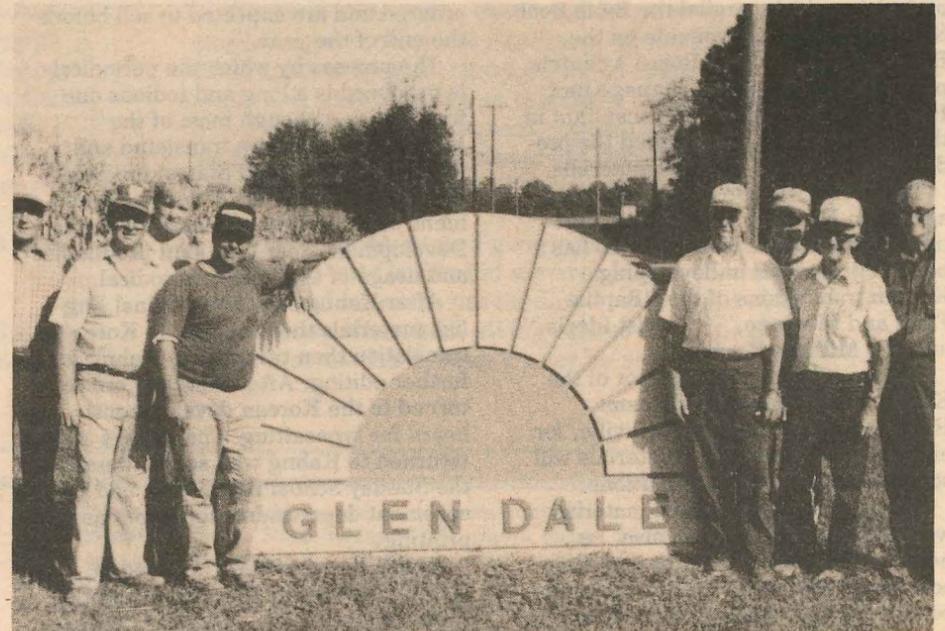
J. Howard Cobble, pastor of the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, which has led Kentucky Baptists in giving to the Cooperative Program for the past 17 years, summed up his feelings this way about the Thanksgiving offering:

"Kentucky Baptists have been in the child care ministry for 116 years. This has been done in the spirit of Jesus. Our Lord was vitally concerned about the well being of children. He repulsed anyone or anything that tried to separate him from children. Children have a warm spot in the heart of Jesus.

"When Kentucky Baptists are loving children and providing for them and repulsing anything that might hurt a child, they are close to the heart of Jesus. A gift to the offering in November is one that will excite the heart of God. This support does not require great gifts—it requires sacrificial gifts. This is well within the ability of every Kentucky Baptist. I urge my fellow Kentucky Baptists to give and to give generously and sacrificially to the Thanksgiving offering."



Green River Memorial Baptist Church volunteers made three trips to the Glen Dale Children's Home to help build a pig farrowing shed for a 4-H swine project.



The Brotherhood of Green River Memorial Baptist Church were obviously elated when they completed their construction on a newly-designed 4-H facility.