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## Lexington Immanuel will be host to evangelism meet Feb. 25-26

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Program personalities for the state evangelism conference were announced this week by Jay Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department.

The two-day event will be held Feb. 25-26 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

Sessions are set Monday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

Three speakers will address the conference at each session, rotating among the various sessions. Most will be heard twice; some three times.

They include Ronald N. Boswell, C. Benton Williams, Landrum P. Leavell II, John R. Bisagno, A. L. Patterson and Kenneth E. Carter.

Boswell, of Richmond, Va., is director of the Volunteer Enlistment Department, Office of Human Resources, Foreign Mission Board. From 1965-73 he was a field evangelist in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and from 1973-80 was an associate director of the Home Mission Board of the Brazil Baptist Convention.

A native of Houston, Tex., Boswell, 50, is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has pastored and served on church staffs in Texas.

Williams, director of the Missions and Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, since Apr. 1, 1984, was earlier on

the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

He was a consultant in the board's National Student Ministries and most recently was supervisor of the pastoral section in the board's Church Administration Department. Before going to Nashville in 1970 Williams was a missionary to Thailand about 12 years.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored six Tennessee and one Texas churches before going into denominational work.

Leavell is 58 and was born at Ripley, Tenn. He has been president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary 10 years, having pastored four Mississippi and one Texas churches.

Leavell is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and holds BD and ThD degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Leavell was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1967-68.

Bisagno is pastor of the 17,000-member First Baptist Church of Houston, Tex., and author of 15 books. At age

50, the Augusta, Kan. native holds a music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and an honorary doctorate from Houston Baptist University.

He left music evangelism to become pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., 1965-70, and has served the Houston pastorate since. He is seen on a weekly TV program in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Material on Patterson, a black Baptist pastor, did not arrive in time for publication.

Carter, 53, was born at Sayre, Okla., and educated at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He is currently director of the Associational Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and was previously evangelism director of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Springfield.

He has held eight pastorates across Texas and Oklahoma. He has been associated with the Home Mission Board in various capacities from 1976-82 and again from 1983 to the present.

## 450 plus students answer the call at Mission 85

by Frank William White

About 350 students made commitments to involvement in missions during a New Year's eve celebration in the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville.

The New Year's eve decisions came during the final session of MISSION 85 and brought to more than 450 the total for the missions awareness conference.

MISSION 85 was sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and the six seminaries.

Students filled the aisles and counselors were too few to deal with the response after R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, challenged the students to prove to God they are concerned about a lost world.

More than 4000 students attended the four day missions conference at the Opryland Hotel which included opportunities to talk in person with more than 100 home and foreign missionaries. In Global Village, a unique exhibit hall, students could talk by telephone hook-up with missionaries around the world and learn about missions needs through data from a bank of 12 computers. In daily encounter groups, students attempted to solve problems encountered on the mission field.

Parks charged Southern Baptists' lack of concern for reaching the world for Christ is obvious because only five percent of the graduates from Southern Baptist seminaries choose to go into Baptist work outside the United States.

"It takes 5000 of us (Southern Baptists) to send one foreign missionary," he pointed out.

Parks said barriers which stand in the way of a commitment to foreign missions include prejudice, self will and self seeking.

"Indifferent neglect is the most insulting kind of prejudice," Parks said. "I cannot understand how we read in the Bible about blessings to all nations and filter it to mean just for us."

"We don't believe a starving, bloated, fly-infested Ethiopian baby is as precious to God as we are. Do we?" he queried the students.

Parks told the students it is dangerous to ignore the will of God or try to force an individual's will as God's will.

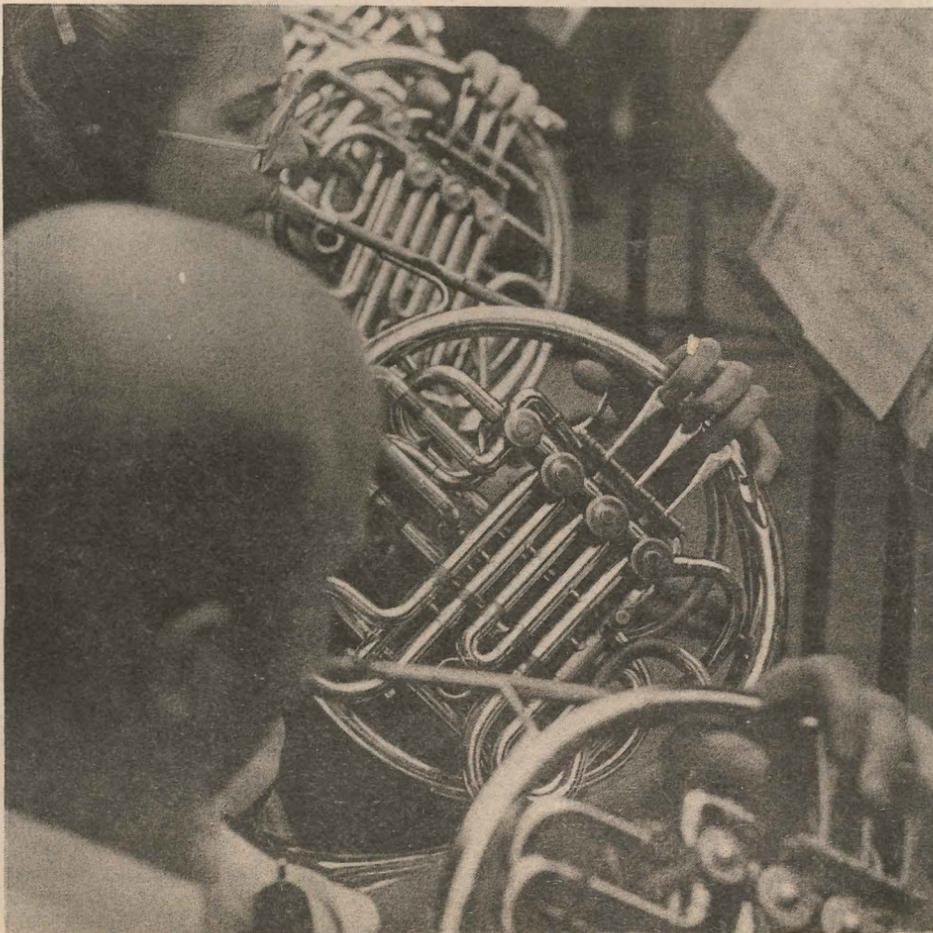
"There are scores of students here who know God wants them and still are refusing to say 'yes' to God," he said.

Self seeking leads to angry frustration because "what you want doesn't bring what you thought it would," Parks said.

A commitment to foreign missions is a commitment to suffering, not a tourist junket around the world or a trip on the Love Boat, Parks pointed out.

During the praise celebration following Parks' address, students clapped, sang and swayed to the music of Jubilation Brass, an orchestra from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., and the chorale of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

The celebration service which was to end at midnight was delayed more than 30 minutes because of the continued response to the invitation during the commitment service.



"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp" [Ps. 150:3]. Adults will study the book of Psalms during January Bible Study 1985. January Bible Study resources for all age groups are available.

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# sanford's perspectives

## New idea

Beginning Feb. 1 I would like to have a shoptalk feature in Western Recorder each month. What I see is a column by a pastor, staff member or director of missions dealing with some practical problem area of Baptist life.

To make this a meaningful feature I need to know what subjects you would like discussed. For example, all of us have been frustrated at times by the way some pulpit committees do their important work. Would an article addressed to this subject by someone who has had a good experience be worthwhile? Again, no church staff member I have ever known would turn his back on a sure fire visitation program. Would an article by someone who has had great success with visitation be worthwhile? Once more, no church staff can function at top efficiency without mutual respect and support. Would an article by someone who has had success in maintaining good staff relations be worthwhile?

There are continuing problems with divorce, baptisms, community involvement and an array of other concerns in local churches that need some positive word. It seems a good idea to me to hear from persons who are dealing with such issues on a day to day basis. I am not overly interested in academic, philosophic discussion, though all we do in ministry must be grounded in knowledge and wisdom. I am thinking about practical suggestions which will lead to positive action as our churches try to do a better job for Christ.

If you think such a feature once a month has value then I need to hear from you. I do not want to use valuable space in the state paper for nonessential patter, but if you like this idea, drop me a card, even suggesting topics for discussion in the shoptalk feature. You may know a pastor or other staff person who has done well in some problem area. I would like to know who he/she is so I could ask them to do a feature for us. I need an immediate reply if this idea is to fly.

## Audi alteram partem

As we begin this new year I offer a suggestion which could go a long way toward bringing us closer together in Christ. The idea I have came from a recent column by James J. Kilpatrick. As often as not I do not agree with Kilpatrick, but in this instance I believe he has a grand idea every Christian should ponder before rushing to judgment on any issue.

Kilpatrick refers to an article in Time magazine about a high school biology teacher, also a boy scout leader and apparently a model citizen, who heard that some hunters in Utah had trapped a merlin falcon. He went to pick it up but did not get a permit to transport the rare bird across state lines. For this crime he went to Leavenworth to serve an 18-month sentence. That was the story Time told and it drew angry reaction against such cruel treatment by the government toward a man whose only intention was to preserve a rare bird.

However, further investigation revealed that Time had not told all the story. That investigation revealed that

the biology teacher was not found guilty, but he pleaded guilty as a result of a plea bargaining session with federal authorities. Charges against him amounted to nine counts of illegal purchase and transport of raptors, and conspiracy to violate federal laws. At the time of his plea bargain the biology teacher was on probation from a six-month sentence imposed upon him in 1981 for a previous falconry offense.

Time's account made the teacher appear as a blue-eyed innocent when in reality he was guilty of frequent and flagrant violations of the laws he knew were on the books.

Kilpatrick then presents the moral all of us would do well to heed: audi alteram partem. Hear the other side.

Hear the other side is good counsel for us in every area of life. It is too easy, once our sympathies are engaged, to leap to conclusions that may be grossly unfair, even dead wrong. Not much in life is stark black or white. We Christians hate to face up to it, but the truth is most of life is in a halftone gray area.

So let us hear the other side before we unleash emotional hammer blows of righteous indignation. The other side just might have some light of its own.

## Speak up

In the closing address to the Kentucky Baptist Convention last November, H. Franklin Paschall, former president of the SBC, called for establishment of a committee made up of representatives from both sides of the current conflict in our denomination. The committee could study ways to stop the carnage.

In the same spirit, Presnall Wood, editor of Baptist Standard, state paper of the Texas convention, called for a crisis committee to study the issues, isolate specific trouble spots and report to the SBC so action to heal our convention could take place.

Both these suggestions make sense, for unless we find a way to resolve the conflict that has been going on for at least five years we are doomed as a denomination. We cannot continue to shout and argue and call each other names and make grievous charges against each other. Such action gives the lie to our claim to be the redeemed people of God. In the eyes of a lost world we are pious hypocrites who act like everybody else. And they turn away from our preachments.

Let us begin the new year by acting to heal the breach. Let pastors tell their congregations they support a crisis committee or a reconciliation committee and will go to Dallas to vote for the same. Let our congregations tell their pastors they too support the idea and will go to Dallas to vote for the same. Let a mighty wave of such voices be heard so that the Executive Committee, in its February meeting, will be forced by popular demand to create such a committee and begin at once the long road toward true reconciliation.

I have heard no better idea for resolution of the warfare among us. I vote for a crisis/reconciliation committee and urge you to speak your mind on the subject now.



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# Southern graduates 26 Kentuckians

*Seminary awards over 225 degrees to conclude 125th anniversary year*

Twenty-six students from Kentucky were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's 154th commencement Dec. 14 in Louisville. The Kentucky Baptists were among more than 225 persons to receive degrees from the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and social work.

Duke K. McCall, chancellor of the seminary and president 1951-81, delivered the commencement address.

The commencement concluded a year-long observance of the 125th anniversary of the seminary, the oldest of six Southern Baptist theological seminaries. The seminary, with an annual enrolment of more than 2500 students, is the largest independent college or graduate school in Kentucky.

Roy L. Honeycutt is the seminary's eighth president.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

**Master of Arts in Christian Education**—William Henry Brooks, London; Brenda Ann Cloyd, Georgetown; Sharyl

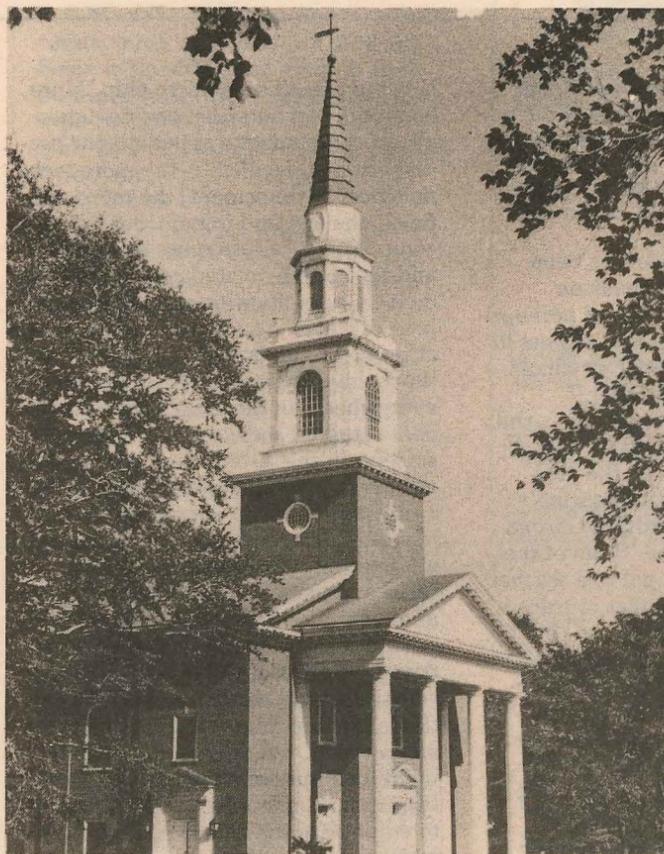
Jean Haynes, Louisville; Becky Barnard Johnson, Louisville; Glenda Carole Peacher, Bowling Green; Kevin Dale Royalty, Lawrenceburg; Terry Morris Sills, Paducah; Cynthia Osborne Styron, Louisville; William Don Watson, Nortonville.

**Master of Church Music**—Rick Len Howerton, Campbellsville; Brian Allan Voelker, Louisville.

**Master of Divinity**—Donald Lee Berry, Guston; Mera Cossey Corlett, Cadiz; Douglas W. Davis III, Willisburg; Don Paul Delafield, Louisville; Daniel Walker Grider, Liberty; Mark Douglas Johnson, Lexington; Roger Douglas Martin, Crittenden; Cynthia M. Moorhead-DeFoor, Covington; Melanie Greer Nogalski, Louisville; Chip Lee Pendleton, Crestwood; Stacey Cruse Pennington, Georgetown; John Milton Stone, Richmond.

**Doctor of Ministry**—Joseph Edward Wiles, Owensboro; Harold Franklin Skaggs, Cadiz.

**Master of Theology**—Ronald Keith Stuart, Elgin.



Alumni Chapel was the site of Dec. 14 commencement at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The commencement brought to a close the seminary's year-long 125th anniversary observance.

## Five from Kentucky receive degrees during Boyce commencement

Five students from Kentucky were awarded diplomas from Boyce Bible School during the school's 21st commencement Dec. 14 in Louisville.

W. Morgan Patterson, president of Georgetown (Ky.) College, delivered the commencement address.

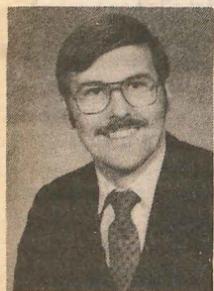
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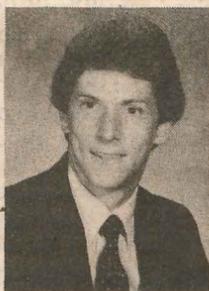
**Diploma in Christian Ministry**—Thelbert Lee Clements, Lexington; Milton Marion Hadden, Owensboro; Roger Dale Hodge, Louisville; and Randal Scot Phillips, Nortonville.

**Diploma in Educational Ministry**—Ruth Marian Smith, Dayton.

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was founded in 1974 to provide ministerial training for persons without a college degree. More than 500 persons are presently enrolled in the school and its five off-campus centers. David Q. Byrd is dean.



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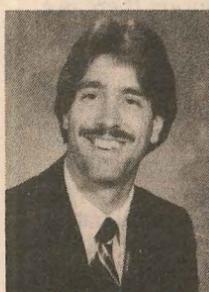
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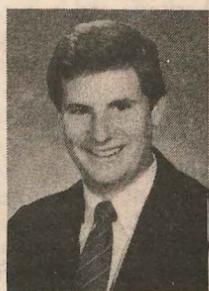
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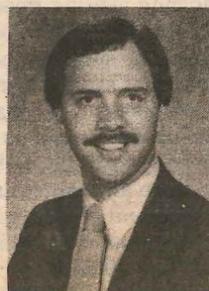
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# Christian higher education: 'Know

[The following is the complete text of the message "Christian Higher Education" given by Cumberland College president Jim Taylor to the Kentucky Baptist Convention on Nov. 15, 1984.]

I'm excited today because I've been given the opportunity to speak on Christian higher education and perhaps it is prophetic to address this subject in this year 1984, the George Orwellian year, the year of "Big Brother," "newspeak" and "double-think." And while I don't want to sound "trendy," nonetheless this is after all the year which looks back to Time magazine's "Man of the Year" award. As Gordon Kingsley reminds us, the "Man of the Year" award was given not to a teacher or preacher, not to a prophet or prince, not to a publisher or a politician, but to a machine, a computer, an artificial device. Does it bother you that a computer was named "Man of the Year"? It bothers me. This is a seductive age.

In 1984 I submit that these are the best of times, but these are the worst of times. More and more emphasis is being placed on the artificial, the impersonal and the spectacular rather than upon the divine. In this age of gene splicing, DNA, interferon, star wars technology, organ transplants, genetic engineering, human behavioral modification, and bytes and megabytes, old evils are raising their ugly heads under the names of materialism, hedonism, humanism and ingratitude. More and more emphasis is being placed upon transient relationships rather than upon personal relationships. More and more the environment in which we live is being changed from trees and grass and streams and clean air to concrete and asphalt. No wonder youngsters feel as if they live in an artificial world.

More and more society is worshipping the false god of materialism and technology. And while all of us enjoy modern devices, none of us should deify them. We must not worship at the altar of economic imperatives. The economic system must not become our only driving force. There is more to education than what can I earn. There is more to life than the bottom line. And we need to say it loudly and clearly that you don't have to play the game dirty to win. No doubt, some men win temporarily through ruthlessness, through taking shortcuts and through political manipulation, but there is an alternative found at the cross at Calvary where the incentive for wealth and power and position is balanced with compassion and concern and commitment.

More and more people are less willing to defer instant gratification for future gains. There is a dark side to man which is raising its ugly head.

More and more there is an increased fascination and tendency to use a corporate management model which is cold, impersonal and methodical, which dehumanizes and which, through detached corporate logic, emphasizes numbers and things and analytical quantification and an innocuous, faceless bureaucracy rather than people and the human spirit and the redemptiveness of God's love and empathy for a hurting humanity.

More and more information about us

is being placed on a micro chip. More and more computer list segmentation allows companies to appeal to our predispositions. Ironically, the more technological advancement, the more artificial, shallow and impersonal we become. Man's nature must be changed and the church-related college can help do it through showing the redemptiveness of Christ's love, for no man can be at peace on the outside who is at war on the inside. Change is taking place everywhere. In the 1960's college students studied sociology to understand society. In the 1970's students studied psychology to understand themselves, and in the 1980's students study business and computers to survive. There is a microcomputer revolution taking place and we are enticed and ensnared and entangled with the glitter of it all.

Things are changing. When I was a boy, for instance, the tallest building was the Empire State building. Today the tallest building is the Sears Tower and now Mr. Trump is talking about building a building even larger. I say this not to condemn large buildings but to emphasize the cataclysmic change which is taking place. When I was a boy, children grew up eating Wonder Bread for strong bones and teeth and playing with silly putty, slinkies and hoola hoops. Cowboys and Indians dominated our interests and there was Howdy Doody, Leave it to Beaver, Pinky Lee and Ed Sullivan. This is no longer true. Yet if we are not careful we can edit out and forget all the bad and remember only the good. But when I was a boy things were much simpler. Someone of another faith meant he was Methodist or Presbyterian or Lutheran or Episcopalian. Today another faith could mean any "off the wall" concept some ocean surfer has recently dreamed up on a Saturday afternoon at the beach.

The other night while driving back home late from Chicago I heard a religious song which said in effect: "When we get to heaven neither Harry Krishna nor old Mohammed will be sitting on the throne, and Mr. Buddha and Maharajah Yoga will be all alone, for we shall all be gathered around the throne, worshipping the Son (S O N) and not Reverend Moon." Yes things are changing, and if we aren't a little confused at times then we are probably not fully informed. But clearly we find salvation in Jesus Christ and in none other.

More and more we hear the sensationalism carefully scripted and acted out on television and designed to give a cheap emotional thrill with little thought to faith, church attendance, stewardship, quality, content or substance. More and more I'm afraid of the tendency by some to make a worship service resemble a floor show interviewing visiting guests and performing artists. More and more we hear the gospel of success and less and less the gospel of sacrifice and service and faithfulness. And may I remind you God does not call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful.

More and more our emotions are pulled and played with like the spring on a screen door which has been pulled and played with by children until the spring loses its resiliency and the door

will no longer close. Increasingly there is a fascination with the goodness of man and with humanism. The super salesmanship of the gospel of success has a form of Godliness but denies the power thereof. I am convinced that in the hedonistic society there clearly comes a time when too many things and too much money becomes vulgar in light of human needs.

How much is too much? And when is too much enough? These are questions we must all ask ourselves.

Increasingly we are being confronted with humanism, with self-interest, self-gratification and self-actualization.

Yes, there is a changeless gospel in these changing times. Yes, these are the best of times because we have an answer to the gnawing at the heart of man, and it is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ fills the void created by an existential vacuum. Jesus Christ gives meaning and purpose to life.

But these are the worst of times because of increased impersonalization in society wrought through an ugly headlong plunge into technology causing us to relate more and more to machines and less and less to people. This is rapidly becoming a time when things are loved and people are used. We are spoiled like a child who receives every item he wanted for Christmas and in the midst of all the ribbon, the glittering and gleaming paper, the glowing Christmas lights, the tinsel and the empty boxes, the child sits down in the middle of the floor in utter desperation and frustration and cries. There is a void. Soon a person finds that life is what happens to you on the way to whatever you had planned.

What our minds think, our actions soon follow. O. Sutheren Sims, president of Tift Baptist College, reminds us: "We must never forget there is a difference between a college and a corporation. Since behavior follows thought we must ask: 'Are we letting our vocabulary take us away from people?' People—that's our purpose. We should be more concerned about people than mere programs or projects."

"More and more we hear about Management by Objectives, PPBS, Theory X, Theory Y, Theory Z, quality circles and managerial grids. The corporate model includes words such as product, profit, money, marketing, efficiency and inputs, outputs and 'the bottom line' and our meeting begins to sound more and more like the annual board of directors meeting of a major corporation than a caring and concerned Christian meeting of dedicated deacons in a consecrated church."

"More and more our vocabulary needs to be revised to include old time words like stewardship, morals, ethics, values, beliefs, sensitivity, mission, leadership through service and commitment."

People are hurting and crying out, and we have the answer through our Lord and savior Jesus Christ even in this world with all of its inequities.

Yes, these are the best of times because our Baptist people are emphasizing our roots, our heritage, our ground for being, and our mutual concern: the rock from whence we were hewn, and we find reassurance in him.

Yes, these are the best of times be-

cause of the growing cooperation between our sister Baptist institutions and agencies and an increasing awareness of and appreciation for our Baptist colleges and their Christ-centered education which teaches students to think logically, to communicate clearly, to appreciate broadly.

These are the best of times because there is more cooperation, more concern, more credibility, more financial stability, better acceptance, better involvement, more commitment, more empathy, a more mutually supportive effort going on among our institutions than ever before. The colleges and the convention are entwined and interwoven and interrelated in the fabric called community. We have shared values and a concern for a hurting humanity, a lost and dying world.

Our emphasis was, is and will continue to be Christian higher education, and yet each college is unique and reflects its own character even as sunlight throws off different colors of light as it shines through each prism of glass.

Cumberland, Campbellsville and Georgetown are not in competition, never have been, never will be, except perhaps when discussing formula distribution rationale or when vying for five to 10 prospective students each year, which have listed all three colleges on their American College Testing preference sheet. Contrary to popular belief there are not large numbers of students trying to decide between the three colleges, probably not over 10 students a year. There are fewer donors. In my 17 years in development, I've never talked to a single donor who was trying to decide between the three colleges. It just doesn't happen.

Like a crazy quilt pattern our colleges all serve the convention, but we serve in different ways. Cumberland, Campbellsville and Georgetown provide precisely the kinds of diversity we need as Kentucky Baptists. We are alike, but we are different, with different constituencies, different boards, different trust instruments, different donors, different charters, different histories, different alumni bodies and different pools of students and donors reaching out to different geographic areas serving our Kentucky Baptist Convention. We have a rich blend in our cultural heritage and in our shared values, and I suppose all three colleges are in about the best financial conditions in their history.

The thread which runs so true is that we are all children of the convention. This is the real common denominator. And our colleges help the convention through our alumni, through our friends, through our commitment. The three colleges are first and foremost children of Kentucky Baptists.

Our primary reason for existence is not just quality like our other Baptist college presidents. Far be it from me to ever want Cumberland to be just another quality institution; just another carbon copy of every other college in the country with no distinctives. Our reason for being is Christian education, knowledge for service, transformation, "being born again," regeneration, rebirth, growth and maturity! Knowledge for knowledge's sake is virtually meaningless. There is really no such thing as

# ledge for service'

by James Taylor

the beauty of a mathematical equation. Knowledge is only good to the extent that it helps others. Education is for service. Knowledge must be used in service to others and in glory to God. Our Baptist colleges have demanding expectations and caring concerns and emphasize service above self.

Our colleges compete for few students, fewer dollars.

Cumberland, Georgetown and Campbellsville, in general, do not compete for friends, funds or freshmen. Yet we serve Kentucky Baptists by reaching to the four corners of the state and providing educational opportunities from Covington to Corbin, from Paducah to Pikeville, and throughout the nation from the snowy chalets of Vermont to the sandy beaches of California, from Mackinaw Island, Mich. to Miami Beach, Fla., and around the world, in Kenya, in Nigeria and elsewhere. We serve through providing alumni who are dedicated deacons and consecrated Sunday school teachers. At Cumberland we serve through alumni who are doctors, lawyers, dentists, pharmacists, governors, generals, legislators, business and professional people and teachers.

Too many of our alumni are serving as deacons, Sunday school teachers and pastors for me to be silent. We couldn't

serve all the students from the state universities if we had them, but we can provide a choice for serious students. Our pluralism and prerogatives are important and we present affordable educational opportunities.

Another old evil raising its ugly head is the sin of ingratitude and cynicism. There is an increasing tendency to take for granted what has been brought about as a result of the blood, sweat, tears and sacrifice of others. We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, and we are indebted for the sacrifice of yesterday which makes today possible. If there is one overriding corporate sin which can be attributed to all of us, it is probably the sin of ingratitude.

Don't ever dare to take our Baptist colleges as a matter of course—because like democracy and freedom itself, many, many people we'll never know anything about have broken their hearts to get it for us.

Neither Cumberland College nor our sister colleges could operate without the generosity of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Moreover, I believe it is the great Baptist colleges: Cumberland, Campbellsville, Georgetown, and schools like Clear Creek and Oneida which help to give the Kentucky Baptist Convention great images of success

with which to identify and to relate. Our colleges and schools serve as glue helping to unite our convention through approximately 30,000 alumni and friends scattered across the state and around the world.

I have noted historically that every denomination which has died or withered on the vine first severed relationships with their colleges. To sever relationships is the first step toward self-destruction and self-annihilation. And I have noted historically a desire or tendency toward self-destruction as evidenced by the disappearance of the great civilizations in history. It seems to me that once a group becomes too affluent and too sophisticated and begins to forget its heritage and its roots, it soon destroys itself. Cumberland College, in fact, has an academic building on its campus which once housed a glorious Congregationalist college known as Highland College. Look at what happened to the Congregationalists when they severed relationships with their colleges. Today the denomination is almost extinct. Highland College died around the turn of the century and was taken over by the flourishing Baptists through Cumberland College. Denominations on the move support their institutions as does our Kentucky Baptist Convention.

I believe it is imperative that our denomination have colleges with which to relate, to criticize, to cajole, to compliment, but, most importantly, to love and to call our own. Our colleges de-throne man's puny pride and show Christ high and lifted up. Our colleges bring rewards and disappointments, laughter and tears, but they also bring hope for the future and a chance for upward mobility and Christian leadership. Baptist colleges find a hurt and heal it; find a need and fill it; find a problem and solve it; find an obstacle and remove it. Baptist colleges give faith to deal with life's ambiguity, to practice caring and sharing, stewardship and accountability.

I personally owe everything to the Baptist church. I am a Baptist. I was baptized in a Baptist church. I met my wife on a Baptist campus. The same type of stories can be told again and again by people who have attended our Baptist colleges.

Thank you, Kentucky Baptists. Thank you for your prayers, your support, your confidence and for the sons and daughters you send our way.

We shall try always to teach your children to see him more clearly, to love him more dearly and to be more nearly like him. Thank you and God bless you Kentucky Baptists.

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### Church needs audio-visual donations

Dear brother in Christ. My name is Dallas Catron. I am pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Fairdale. We are a small congregation made up of blue collar workers and retired people on fixed incomes. I am a working pastor.

A couple of years ago we started a church library and to this time we have only a few books and a couple of cassette tapes of sermons by Adrian Rogers and another pastor or so. I was wondering if perhaps you might know of a church that would like to donate some audio, video, or duplicating equipment, and if not, if perhaps you would mind asking for this in Western Recorder.

I appreciate your time. Any help we can receive will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much.

Dallas Catron  
Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Box 246, Fairdale, KY 40118

*Editor's note: Is there a church willing to help these people?*

### Missionaries are proud of Georgetown

We have just concluded a semester as missionaries-in-residence at Georgetown College. In an open letter to the students, faculty and staff we stated: "We have always been proud to say we are graduates of Georgetown College but never more than now." We believe some of the finest young people we have ever known are presently students at Georgetown. We were impressed

with their sincerity, friendliness and dedication to the Lord. Jack Birdwhistle, campus minister, is doing an outstanding job.

Relationships between faculty, staff and students are open and caring. President Patterson sets a good example of this caring spirit as he calls students by name and encourages the faculty to exemplify the distinctive qualities of Christian educators at the same time they require high scholastic standards.

Kentucky Baptists can be proud of all their colleges, but none more than Georgetown.

Gerald and June McNeely  
Missionaries to Spain

### Solving hunger requires generous aid

The problem of hunger is not a new one and your article of Nov. 27 was very interesting. Not only did you emphasize the need for food but also for the long term solutions. I feel this will be the only way we can even begin to solve part of the problem of hunger.

The presence already of our foreign missionaries in foreign countries is an advantage when it comes to giving food. They also are familiar with the countries and can be valuable resources for long term plans. I am proud of the work these unselfish people do and know that every dollar I give to world hunger in the Southern Baptist Convention through the Foreign Mission Board will be spent on what it should be.

Yet the scope of the problem is too large for even Southern Baptists to solve. The Bread for the World organization is doing much by lobbying for policies that will affect hundreds of millions of dollars as opposed to the millions Southern Baptists are able to give. This is overwhelming to me to know that passage of one or two bills favoring aid for world hunger can overshadow the efforts of many organizations' year long efforts. But the need for these efforts are still a must, for no matter how many hungry persons we are able to feed, it means that many will not go hungry that night. Is not that what it is all about?

I pray we will continue to support generously the aid for world hunger sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board. Because as Jesus said, "When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

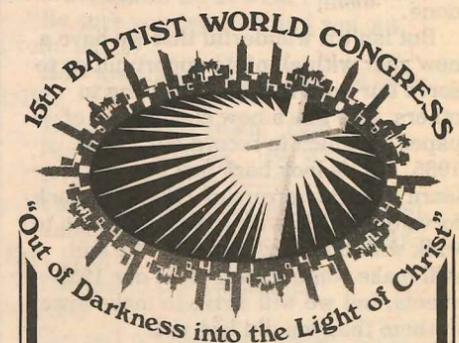
Dela C. Williams, Louisville

### Church tragedy calls for assistance

What a horrible tragedy that came to Antioch Baptist Church at Knoblick, Ky. Their building burned Wednesday, Dec. 5.

They had experienced a Sunday school awakening through an enlargement campaign the week before. They are planning to go ahead with their Sunday school objective in rented quarters someplace. They need financial assistance.

Carl W. Hunter, Pineville



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# baptist news in brief



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## homes for children

### Beginning again

A new year is like a new beginning. It is like getting a new sheet of paper. One can crumple the old smudged sheets with all our blunders and mistakes and throw them in the waste basket. Then with an all new, clean sheet of paper we can begin again to make our plans and chart our course.

As we look back on 1984, it is easy to see our smudges and blunders. We fell short here and we missed the mark there. So we crumple the smudged papers of the year past and with a prayer of confession we seek God's forgiveness and toss those pages away. The opportunities of 1984 are gone forever. What we have written we have written. What we have done we have done.

But isn't it wonderful that we have a new year with all of its opportunities to serve our Lord and be a blessing to others. It is like a new clean sheet of paper on which to record our life in 1985. Let us look back just enough to learn from our errors of 1984, then lock forward to 1985 with a determination to walk with our Lord by faith. We will still make some smudges on our 1985 sheets, but we will strive to make fewer of them than we did last year.

What are your goals, dreams and commitments for 1985? Personally, I want to strive for a closer walk with my Lord. This requires a commitment to faithfully spend time with God in his word and in prayer. I will not neglect my church, but will be faithful both in attendance and financial support. My wife and I have signed our church commitment cards. We will also be a part of the Southern Baptist Convention Planned Growth in Giving. I am committed to faithfulness to my family. My wife and I enjoy a good marriage, but we will both be working on our communication, our companionship and our mutual growth as husband and wife. We will also work on sharing our love not only with each other, but with our adult children so as to be an encouragement to them.

I am committed to the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children. My energies and abilities will be committed to leading this agency in a quality program of ministry to dependent children. I will be challenging Kentucky Baptists to make this ministry possible through their prayers and gifts.

My wife and I have also reviewed our wills to be sure they will direct our wishes if we do not live to the end of 1985. May you have a good year.

### Stanley's church doubles Cooperative Program gifts

Fulfilling a pledge made earlier this year by Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley, First Baptist Church of Atlanta voted to double its gifts to Southern Baptist missions through the denomination's Cooperative Program. The congregation adopted a 1985 budget of \$4.75 million, which is identical in total amount to the 1984 budget, but allocates \$250,000 instead of \$122,000 to the SBC Cooperative Program.

Earlier this year in a meeting with Baptist editors, Stanley, pastor of the church since 1971, said he had challenged the church's budget committee to increase Cooperative Program giving to at least five percent.

Fred Powell, senior associate pastor of the church, said earlier reports the church gives 2.1 percent to SBC missions through the Cooperative Program were in error. The percentage is actually 2.6 percent for 1984 and 5.2 percent for 1985, Powell explained.

He added that this year the church is giving an additional \$75,000 through the SBC Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, and \$25,000 through the SBC Annie Armstrong offering for home missions as part of \$600,000 total mission giving.

### 'Call' will credit source; Parks 'speaks truth in love'

Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks said the editor of *The Call*: Dallas '85, a new independent publication, had apologized for using one of Parks' articles from the agency magazine, *The Commission*, without crediting its source. But Parks told the Foreign Mission Board Dec. 12 he believes the content of the article is correct and his responsibility requires him to continue "speaking the truth in love" whenever necessary for the good of foreign missions.

He said editor Larry Dipboye of *The Call* had promised to run a clarification

in its next issue indicating the article had been reprinted from the October-November issue of the foreign missions magazine. A printed notice in *The Commission* gives permission to reprint non-copyrighted articles from the publication "if credit is given" to the magazine.

Parks' article was reprinted on the back cover page of the new publication, which describes itself as the voice of "loyal Southern Baptists." The newspaper contends recent conventions have elected a series of leaders "who have lost touch with what it means to be a Southern Baptist."

The Parks' article, entitled "Gospel missions' or cooperative missions," said there are still some remnants today of a controversy which raged almost a century ago over whether missions should be supported directly by individuals and churches or through the united efforts of the denomination and its mission board. In the article Parks stated, "Some Southern Baptist descendants of 'Crawfordism' are at work today. . . . Their approach is to solicit support from churches or other groups and carry on missions outside the way we Southern Baptists have committed ourselves to work."

The mission executive said he has felt affirmed as he has discussed with "other groupings of the board" his resolve to speak out whenever the cause of missions is threatened. But he noted it has never been his intention to polarize Southern Baptists or to try to take sides.

### Bible Way's first 20 years productive but limited

Startling achievements and unfilled potential characterize the 20 years since the Bible Way Correspondence School began on a small scale in Zambia.

Bible Way, an idea born at a meeting in the Elephant's Head Hotel in Kabwe in 1963, has burst into 38 countries since the Baptist Mission of Zambia enrolled the first student in late 1964. Worldwide statistics aren't completely documented but in 20 African countries alone, Bible Way has enrolled at

least 331,000 students and recorded nearly 42,000 professions of faith.

But this powerful, unharnessed phenomenon also has missed many opportunities to fulfill the Bible Way goals of evangelism, church planting, Christian development and enhancement of Baptists.

Rebecca Reagan Phifer, Southern Baptist missionary adviser to Malawi's Bible Way Correspondence School, touched on some of the difficulties common in Third World countries, "I'm afraid our (Malawi's) really weak spot is follow-up," she said at a recent conference in Kenya where missionaries and Africans explored the problem. "We simply don't have a good program for that. We do have a list of all the churches and a contact person for each area, but we haven't found an effective way to contact those who make a profession of faith."

"Our churches are scattered," she continued. "Some are too far for people to attend on foot, and very few of our students or church leaders have transportation. How do we direct these people to a local church?"

### Bill Wallace's remains coming home for reburial

Thirty-four years after Bill Wallace's death in a Chinese Communist prison in Wuzhou (Wuchow), the remains of Southern Baptists' most famous missionary doctor are being brought to the United States.

Three Southern Baptist missionaries returned to Hong Kong Dec. 21 with Wallace's ashes. They probably will arrive in the States in early January for burial in Knoxville, Tenn., Wallace's hometown. The three Hong Kong missionaries—Robert Davis, Betty Vaught and Cornelia Leavell (retired)—went to Wuzhou in south China Dec. 18 with the full permission and cooperation of Chinese government and church officials.

Wallace—the only Southern Baptist missionary martyred in China during the Communist era—first went to Wuzhou in 1935. The tall, quiet, unmarried Tennessean worked as a sur-

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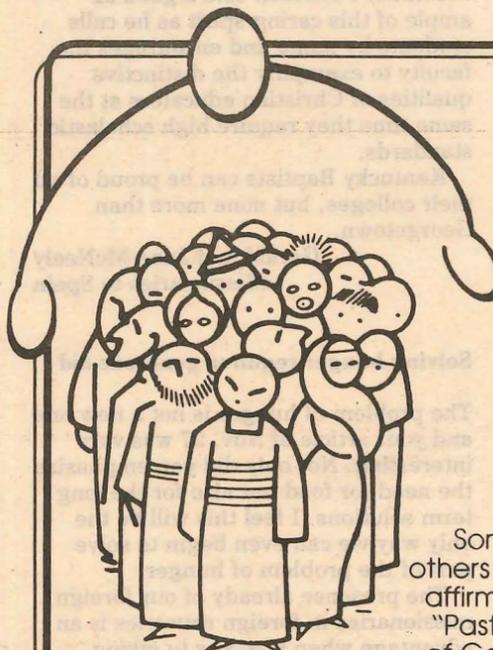
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geon and administrator at Stout Memorial Hospital there for the next 15 years, through the upheavals of World War II, the Japanese occupation of south China and the Communist victory over the Nationalist Chinese in 1949.

He kept working for a year after the Communist takeover. But the start of the Korean War in 1950 sparked an intense anti-American propaganda campaign in China. Wallace was arrested in December 1950 and falsely accused of being a spy. He died in prison two months later and was buried in an unmarked grave in an old cemetery near Wuzhou. At personal risk, Chinese friends later marked the grave with a monument reading, "For to me to live is Christ."

The body rested there for more than 30 years. But in 1984 retired missionary Cornelia Leavell, born and reared in Wuzhou by missionary parents, received a letter from a Chinese friend. The letter revealed the old cemetery had been moved and it might be possible to claim Wallace's remains and return them to the United States.

Contacts with Chinese officials through the American consulate in Guangzhou (Canton) opened the door for Leavell and her colleagues to go to Wuzhou. They arrived by boat from Hong Kong Dec. 18 with letters from the Foreign Mission Board and Wallace's sister, Ruth Lynn Stegall, requesting the doctor's remains.

### ACTS opens offices in New York, Atlanta

Citing "accelerated growth and geographic expansion," the ACTS Satellite Network will open two regional offices Jan. 15 in New York City and Atlanta. These are the first regional offices for the Texas based network, which in its first six months of operation has signed up 136 cable systems to carry its family and Christian entertainment programming 24 hours a day.

The New York office will be managed by Bill Nichols, ACTS director of broadcast services and regional manager for the northeast. It will serve cable systems in the northeastern region, which includes New York, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The Atlanta office will be managed by Mike Wright, southeastern regional manager, and will serve cable TV

systems in Georgia, Alabama, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

ACTS will use the New York and Atlanta offices to coordinate all of the network's affiliate negotiations in the regions, working with the ACTS directors and consultants in each state.

### SBTS graduates thank faculty, president

The December 1984 graduating class of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary drafted a resolution of "heartfelt gratitude and appreciation" to the faculty and administrative staff of the seminary.

The resolution, signed by 189 members of the graduating class, was presented to seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt by class officers during the school's 154th commencement.

The resolution expressed gratitude for and pledged continuing commitment to "the nurturing of our faith, excellence of academic pursuit and challenge to ministry that have been mainstays of our experience at Southern Seminary."

The resolution also paid tribute to Honeycutt, describing him as "a sensitive pastoral model of spiritual insight who encourages the desire for expanded forms of ministry, discipleship and the proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world."

### Ethiopians clear road for Baptist relief effort

Thousands of Ethiopians beat a Southern Baptist bulldozer into action and used crude hand-tools to clear a road into famine devastated Menz-Gishe in eight days.

"It's a fantastic tribute to them," said missionary veterinarian Jerry Bedsole after a team from the Baptist Mission of Ethiopia arrived to survey needs in the area. "Traveling that road is like going through a couple of Grand Canyons. We decided to forget a bulldozer. It couldn't have improved their work five percent."

Earlier, the missionaries gained permission from the Marxist government to bulldoze the road through 10,000 foot mountains to reach starving people in the area. But between 12,000 and 15,000 Ethiopians already had begun to clear the road. The Ethiopians' efforts, despite their hardship, took on special meaning to the missionaries as they surveyed the area the people now call "berreha," Amharic for "desert."

"Berreha" is what the missionaries found in the parched land on the southern perimeter of the northern disaster area where thousands have died. The survey team, there to plan short term relief and long range development, traveled all the way to the Gishe part of Menz next to Wollo, a northern area which has received much famine publicity.

The highlanders have some grain but the barren lowlands have absolutely nothing. Mothers, sobbing and pleading for food, hold six month old children weighing 10 pounds with arms the size of a man's finger.

"I've lived here a long time and seen a lot," Bedsole said with emotion, "but that's a sight I can hardly bear. That's mild compared to the north. We must move fast to head off here what's happening in the north."

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**James H. Cox**  
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## Words of life

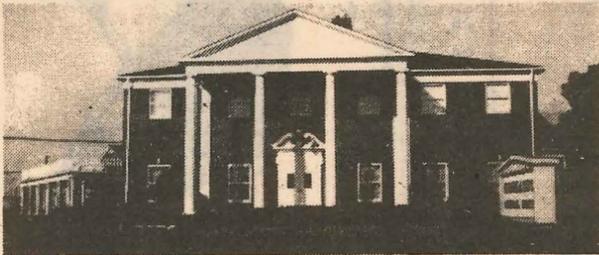
A refreshing respite was interjected into the commercialization of Christmas this past year. That was the straightforward, unapologetic manner in which several of the large Bible publishers promoted the scriptures for personal and pleasure reading. The implication was that even persons who don't know much about the holy word could find something of comfort here for their own circumstances.

Unfortunately, many people do not know what a wonderful book The Book is. The ads may have done more than sell a product for a giant corporation. They may have turned many people on to God's word who have never read it before.

As a writer, I was particularly interested in some radio commercials which helped the secular society realize that many of its ordinary everyday expressions are rooted in the scriptures. Here are some examples of what I mean:

- "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).
- "How are the mighty fallen" (2 Sam. 1:19).
- "The skin of my teeth" (Job 19:20).
- "His day is coming" (Ps. 37:13).
- "Woe is me" (Ps. 120:5).
- "Two are better than one" (Ecc. 4:9).
- "Vanity of vanities . . . ; all is vanity" (Ecc. 12:8).
- "The law of the Medes and Persians" (Dan. 6:15).
- "The salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13).
- "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" (Matt. 5:38).
- "Out of the mouth of babes" (Matt. 21:16).
- "Strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel" (Matt. 23:24).
- "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 25:30).
- "A prophet is not without honour, . . . in his own country" (Mk. 6:4).
- "Man shall not live by bread alone" (Lk. 4:4).
- "The blind lead the blind" (Lk. 6:39).
- "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Lk. 8:8).
- "A man after mine own heart" (Acts 13:22).
- "In the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52).
- "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).
- I don't know how you feel, but it seems to me anything that directs men and women and young people into the word of God is welcome today. Even an ad that helps us discover the origins of part of our everyday language might point some to a greater awareness of the scriptures.
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by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A year ago this month *Western Recorder* carried a series of articles back-grounding the east African nation of Kenya, where Kentucky Baptists will be partners with national Baptists in calendar years 1985-87.

Now, because scores of persons are beginning to develop interest in volunteering to go to Kenya during the partnership, we are repeating some of that material. Hopefully these facts will give all who have an interest a clear focus on conditions they may expect to find.

A newsletter, *Swahili Times*, updating latest developments in the Kenya-Kentucky partnership, begins publication this month, and will continue through 1987. It will be especially helpful to those considering some form of service in Kenya through the partnership program. It will also include helpful information which may be shared with congregations, WMU and Baptist Men's groups and in other appropriate ways to keep the plan before a church, resulting in prayer support and possible volunteer discovery and enlistment. Any reader may be added to a perma-

nent free mailing list for this monthly newsletter by sending name and address by mail to: Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

**TELL SOMEBODY** that you're going to Africa and they'll probably suggest, with great originality, that you will want to watch out for lions, tigers, snakes and cannibals, and be sure not to drink the water.

Many people still think of Africa as the Dark Continent. It hasn't changed

much since the days of Stanley and Livingstone, they presume. The truth is, it's still the Dark Continent only in the minds of those who haven't been.

There aren't any cannibals. Tigers don't exist. There are some lions but all of those you see (as you gaze from the safety of a vehicle) are probably lying down, asleep or half asleep. If you don't encourage them, they will ignore you completely.

True, there are many snakes in Africa. But nearly every one will slither away when it hears something coming.

You probably won't be sick at all if you take some simple, ordinary precautions on a trip to Africa. Inoculations are important, and so are malaria pills. You shouldn't swim or wade in still water and you should be cautious about the water you consume.

Despite what you may envision, there are lots of good roads and good hotels. There are lots of people who speak English. The restaurant food is safe to eat. And murderers don't roam the streets. Just as if you were at home, you would watch out for con artists and purse snatchers, you would lock your car and you wouldn't leave valuables in plain view.

And if you left something at home that you meant to take with you, there would be little to worry about. Dukas (general stores), hotel sundry shops, grocery stores, markets, drug and department stores and five-and-dimes are plentiful.

**THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA** where Kentucky Baptists will concentrate their efforts is most often grouped with its neighbors under the classification of "east Africa." It is situated on the Indian Ocean, sharing that coast in upper east Africa with Somalia, its neighbor to the northeast, and Tanzania, its southern neighbor. It is bounded on the north by Ethiopia and Sudan and on the west by Uganda and Lake Victoria.

Lake Victoria is impressive. It forms part of the boundary of three countries—Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Victoria's 26,828 square miles, where steamers ply the waters in trade, make it second only to Superior in size among the world's lakes.

The Kenyan countryside is a land of contrasts—one of serene beauty, and diverse beasts.

The Indian Ocean provides a breathtaking 380-mile coastline of coral sand beaches and coconut palms.

This southeastern quarter and the northern half of the nation include vast arid regions. They contrast sharply with the southwestern plateau where 85 percent of the population lives and where almost all of the economic activity is centered.

Principal cities include Nairobi, the capital, center of commerce and industry, in the southwest highlands; Mombasa, Kenya's major port city on the Indian Ocean; Kisumu, on the northeast banks of Lake Victoria; and a number of other smaller towns and villages, principally in the southern half.

Kenya's northern half is largely low thornbush-covered plain. Yet, even here the terrain is broken by several mountain ranges in the northwest and Lake Rudolf, extending 160 miles along the Great Rift Valley.

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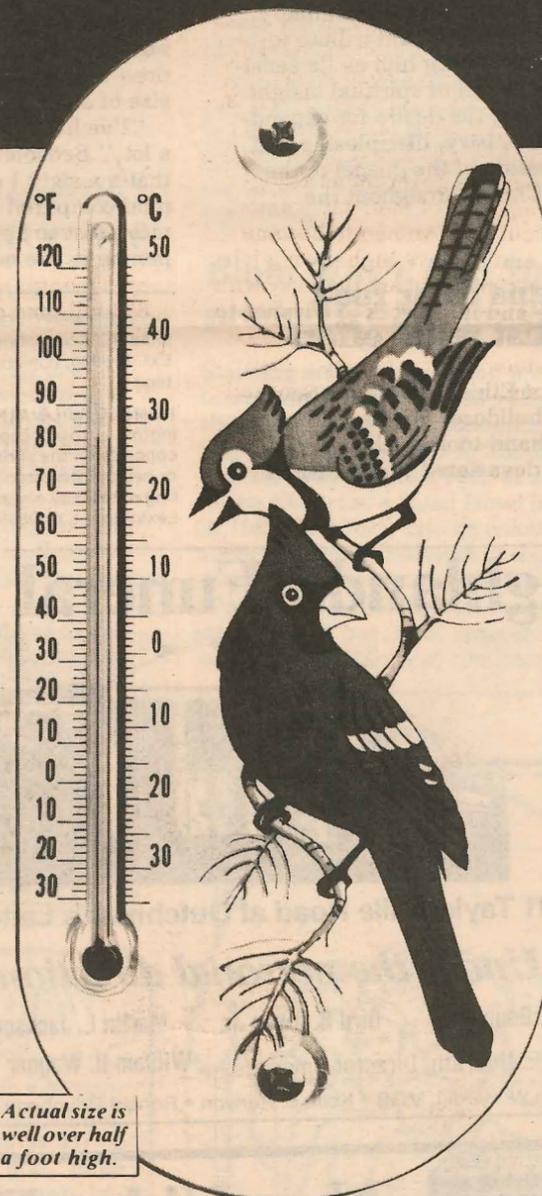
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wild animals. They include elephants, zebras, antelope, lions, rhinoceros, giraffes, leopards, buffalo and monkeys. Kenya proudly boasts more species of exotic, colorful birds than all but one or two other countries. They include ostriches, pelicans, flamingos, bustards and game birds.

More than any other African nation, Kenya has provided generous sanctuaries for its wildlife, guarding against both white and black poachers. More than 24,000 square miles have been set aside for these wildlife reservations.

AS WITH THE LAND ITSELF, there are also sharp contrasts in Kenya's weather.

Sitting astride the equator, much of Kenya is hot and dry. Only in the western and northern mountains is the climate often cool in the daylight hours.

There are four distinct seasons in Kenya but they are not comparable to our winter, spring, summer and fall. Rather, there are two dry seasons offset by two rainy ones. Tourists, incidentally, normally opt for the dry seasons, even though those periods are hot.

The weather is best from mid December through March and again from August through October. The rains come in November and the first half of December.

The rainiest (and worst) season is usually April, May and June.

Along the coast, at Mombasa, the average temperature for March—the warmest month of the year—is 81.8 degrees. The coolest month is July, when the average temperature at Mombasa is 75.3 degrees. Annual rainfall is about 45 inches there.

At the capital city of Nairobi, 5500 feet above sea level near the lower middle of the country, annual rainfall is 39 inches. Nairobi's average temperature in March—the warmest month—is 65.2 degrees. In the coolest month—July—it falls to 58.5 degrees average.

With 224,960 square miles of space, Kenya is considered Texas-size.

THERE ARE TWO principal languages spoken in Kenya—English and Swahili. The British contributed the former and the latter is an African dialect which became the official language only a decade ago.

The people are largely home grown in Kenya. At last count, 97 percent of the population was African. The remainder was largely Asian, European and Arab, in that order.

A decade ago the population was split almost 50-50 between men and women. However, a startling statistic indicates that fully three-fourths of Kenya's population is under age 30, and one-half the total population is under age 15. Less than 10 percent is over the age of 50.

In 1982 Kenya's population was estimated at 16,840,000. But by the time Kentucky's three-year concerted effort ends in 1987 present estimates put the population at 20 million.

Currently, 85 percent of the people live in rural areas, although cities are becoming more and more attractive due to increasing work opportunities.

MORE THAN A THIRD of Kenya's economy is tied to agriculture, including farming, forestry, hunting and fishing. That's three times as much dependency on the products of the land as on manufacturing.

The cash crop that provides Kenya's single most important source of income is coffee. Second only to it in Kenya's economy is tourism. It has been variously estimated that tourism contributes between \$80 and \$100 million

annually to Kenya's income.

Kenya maintains trade principally with four other nations of the world—Great Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany and the United States. Much of the coffee it exports goes to those nations and their principalities.

But Kenyan coffee is not alone in dependency upon the earth. Tea, pyrethrum (a natural insecticide), sisal (used in making rope), maize (corn), coconuts, cashew nuts, cotton, fresh fruits and vegetables contribute a large income.

Up to a tenth of Kenya's rural people are nomads who raise livestock and who move from place to place. They are constantly searching for grazing land and water for their animals. They rely on their animals for food, and they judge another person's wealth by the number of animals he owns.

DAILY LIFE among Kenyans is affected by a variety of additional circumstances and customs:

- The basic unit of currency is the shilling, divided into 100 cents. A shilling has an official value of 14 American cents.

- Most rural Kenyans live in small houses with thatched roofs, walls made of mud or bundles of branches and dirt floors. In the cities these kinds of houses are crowded together in slums. Many modern houses made of stone and cement are also found in the cities.

- The Kenyan government recognizes the equality of men and women, and it encourages women to become educated and achieve high paying jobs. But the vast majority are too busy with child care and farm work to advance to high positions. Kenyans place a great deal of value on large families. Many Kenyan families have six or more children.

- Kenya has nearly 30,000 miles of roads but less than 10 percent are paved.

- The Voice of Kenya, a government-owned network, broadcasts radio and

TV programs in local languages, Swahili and English. About 1.5 million radios and 50,000 TV sets are in use in Kenya. Three daily newspapers are published, two in English and one in Swahili.

- Most Kenyan boys and men wear cotton shirts and shorts or trousers. Some in the city wear western style business suits. Most girls and women wear cotton dresses or skirts and blouses. Some rural Kenyans, especially nomads, wrap a one-piece cloth around their bodies.

- Soccer ranks as Kenya's most popular sport. Children and adults play the game, and soccer matches between organized teams draw large crowds.

WHILE ONLY A THIRD of Africa's population is considered nominally Christian, more than 50 percent of Kenya's 17 million people now profess Christianity.

That's an encouraging sign. But there are even more such signs. For instance:

- About two-thirds of those professing Christianity are Protestants, the remaining third Catholic.

- While 40 percent of Kenyans proclaim traditional African religions, only about five percent are Muslims, following Islam. This compares favorably with the other African states where Islam claims the average of one-third of the people, usually with very strong commitment.

- In a continent where Southern Baptists are vigorously at work (and have been since 1846, a year after organizing), they now claim more than 850 full time missionary personnel. Of this number, Kenya with 117 is second only to Nigeria with 132 in the number of Southern Baptist missionaries by country in Africa. While this commitment by the Foreign Mission Board is impressive enough, note also that Southern Baptists have been at work in Nigeria since 1850 but in Kenya only since 1956.



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## clear creek comment

### God's promise for 1985

I always thrill at the prospect of a brand new year laid out before me. No matter how the old year may have passed, the prospect of 365 new days lying before me turns me into an incurable optimist and idealist. This buoyant spirit is expressed in Tennyson's immortal words:

#### Ring Out, Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

A Christian can afford to be optimistic for 1985 because God has made us a promise—"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). This is God's promise for you in 1985. This promise is emphasized in the New International Version—"Never will I leave you; Never will I forsake you." Because God will not forsake me in 1985, I can face the future unafraid. "The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:6).

With the Lord by my side I can be content in whatever state I find myself in 1985. Whatever the circumstances, God's presence will bring peace and contentment.

Because the Lord is with me, I can keep my life free from the love of money and be content with what I have in 1985. Perhaps the greatest sin we committed in the closing days of 1984 was to spend money we didn't have for things we didn't need to impress people we don't even like! May God deliver us from this sin in 1985.

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# oneida journal

## Springtime in December

I see Jeremiah, one of our finest boys, mowing grass. Isn't that something! Saturday in mid-December and having to mow grass! It is still green and growing even though we have already had one snow this winter.

Walking up Mulberry, the entrance road of our campus, I spot some of our younger boys near the chapel. They have all the trash barrels gathered together and are industriously scrubbing and hosing them.

It is such a beautiful springlike day. There is real warmth in the sun. Amazingly there are still many leaves on the trees and those leaves retain some of the color of their autumn glory.

Whirr! Whirr!! Whirr!!! A harsh, staccato sound assaults my ear. It echoes from the far side of Goose Creek, on the hill above our bottom-land. It is the sound of chainsaws, and I know farm manager Fraker and some of the boys are cutting more timber. As I look in that direction I see a tractor and wagon slowly moving toward the lower field. Assistant manager Forbes and some of the boys are probably going to gather more corn. It is a beautiful day for such a task.

Walking on across the campus, I see many busy raking leaves into various piles. There is real bustle around both the maintenance and auto body shops and the kitchen and dining room area is a beehive of activity as usual. I spot several sweeping sidewalks. One young man, a trifle overzealous, is even sweeping a part of the village street

near the church.

It is such a pleasure to walk into our craft-gift shop. It is filled with so many beautiful things this Christmas season. Mrs. Atto and seven of our girls and boys are hard at work this morning making baskets and sewing articles. That reminds me that Jack Watkins of Manchester has gotten some folks to donate two nearly new sewing machines, one of which is to go to the craft shop. He will be bringing them this afternoon, along with some used clothing to be distributed in Friendship House, and another truckload of cookies he has gotten donated for our kitchen. This wonderful man, his wife, the pastor and other members of Horse Creek Baptist Church have been bringing cookies by the truckload for years on nearly a monthly basis.

Coming back across the campus I find swim coach Coffey and the 40 boys and girls of our swimming and diving teams having their usual two-hour Saturday morning practice. They also practice every afternoon after school. Stepping through the gym door, I find two boys lazily shooting baskets. They have already gotten the gym ready for a middle school basketball game later in the morning and two exciting games this evening in the finals of our annual Oneida Invitational.

Our men worked late last night on the construction project for the 4500 sq. ft. addition to our dining room which will also include a 60-seat campus grill. They are hard at it again this morning. Hiram Campbell, our electrician, is here from Hamilton. What a man! Nearly 60 he works 18-20 hour stints, grabs a few hours sleep and goes at it again. He and his electrician relatives have donated thousands of dollars worth of electrical work in recent years.

Aside from seeing people at worship, there is no more gratifying sight to me than seeing people working. Oneida has taught countless girls and boys how to enjoy work and the satisfaction of a job well done for 85 years.

I'd better get to work myself, first this article to write, then several prospective students and their families to interview, 15 people from Rose Hill Church in Ashland to tour and host for lunch, and many other things that will come up as the day goes by.

I must slip away in mid-afternoon to a nearby mountain church to see two of our graduates be married. Joey came to us from the Bluegrass and met a beautiful mountain girl named Pat. Today they return to be married. Theirs is a beautiful wedding day.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 13, 1985

### International Series

#### The bread of life

**John 6:35** Knowing the bread of earth which people were desiring only met their physical needs temporarily but that the bread of heaven, Christ, could meet and satisfy their spiritual and eternal needs, Christ frankly and emphatically stated, "I am the bread of life," meaning the bread which God sent down from heaven.

**John 6:41-54** Inasmuch as the Jews thought of Christ Jesus merely as one who had grown up in their midst, it is not surprising that they rejected his claim of coming down from heaven. However, their denial of Christ's statement did not change the truthfulness of it. Their minds were simply closed to the truth which they did not want to comprehend.

Christ explained that only those whom the father draws would come to the son. It is good to know that all who believe on Christ will come to him and to them he will give satisfying and eternal life. Christ gave the blessed assurance there was and is one thing he will never do, namely, cast out any soul who comes to him in simple trust and dependence. Furthermore, spiritual sustenance must be appropriated by faith.

The father and the son both gave

sacrificially so human beings might have spiritual and everlasting life. And people are asked and invited to receive the gift. In the will of God is a plan for the life of every believer, and we shall reach our highest joy and greatest usefulness only as we discover his will and live in accordance with it. His will for us is always right, safe and best. Let us daily strive to be submissive to it. Let us never permit Satan to beguile us by substituting sense, sentiment, sensation or something else for the will of the Lord.

### Life and Work Series

#### Finding life through Jesus

**John 3:3** To Nicodemus' reference to the miracles, Christ did not make a reply but with startling abruptness talked about the birth from above, especially its necessity. By the birth from above, which we usually call the new birth, Christ meant the impartation of the divine nature to a human being. This new birth is a creative act of God instead of a reforming process on the part of a man. Christ told Nicodemus that unless one is born anew, or from above, he can never receive the benefits of the kingdom of God. Christ used Nicodemus, a splendid example of the natural man at his best, to emphasize the one great need of every person—the new birth. Perplexed about what Christ said concerning the new birth, Nicodemus inquired as to how it could be brought about.

**John 3:5-8, 12-16** Recognizing Nicodemus' complete misunderstanding of what he had said, Christ gave him to understand that he was not talking about a physical or natural birth, but about a spiritual and supernatural one. He told him that the new birth is not something man can do or help to do, but it is something God does for him. As in the physical birth we become partakers of human nature, so in the spiritual birth we become partakers of the divine nature.

Any person who repents of sin and receives Christ can know he has experienced the birth from above. He may have and enjoy this knowledge by the testimony of the spirit of God, his love for God's children, his victory over sin, a desire to please the Lord, a changed life and a passion for the salvation of those who are unsaved.



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# on mission together

## Dead ahead: a new year

Whether or not I am ready for it, the New Year has begun. Our Christmas tree and decorations are still up; our tongues are still hanging from the long trip to Dothan to meet the family of our son's fiancée and to make wedding arrangements; manure I hauled two

months ago for our asparagus still sits as a silent reminder of what I need to do; I need my eyes checked; I've been down in the back; and my 1985 calendar already looks like somebody's coloring book!

Lest any be moved to pity, I like it that way. Even though I yearn and plan for those special breaks, away from it all, having something meaningful to do—even too much, at times—is the kind of life that seems to draw the best from me.

No, I'm not a "workaholic" in the strictest sense of the word, for I relish my times of solitude and I can read a book for more than an hour without wandering mentally. I can even sit for hours, back against a tree, listening to the wind, and feel that something worthwhile has taken place.

And now as I begin an already busy 1985, I do so with a deeply held grati-

tude to God for having put it into the minds and hearts of a search committee, a little over two years ago, that I might be the person for this job. It was a job I never sought, but had I known before how meaningful and exciting the work could be, I would have been keenly disappointed had Kentucky Baptists not called us "back home." No opportunity has ever so fully challenged my every gift and called for so much energy.

Admittedly, I need to slow down "a little," get some of the rust out of my bones, learn to say "no" a little easier, and to tell the Lord more frequently just how grateful I am to be alive with something meaningful to do!

And I believe Kentucky Baptists have something meaningful to do in 1985—and that is our mission together in Christ.

Dead ahead: a new year, and I'm glad to be alive to experience it!

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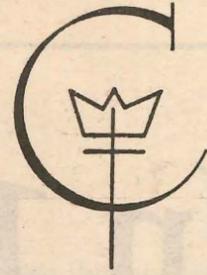
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# Cumberland College ROTC

## *Serving God and country*



Cumberland College ROTC cadets are regularly commissioned into the service of their God and country.

Cumberland College students have fierce pride and are unusually patriotic. Perhaps the group which most vividly displays this pride and patriotism is the Cumberland College unit of the United States Army ROTC.

At special convocations and graduations, the ROTC color guard marches proudly and precisely to center court to present the American flag, reminding us of the debt we owe to this great nation.

As the Star Spangled Banner plays, you can see in the demeanor of the Cumberland students, faculty and staff the fierce pride and determination that makes this country great.

But for the cadets, ROTC is more than color and highly charged emotional moments. Included is a lot of hard work, discipline and a major personal commitment to their God and their country.

The average total enrolment in Cumberland's program is almost 100 students per semester, one of the largest ROTC programs of any private college in the state of Kentucky.

Since its beginning in 1974, Cumberland's program has produced 55 commissioned officers, including several commissioned women officers.

Major William Dunlap, director of Cumberland's program emphasized that Army ROTC aids the student by providing leadership and management experience found in few other college courses and an opportunity for a military career in the active Army, the Army National Guard or the U. S. Army Reserve. It develops self discipline, physical stamina and poise while enhancing development of management skills and qualities basic to success in any career.

The four year program consists of a two year basic course and a two year advanced course. The basic course is normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years. Course work covers the areas of management principles, national defense, military history, leadership development and military courtesy, discipline and customs. The basic course imposes no military obligation on the part of the student. Cumberland students enrolled in the basic course have included women and

at work in their many responsibilities. These include raising and lowering the American flag daily, presenting a color guard for special events, assisting with class registration, coordinating activities for clean-up day, providing guest speakers for local high school groups, supporting the Boy Scouts, cosponsoring the chemistry symposium, participating in several local events and in the local health screening of National Operation Health Check. The list could go on . . . .

The cadets work even harder in such activities as rappelling, canoeing and participation in field training exercises (two per semester) and in the Rangers Club, which is open to any student and holds many activities throughout the year.

During camps and field training exercises the cadets' spiritual needs are met as they awake early on Sunday morning for special worship services.

Dunlap explains why students choose such a demanding road, "Army ROTC affords the individual with a wide range of job opportunities and permits the graduate to enter a position of leadership immediately after graduation. Within three years of going on active duty, the average lieutenant will have the opportunity and authority of 'middle management' that would take much longer to acquire in civilian business."

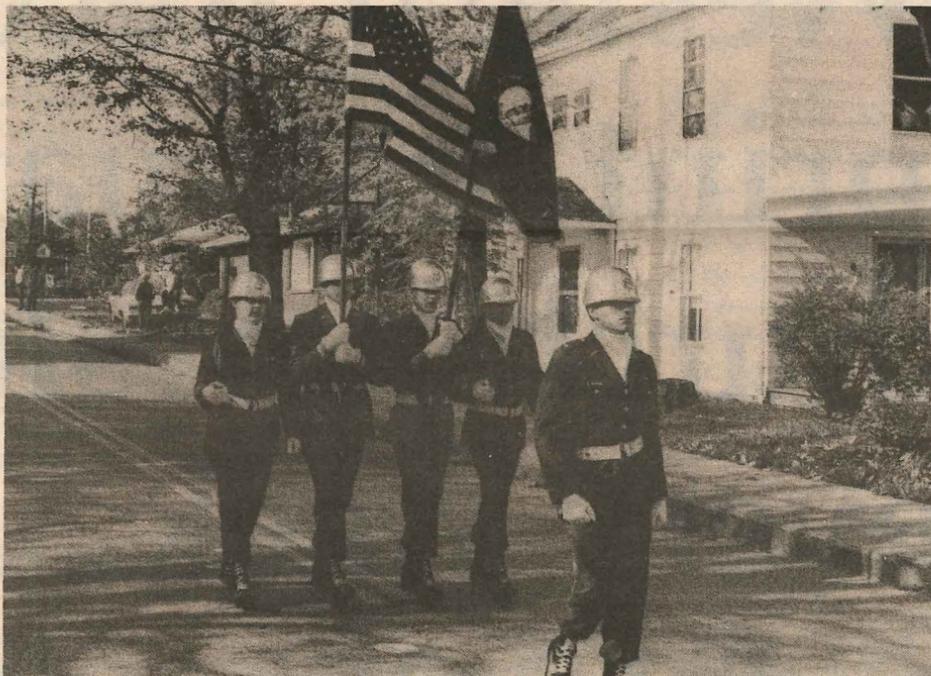
*"America,  
America,  
God shed his  
grace on thee."*

Upon satisfactorily completing the advanced course, the ROTC cadet is commissioned as a second lieutenant and enters the service of his God and country.

We at Cumberland College are proud of our ROTC unit and what they represent: freedom, a God-fearing democracy and the spirit that America the world's greatest symbol of freedom and individual rights.

At Cumberland, no one needs to blush when the flag is raised or when the color guard marches onto the court. Instead, we swell with pride and stand straight and tall, feeling that tingle that never grows old as our ROTC cadets march onward to remind us:

*"America, America,  
God shed his grace on thee."  
America,  
"The land of the free,  
the home of the brave."*



Cumberland College students, like these in the Army ROTC colorguard, have fierce pride and are unusually patriotic. The American flag constantly reminds us, "America, America, God shed his grace on thee."

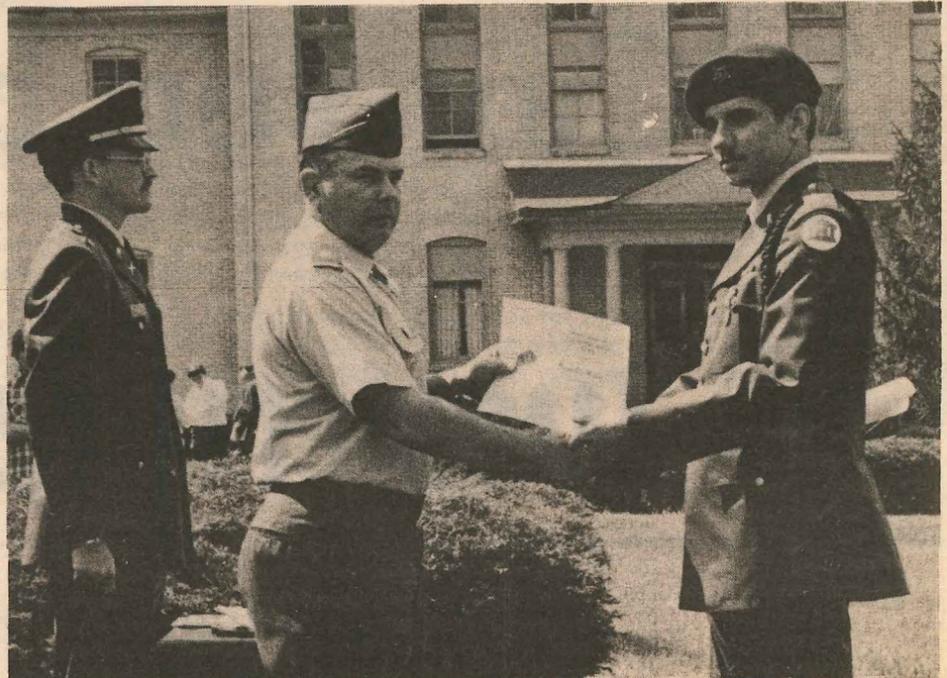
foreign students.

The advanced course provides further instruction in leadership development, organization and management, and tactics and administration.

The hard work for the cadets is not confined to the classroom but extends to camps and special activities as well. ROTC students attend their first summer camp at the end of the second year. This six weeks camp is held at Ft. Knox and fulfills a prerequisite for entering the advanced course. Students receive six hours of college credit and are paid for the six weeks. Dunlap said, "The real purpose of the camp is to give students an orientation and bird's eye view of military life."

Advanced course cadets attend a six week advanced camp between their junior and senior years of college. This camp permits cadets to put into practice the principles and theories they have acquired from on-campus classroom instruction. They receive training and evaluation in military skills, physical fitness, night and day land navigation, leadership and leadership ability.

While on campus the cadets are hard



Army major William Dunlap [c] presents an award to a Cumberland College cadet in recognition of his accomplishments. The major is assisted by captain Theodore Brogden [l].