



Stanley announces plans to seek SBC helm for second term

by Dan Martin

Southern Baptist Convention president Charles F. Stanley said he is willing to serve a second term at the helm of the 14.3 million member denomination.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, said: "I have been praying about the matter for some time. God has given me perfect freedom in my heart to serve again if someone feels led to nominate me and I am re-elected."

The announcement ended several weeks of speculation as to whether Stanley would serve another term as president of the SBC. He was elected on the first ballot against two opponents during the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

Under SBC rules, a president is elected to a one-year term, but is eligible to serve a second term, if he chooses. Until recent times, an incumbent president was usually reelected without challenge if he wished to serve. However, during the past five years two incumbent presidents have been challenged for election to a second term. Both, however, were reelected.

Stanley did not decide to allow his name to be placed in nomination in Kansas City, Mo., until hours before nominations were to begin. He said earlier the decision to allow the nomination came only after a powerful experience with God.

Since being elected, Stanley says he has "not spent one minute of my time talking politics. I did not do one thing last time (to be elected) and I will not do one single thing this time. Any politicking will have to be done by others on both sides."

He said while he is "willing" to serve as president again, he has "plenty to do. But if I am honest with God and with myself, I have to be willing to serve. If I am elected again, that will be fine; if I am not elected, that is still fine."

Stanley said "healing" has started in the SBC, which has been rocked by controversy during the past six years. "It is like healing of the body; it starts

on the inside before it manifests itself on the outside. I am very encouraged by what I see. I have not let the supposed opposition to me concern my mind because my goal is not to win something, but to do something I believe God has called us to do."

"In spite of all of the conflict we have seen, we have agreed there are some problems. We have denied that before. We have to face those problems and I see some evidence of people who are now able to sit down and talk through the disagreements," he said.

Stanley added that "in some areas there must be give and take. I think there will be issues on which we cannot give and we must learn to live with each other in diversity. Some people will probably decide they can't live with that and have to do something else."

The pastor said he "still believes our view of the scripture is the basic issue . . . the vital issue. I believe our attitude toward the scripture will determine how God blesses us. When other denominations have departed from the authentic word of God, there has been a diminishing of God's blessings on them."

"I cannot compromise my faith in the authenticity of the word of God under

1985 regional RA congresses rescheduled

Several of the 1985 regional RA congresses have been rescheduled. Though the dates have changed, all schedules and activities and the \$1 cost for supper will remain the same.

The Southwestern Region Congress will be held at Murray State University, Monday, Mar. 25. This region involves Blood River, Caldwell/Lyon, Christian County, Fulton, Graves County, Little River, Ohio River, West Union and West Kentucky Associations.

Western Region involves the following associations: Blackford, Daviess-McLean, Green Valley, Little Bethel, Muhlenberg, Ohio County and Ohio Valley. This congress has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 26 at Immanuel Temple Baptist Church, Henderson.

North Central Region's congress has been rescheduled for Monday, Mar. 25 at Crittenden Baptist Church. The following associations are involved in North Central Region: Boone's Creek, Bracken, Crittenden, Elkhorn, Franklin, Northern Kentucky, Owen County, Ten Mile and Union.

Southeastern Region's congress has been rescheduled for Thursday, Mar. 28 at Manchester Baptist Church, Manchester. Southeastern Region includes Bell, Booneville, East Union, Irvine, Jackson, Laurel River, Lynn Camp, Middle Fork, Mt. Zion, North Concord, Pine Mountain, South Union, Three Forks and Upper Cumberland Associations.

The time for all congresses will be 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. You may register at any time and need not be a Royal Ambassador to attend.

any conditions," he said, adding the leaders of the SBC agencies he has met do not appear to differ significantly from his view. "I have not met all of them, though," he said.

He added he "knows there is not going to be wholehearted agreement" on issues within the convention, but reiterated the "authenticity of the scriptures is something we cannot give on. If someone is totally committed to a liberal viewpoint, he may be happier somewhere else."

He noted he "is the same (theologically) as when I graduated from Southwestern (Baptist Theological) Seminary. But (since the SBC controversy has intensified) I have moved from being (being described as) 'conservative' to 'ultraconservative' to 'fundamentalist' to 'independent.' Yet I haven't changed a bit."

"When diverse issues rise to the surface, men of real character will be able to respond in the spirit of love and honest discussion. But when there is bitterness and anger and resentment, ill will and jealousy, that says something about the character of the men involved. When that happens, they lose their usefulness before God. God can use a man who may be in error, but whose spirit is right, but a man who is right in his theology but wrong in his spirit is a hindrance to God," he said. (BP)

Hollywood honors ACTS for excellence

The ACTS network has won its first award, for "excellence in religious programming," from a group of Hollywood actors, directors and producers which, for the first time, honored a Christian network. The Southern California Motion Picture Council, represented by David Soul, star of TV's "Starsky and Hutch," presented its prestigious Golden Halo Award to Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist TV network. The group is committed to raising the standards of decency in the entertainment industry.

Soul said the council's award recognizes the need for substantive, people-centered TV programming. "As an actor, I am becoming increasingly frustrated that there is no place to take compassionate material about people's lives," he said. "I am hungry for that kind of outlet."

Soul, himself a Christian, said many in the Hollywood creative community would welcome the chance ACTS provides to express their convictions on the air. "What you have accomplished so far must continue," he added. "If the church does not do the kind of programming that captures the attention of the American people with the gospel, we are fools." (BP)

Laypersons should be more involved in convention: Bryan

by Linda Lawson

By word and example, John Bryan has been emphasizing the importance of laypersons being involved in the Southern Baptist Convention for more than 20 years.

Bryan, a clinical pathologist and a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, Bluefield, W. Va., currently is chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He has filled many leadership roles in the Virginia Baptist General Association (his church is affiliated with the Virginia convention), including the presidency, 1970-71.

"If we are going to be a cooperating convention, someone has got to give the time," said Bryan, a tall, soft-spoken Texas native. "I haven't said yes to everything, but I have said yes when I had the time and thought I could make a contribution."

He attributed the degree of his involvement in denominational life to a strong and historic commitment by Virginia Baptists to utilizing laypersons. For example, the constitution of the convention requires approximately 50 percent of the members of the general board and standing committees be laypersons.

Also, he noted, a layperson traditionally is elected president of the convention every other year. "It's not in the constitution, but it is a long-standing tradition," he said.

The most time-consuming job Bryan ever has undertaken for Southern Baptists came in 1982 when he was asked to chair the Sunday School Board's presidential search committee. For one year he averaged working about 20



Bryan

hours per week, overseeing the work of the committee and handling a mountain of correspondence.

However, he said, "It was tremendously rewarding. Of all the places I have served, I have never felt more comfortable than about the final decision to recommend Lloyd Elder for the presidency." Elder was elected in February 1983 and assumed the presidency in February 1984.

Bryan grew up in First Baptist Church, Houston, where he taught Sunday school and was ordained a deacon. He met his wife, Dee, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in 1941 when both were serving on the summer staff. The Bryans have three daughters and five grandchildren. For recreation, he pitches for his church softball team. At 63, "I'm the oldest player in the league," he laughed.

Bryan describes his role as a clinical pathologist as being a "doctor's doctor," consulting with physicians in determining what lab tests may be needed and interpreting the results.

He compared his many years of work in a laboratory to the role of laypersons in churches and the denomination, a role he considers "underutilized."

"I guess I've spent all my life in a lab," said Bryan. "That's where you prove what you have learned, put your knowledge to work. At church, a lecture or a soul-winning course is fine, but at some point you've got to get into the lab. That's where you learn to be a soul winner."

Reflecting on his service to Southern Baptists, Bryan emphasized, "I have been blessed by having some wonderful opportunities. These were not necessarily deserved. There is nothing special about me. I just seem to have been in the right place at the right time. I am most grateful. I wish more laymen had these opportunities." (BP)

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Jack D. Sanford

Good news

Jay Brown, director of evangelism for Kentucky Baptists, gets a tip of the hat and a strong word of affirmation for the great program he put together last week for our annual evangelism conference.

The word is that the attendance at this year's evangelism conference was the largest in our history. At least twice, perhaps more, the sanctuary of the beautiful Immanuel Baptist Church was filled to capacity. Not only were there great crowds of people present but there was a wondrous spirit of fellowship evident at every session, as well as in the hallway banter and the book store visitation.

The subjects assigned to the speakers were difficult yet dealt with some of the more pressing issues all of us face as we try to proclaim the good news of Christ. Without exception the speakers delivered inspiring, subjective, challenging messages on those difficult subjects, though they often took unusual routes to the finish.

This is the second time this February I have come away from a Baptist meeting with a feeling of renewed hope and confidence for our future. Earlier in the month the SBC Executive Committee meeting dealt with difficult material in an open, Christian way and accomplished much good for our fellowship. Now our own evangelism conference has proved a tonic of spiritual hope for many of us who want Southern Baptists to get on with winning lost people and stop wasting our energy and witness in self-destructive quarreling.

Among the highlights of the conference for me was the enthusiastic music. The congregation raised the roof as they sang grand old gospel songs that caused

every preacher in the house to reach for his Bible and take a text, ready to preach.

The special music was tops, and every time we are privileged to hear the Kentucky Baptists Chorale it is a high spiritual experience. These ministers of music from our Kentucky churches truly minister to us every time they sing. I say thank God for this group of dedicated, gifted people whom God has given us.

Tuesday, the final day of the conference, was a day of bright sunshine which added zest to winter-weary Baptists. The bright, warm sun added to the spirit of goodwill in evidence everywhere among us. It is that spirit of friendship, that sense of common calling and mission, that bond of concern for a lost world that is our best face to each other and to the world. It was good to be among the brothers and sisters last week to feast on fellowship, great preaching and great Christian fellowship. It is from this kind of gathering that I see a better day ahead for us. We are weary of conflict and controversy and anxious to move forward to bring in the kingdom.

The evangelism conference did for me what it was designed to do. It stirred my heart for a closer walk with the Lord and lifted my eyes to see more clearly the harvest field all around us. It was revival for me, and that is good news.

Thanks to Jay Brown for a great event and thanks to the gracious people of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington and their warm hearted pastor, Ted Sisk. The red carpet was rolled out, the program was excellent and anyone who missed this mid-winter feast missed a great time in the Lord.

Sad news

Two things are absolutely, positively certain: death and taxes.

One more thing can be added to that litany of certainty: the price will go up.

On top of the good news about a great evangelism conference and the prospect of a great harvest of souls among Kentucky Baptists in the near future, there is the sad news about a price increase for Western Recorder. You will never know how it hurts to make this announcement, but it is necessary.

The last increase in the price of Western Recorder was February 1982. That year the price went from \$4 per year to \$4.50 per year for persons on the church budget plan. We must again make a slight increase.

Beginning Sept. 1, 1985, the church budget plan will be \$5 per subscription and \$6.50 for individual subscriptions. That comes out to an increase of one cent per week, modest by any measuring standard.

As a new editor I have really agonized over the need for a price increase. Yet there seems to be no way to avoid it if we are to continue to serve Kentucky Baptists as a reliable source of information. We have no endowment, no generous benefactors, a refusal to

increase advertising space and reluctance to call for more and more Cooperative Program support. The end result is the need to increase the price of the paper as the only way to stay alive.

Many of our readers have been generous in affirmation of me and the staff of the paper. You have been complimentary, even when we have made mistakes. It seems as though a good spirit of interest and concern is increasing toward our paper. I shudder to do anything that would jeopardize that good will. But we have no alternative, and I pray you will understand.

I ask you to look carefully at every service and product you use. How many have held the line on price for three straight years? Western Recorder has done that but now must make a small increase in the price of a subscription. We ask your continued support to help us do a better job in support of our churches and in support of our great missionary programs.

A penny a week more seems a small price to pay for such a good product. So, be prepared for that penny increase Sept. 1, 1985.

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baptist forum

Seek Jesus' teachings on peace

I am appalled by President Reagan's recent use of scripture to justify his massive increase in the defense budget. Anyone who reads the passage (Luke 31-32) in its proper context can readily see Jesus was using the story of the kings to make a specific point rather than holding the story up as a model for how nations should shape their defense policies. Jesus' intended use of the story was to point out that anyone wishing to follow after him should first stop and count the cost to see if they are willing to pay the price.

President Reagan has perverted the scripture in order to gain the support of the Christian community for his defense build-up. I would urge all Christians before gullibly swallowing Reagan's explanation to stop and count the cost and reexamine the Jesus of the New Testament. Jesus was a man of peace, not war. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5); "You have heard that it

was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, 'Do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also'" (Matt. 5:38-39); "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you in order that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven'" (Matt. 5:43-45a).

If President Reagan thinks a military build-up is necessary for peace, that is one thing, but to imply that Jesus would support such action is horrible.

Bert Breland, Louisville

Have we dropped and lost the ball?

The current debate that is very likely to split the largest Protestant denomination in America is likened to a game I once "almost" observed. It seems that a group of people had gathered to play a game of touch football.

Now of those present, some were from the "affluent" section of town, while others were from the "other side of the tracks." To add to each group's identity, several of the potential players were from different sporting backgrounds, i.e. baseball, basketball. They too wanted to play in the touch football game.

Not unlike any pick-up game, before it can begin the basic rules have to be agreed upon. Thus the goals were quickly established and identified. Unfortunately, when the side line boundaries were brought into question, neither team would agree with the other.

"Too wide," argued one group. "No field is that wide. One only has to look at the rule book to see that."

"Untrue," responded the opposing group. "The rule book is old and we have only a copy of the original. While it has the general format in mind, it does not carry the actual measurements of the field."

Thus went the argument, neither side giving an inch as to where the boundaries should be set. Each group accused the other of manipulating the words of the rule book. Each group claimed to be right.

The argument continued for some time. Often it got hostile, with one group threatening to punch the other as if a war had started. Many times, one group would try to say who could or could not play, and would challenge the opposing team members. (These chal-

lenges most often came from the baseball and basketball players.)

Finally as it was realized that the two groups would never agree on the boundaries, they both left. Everyone returned to their own private home; each group claiming victory in a non-played game; each group pronouncing vehement labels of disgust upon the other.

I had watched the attempt to play touch football for some time, until the separate groups of players went home. I felt a sorrow in my heart as I looked upon a large field—just perfect for football—empty of players. The goals were laid out quite plainly. But no one was playing!

As I turned from my window to return to my study, I saw a round, brown object near what could have been a boundary. A tear fell from my eye as I realized someone had dropped and lost the ball.

Allen K. Lowe, Mt. Sterling

'Moonie' package targeted to pastors?

I ask if Kentucky Baptist Convention pastors are being "targeted" by the "Moonies" because of a package which I received from them in the mail.

The package is really quite sophisticated. It is composed of three video-cassette tapes, an analytical outline of Moonie "theosophy" (my term, not theirs) and a "prison epistle" from their leader, Sun Myung Moon. Also, a letter from Mose Durst, their president, bids us, our families, our congregations God's blessings.

While looking through their theological book, Outline of the Principle, John the Baptist is credited, or blamed for Jesus' crucifixion (page 89), Jesus' diety is denied (pages 141-2), and a Manachean syncretism is explicitly stated in the introduction.

I ask you if it is advisable to alert our Kentucky Baptist Convention brothers to this through Western Recorder?

Doug Martin, Crittenden

Editor's note: If other pastors have received material from this organization, please let me know.

Youth writing competition

Honorable mention

Laura Pulliam, 15, of Franklin is also a recipient of an honorable mention in Western Recorder's first annual Youth Writing Competition. Five winning essays were chosen, along with two honorable mentions.

Miss Pulliam is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Pulliam of Franklin. She is a member of Sulphur Spring Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association. Her pastor is Joel Jones.

Miss Pulliam is a sophomore at Franklin-Simpson High School where she is president of the advisory council, secretary/treasurer for the Junior Music Club, a member of the Beta Club and the band and student director of "Dracula," a school play.

Her interests also include drama, travel, piano and organ. She has been both a camper and a counselor at Camp Joy.

She plans to attend college upon graduation from high school. Following is Miss Pulliam's honorable mention essay:



Laura Pulliam

We will see face to face

"Laura? Laura, is that you? I almost thought you weren't coming." As she says these words, Vera Joyner is using the only two things that connect her to the rest of the world: a voice and a hand.

Although she is deaf and blind, Miss Joyner has a wonderful outlook on life. Every week when I visit her, she has something to say to make me feel better about myself. The only way anyone can communicate with her is by writing in her hand. We talk about fishing, school, what we want for Christmas and how it's a bad season for all the poor turkeys.

I visit Miss Joyner on Sunday afternoons, and she always asks if I've been to church that morning. When I answer "yes" she always tells me I'm very "religious." I think she is the one who is very close to our Lord. I know she is a Christian and she must have a very deep faith and trust to keep from being bitter about being deaf and blind. However, she has taught me so much about accepting what can't be changed and making the best of it.

Miss Joyner has three nieces who visit her often and they have all shown me so much love and support. I can already see how much Jesus

has worked in my life through her and because of what her nieces say I know he is working in Miss Joyner's life too.

Jesus says that we can do all things through him and visiting Miss Joyner has really confirmed that truth to me. I never thought I could communicate with a 93-year-old woman solely by writing in her hand but Jesus has made that possible. Through him, Miss Joyner and I can express ideas and love for each other through a very few words I write in her hand and the stories she tells me. Jesus has also given me patience to carry on and try again when she just can't understand something I am trying to say.

In the last six months, I have grown very close to a lady who has never seen my face or heard my voice and never will. My faith and courage have increased because I see Jesus living in Miss Joyner's life and I know someday when we go to be with our Lord, we will see each other face to face.

"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see" (Isa. 29:18 RSV).

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homes for children

Family life

A few days ago I had the privilege of participating in a family life conference at First Baptist Church, Somerset. This conference idea came from the staff and the church's family life committee. Beginning on Friday night and continuing through Sunday night, the conference was supervised by staff members Don Whitehead and Mike Spencer.

Individual conferences covered such interest matters as "Living the Retirement Years," "Marriage, Work and Family," "Living the Single Life: Never Married," "Living the Single Life: Formerly Married," "Teaching Your Children About Sex," "Dealing with Conflict in the Family," "Relating to Adult Children," "Dynamics and Stresses in Midlife," "Marriage: the Early Years" and "How to Raise Your Parents." The conferences were designed to meet areas of need at all stages, ages and situations of individuals as they relate to life and family. Each conference was led by an invited guest, and the attendance was good.

I am impressed and gratified by the emphasis our denomination and churches are placing on the family. Much is written in our literature which is of great help to families. The Kentucky Baptist Convention now has a department, led by Vernon Cole, which is giving much help for families. Many churches are providing programs, conferences and support to the family.

These programs and helps are not geared just for persons and families in deep trouble, but they are most beneficial for families that want to stay healthy and strong. Such programs in our churches are providing help not only in correcting problems, but also in preventing problems.

Working with children and youth who hurt so much because of disintegrating families, I am strongly in favor of our churches providing help to strengthen the family. Unless we are able to give more preventive help to families, agencies such as Baptist Homes for Children cannot answer all the calls for help.

We must work at both ends. Baptist Homes is ministering to those who are already hurting. Churches must help "plug the holes in the dike" so many children will never need us.

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Paul instructs us in Philippians 2:5 to "put on the mind of Christ." That sounds great, you may say, but what does he mean? And how is the Christian to do it?

Paul's words should not alarm you. To put on the mind of Christ simply means to take up the attitude or disposition of Christ, which is that of a servant.

But "putting on the mind of Christ" is not easy. In fact, it's tough. It demands continuous, daily spiritual growth. It calls every Christian to be a mature believer. In short, it means committed discipleship.

SCHEDULE

Both morning and evening sessions will be offered at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green and Calvary Baptist in Lexington. The morning sessions begin at 8:45 with coffee, juice, and doughnuts, and end at 12:20 p.m. The evening sessions begin at 7:00 and end at 9:10.

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How to know

My column about the importance of assurance and confidence in a Christian's life last week led me to think of the most important confidence a Christian can have. John's words are especially appropriate for this doubting generation, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . ." (1 John 5:13).

The most important fact upon which one may build a successful life is the knowledge that he has passed from death unto life and is for now and forever a child of God. Our Lord prayed, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent" (John 17:3).

This confidence in his relationship with God led Paul to give his testimony concerning the believer's life—"I am persuaded that neither death, nor life . . . nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:38-39)—and concerning our heavenly home—"We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

One of the most damaging experiences a Christian can have is to be plagued by continual doubt. Someone has said that a man can live longer without food than without faith. What we regularly, confidently and consistently affirm within ourselves about ourselves has a way of becoming reality.

So, have done with doubt! Believe in Christ and believe you are in Christ. Join with Ella Wheeler Wilcox in affirming:

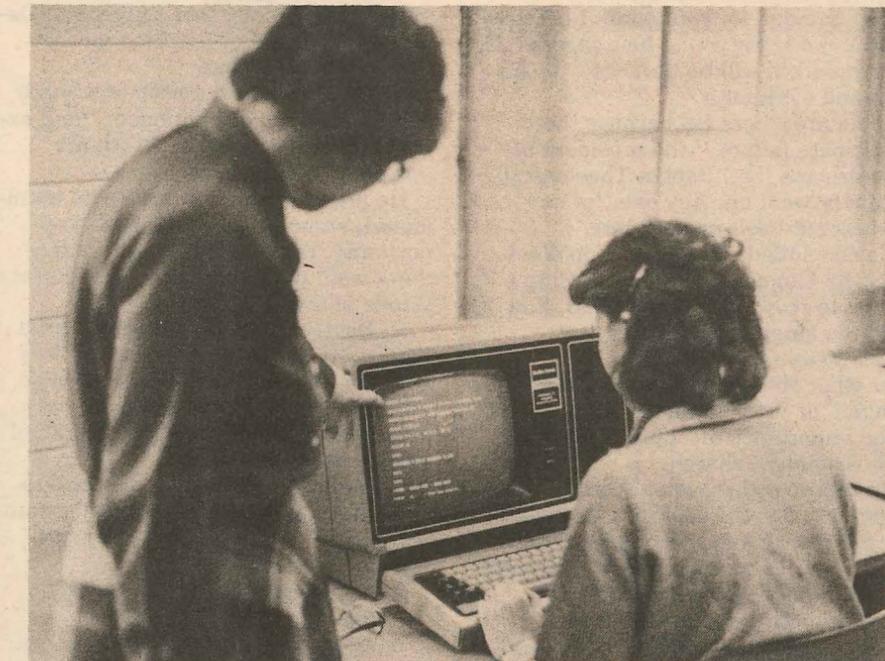
"I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea come drifting home with broken masts and sails; I shall believe the hand which never fails, from seeming evil worketh good to me; and, though I weep because those sails are battered, still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered, 'I trust in thee.'

I will not doubt; well anchored in the faith, like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale, so strong its courage that it will not fail to breast the mighty, unknown sea of death. Oh, may I cry when body parts with spirit, 'I do not doubt,' so listening worlds may hear it with my last breath."

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Cumberland College is, indeed, a modern complexity, and nowhere on campus is this more evident than in the Norma Perkins Hagan Library.

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By using 'on-line' computer hookups, a student can now do research in a few hours that would have taken weeks or months by a conventional method.

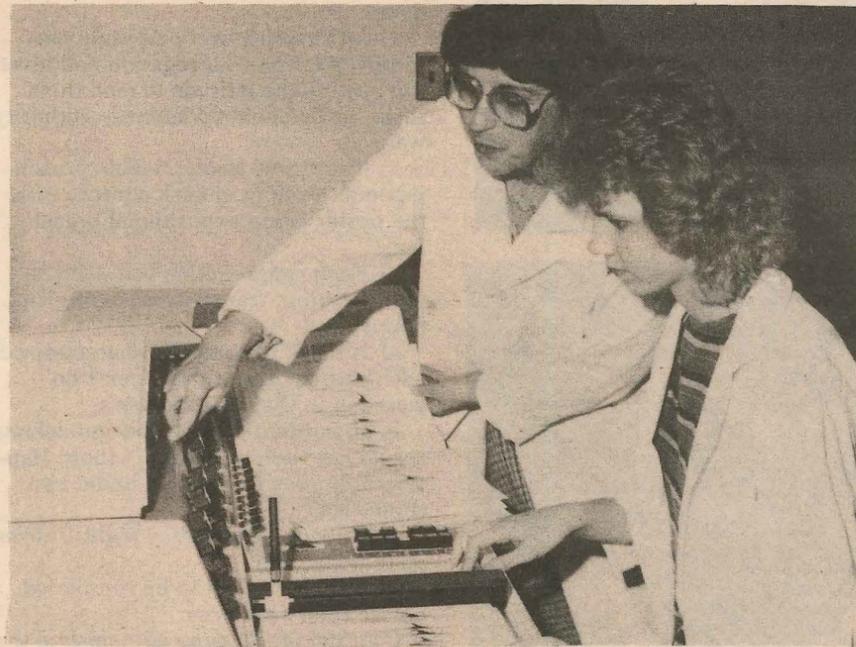
Through use of computer data banks in Palo Alto, California, the BRS system in New England, or other data banks across the nation, the student can obtain a computer printout of a bibliography in a particular topic, or, in some academic disciplines such as chemistry, the complete text of an article may be obtained in only a few minutes.

The library has 12 computers capable of on-line hookups with outside data-banks such as Solinet, through which Cumberland could tie into the data banks of Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, or other Ivy League universities.

The Hagan Library is the only educational library in the nation to have the unique "Magazine Collec-

tion." This collection contains 200 magazines on 16mm film cartridges. A student uses an index to

find his topic and related articles. The cartridge is loaded into a reader-printer and the full text of the article may be printed. The col-



Through computer links, the library could tie into the data banks of Harvard, Yale, or other such universities.

lection is current to within two weeks of publication.

The library contains 160,000 volumes, 450,000 microforms, including the complete collection of ERIC Documents, and 30,000 pieces of software for the media library.

The library has an extensive and strong collection of periodicals including 1200 different magazines, one third of which date back to 1820. Much of the periodical collection is contained on 20,000 reels of microfilm which would make 70,000 paper volumes.

Computers are becoming a part of everyday life. That's why in 1981 Cumberland College established programs in computer science and data processing. Currently, 200 students are enrolled in the program.

One device added recently is a penplotter tied into a TRS-80, model 4 microcomputer which is capable of analyzing and synthesizing data to produce any type of bar, line, or pie graph or chart.

Cumberland College has one of the best math, chemistry, and science departments in the southeast and regularly places several students in graduate schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and research.

The college's chemistry department recently added a Varian M 36OL Nuclear Resonance Spectrometer, or NMR, which is an invaluable tool in helping identify organic compounds. This high tech equipment operates on the same principle as the NMR used in medical diagnosis and is known as the 'work-horse' for the organic chemist. It can be used to train people to be qualified for work in the chemical industry. At most other colleges or universities, undergraduates do not have direct

access to such equipment, but at Cumberland they are allowed hands-on experience with guidance from highly qualified instructors.

Cumberland also has a Perkin-Elmer Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer which can be used to confirm the amount of suspected elements present. This is especially helpful in water analysis, and has other environmental uses.

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Evangelism meet draws 'most ever'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A black Houston pastor ended the 1985 Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference calling upon Baptists to break away from tradition.

A. L. Patterson, of Houston's Mt. Corinth Baptist Church, observed, "We are 'habited' people, and we miss all of the 'exposures' of life by staying with the familiar.

The Bible exclaims, "Wonderful things happen when you see for yourself," according to Patterson.

Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, the 1985 state evangelism crowd was described by KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall as the "largest in history" for these annual events. An audience variously estimated at between 1500 and 2500 persons attended some part of the two-day event Feb.

25-26.

Theme of the conference was "Following the Footsteps of Jesus in Evangelism." A specific session topic was assigned the speakers in each of the five three-hour sessions.

Patterson warned evangelism conference participants in the first of three addresses, "You can be in Bible study, gaining truth about Jesus, and still not know him."

Later, in yet another message, he suggested that Jesus "encourages you" to take up your cross and follow him "voluntarily."

He spoke of an "impossible condition."

"We must treat the disease of sin as Jesus did," he averred. "Until I realize it is an incurable sickness and call on the great physician, sin is an impossible condition."

Seminary president Landrum P.

Leavell seemed to reach conference attendees in several addresses, judging by the "Amens" received.

In one message on the frustration of failure, Leavell told the crowd, "God never intended for you to fail. I believe God intended for you to be a success. If we succeed, it will be because we plan for it and work for it."

Some preachers fail because they "anticipate failure," the president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary went on. Any one "of us" can become "self-made losers."

He concluded pleading, "You don't build the kingdom of God by getting a Baptist to move his membership. You build the kingdom by getting lost people to join the fellowship."

Another Houston preacher, John Bisagno, of First Baptist Church, spoke of the importance of "nurturing" a New Testament church.

He reported that, when Adrian Rogers went to the pastorate of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and Ed Young went to a similar place at Second Baptist Church, Houston, both men spent a month with several of their laymen separately visiting the "goingest, growingest" churches in the country. Some of the churches were Southern Baptist, and some were not. Their purpose, according to Bisagno, was to discover if there were common denominators in the successful histories of these congregations.

Bisagno reported that each of the two pastors found exactly the same four commonalities, without first comparing notes:

- 1) All churches were strongly pastorally led. The congregation had given the pastors the latitude to lead them; there was no doubt where the authority was.
- 2) There was strong, viable preaching and teaching in each church, with the pastor doing expositional preaching.
- 3) Each congregation was seen as warm, loving, transparent, caring and happy.
- 4) A spirit of conquest characterized each church. The words "can't do" were not in their vocabularies.

In an earlier address, Bisagno jokingly told his audience that Southern Baptists only pray for healing under two conditions:

- 1) Only on Wednesday night—never on Sunday, and
- 2) Only if it is not to be completed before their very eyes.

Continuing, Bisagno admonished that he did not believe healing "is in the atonement."

Those who believe healing is in the atonement generally practice "that they do not believe it," he observed.

Bisagno, often speculated about as a potential candidate for an SBC office, disclosed at the beginning of one sermon that he was "not now a candidate" for office and had "no intention" of becoming one in the future. He is pastor of a 17,000-member congregation which often reaches 6000 in Sunday school attendance and is the second largest dollar giver in the convention to the Cooperative Program.

Meanwhile, Foreign Mission Board staffer Ron Boswell initially addressed the evangelism audience on the plight of the world's hungry.

"If we give those who are starving food and don't tell them about the bread of life, we have failed Jesus," he

declared. "It's not either or, it's both."

He concluded emphasizing the importance "not of what we keep" but "what we give away."

In a final message, Boswell, director of the FMB's Volunteer Enlistment Department, talked of reaching intellectuals with the gospel.

"Don't tell a man gossip or a shady story one day," he cautioned, "and expect him to reach his soul with his 'lostness' the next."

He urged his hearers not to be intimidated, either. "As God gives us opportunity, let's not be afraid. Do one thing well: point men and women to the throne of God," he ended.

C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC's Missions and Church Services Division, declared in a single address, "We don't have an alternative—we must obey and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

"It may be that some of us need to give our lives if the people of this state are to hear the good news," he surmised.

Testimonies also were included on the conference agenda.

A Vietnamese woman now living in Knoxville, Tenn., Hieu Bishop, declared, "I don't care who hates me, who despises me, as long as I have God. That's all that matters.

"Jesus says, 'There's no way you can get to my father except through my blood.' America, true Christianity costs."

Former KBC president Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, reported on a revival at the church in which over 300 decisions were recorded.

He said he had come to believe that revival must take place at "just the right moment, in God's time."

He further stated that revival can only take place when people approach it "with the right motive."

Henson contended that the matter in which the revival service is conducted is also important. It ought to be so simple, he encouraged, that "even a nine-year-old child can understand every word of it."

While taking no credit for what the Holy Spirit did in his congregation, Henson concluded, "I hope the Lord lets me be a part of another revival experience like that."

The last principal speaker on the evangelism conference program was Ken Carter, director of associational evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

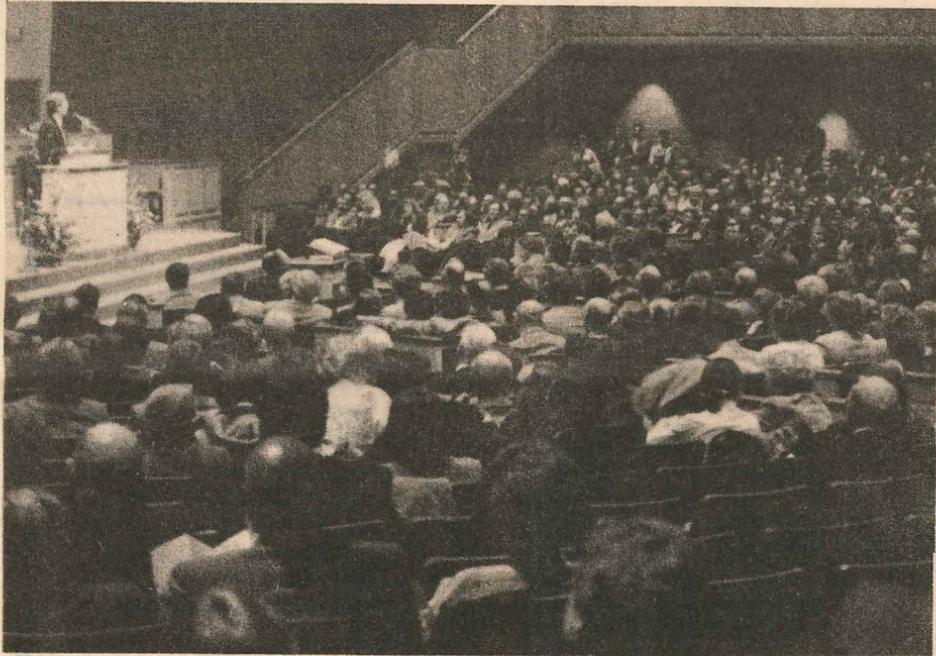
Said Carter, "We've minimized sin and that's why we have a 'barnyard' morality."

He named four 'l letter' words which he told the pastors could "wreck your ministry": lust, lucre, limelight, laziness.

"You can't get involved with any of them and not seriously diminish your effectiveness," he intoned.

Music during the state evangelism conference was provided by the adult choir of Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington; music evangelists R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City, Miss.; and David and Paula Head, musicians at Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington.

The 1986 Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference is set for Feb. 24-25 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, according to Jay Brown, director of the KBC Evangelism Department, Middletown.



At left, KBC president Jim Lewis of Louisville, who presided at one Evangelism Conference session, instructs music leader R. L. Sigrest of Yazoo City, Miss. while, at right, a typical participant took sermon notes from speakers' texts. Part of the conference crowd is in the top photo.

Top 100 churches in baptisms in 1984

Top 100 Churches in Baptisms

Ranking	Church & City	Baptisms
1.	Highview, Louisville	141
2.	Ninth & O, Louisville	122
3.	Oneida, Oneida	117
4.	Binghamtown, Middlesboro	98
5.	Porter Memorial, Lexington	98
6.	Friendship, Magnolia	98
7.	Immanuel, Lexington	84
8.	Severns Valley, Elizabethtown	83
9.	Rose Hill, Ashland	79
10.	Bethlehem, Louisville	79
11.	Central, Corbin	77
12.	Glendale, Bowling Green	70
13.	Valley View, Louisville	68
14.	Grayson First	59
15.	Beech Grove, Lebanon Junction	54
16.	Crabtree Avenue, Owensboro	53
17.	Greenland, Corbin	52
18.	1st Korean of Radcliff	52
19.	Oakwood Avenue, Cynthiana	52
20.	Hurstbourne, Louisville	51
21.	Florence, Florence	51
22.	Vine Grove, Vine Grove	51
23.	Locust Grove, Girder	50
24.	Central, Paris	48
25.	Airline, Henderson	48
26.	Meta, Meta	48
27.	Providence Second	47
28.	Walnut Street, Louisville	47
29.	Artemus First	46
30.	Paducah First	46
31.	Clarks River, Symsonia	45
32.	Unity, Ashland	45
33.	Monroe, Hardyville	45
34.	Madisonville First	45
35.	Shelbiana Grace, Pikeville	45
36.	Northside, Mayfield	44
37.	Erlanger, Erlanger	43
38.	Immanuel, Pikeville	43
39.	Beacon Hill, Somerset	43
40.	Lone Oak First, Paducah	42
41.	Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam	41
42.	Westport Road, Louisville	40
43.	Bethlehem, Greensburg	40
44.	Hillcrest, Hopkinsville	39
45.	Calvary, Lexington	38
46.	Bowling Green First	38
47.	Russellville Second	37
48.	Southside, Princeton	37
49.	Hopkinsville Second	37
50.	Hall Street, Owensboro	37
51.	Gardenside, Lexington	37
52.	Eastern Gate, Shepherdsville	37
53.	Fellowship, Harrodsburg	37
54.	Stithon, Radcliff	37
55.	Campbellsville, Campbellsville	37
56.	Buena Vista, Owensboro	36
57.	Shively Heights, Louisville	36
58.	Hickory Grove, Independence	36
59.	Pleasant View, Waynesburg	35
60.	Cedar Grove, Central Grove	35
61.	Hindman, Hindman	35
62.	Hopkinsville First	34
63.	Unity, DeMossville	34
64.	Owensboro Third	34
65.	Burgin, Burgin	34
66.	Kento-Boo, Florence	34
67.	Gethsemane, Danville	34
68.	Richmond First	34
69.	Montgomery, Carrie	34
70.	Henderson First	33
71.	Corinth, London	33
72.	New Paradise, Greenville	33
73.	Crestwood, Crestwood	33
74.	Farmdale, Louisville	32
75.	DeHaven, LaGrange	32
76.	Spring Bayou, Kevil	32
77.	Oak Grove First	31
78.	Lyndon, Louisville	31
79.	New Bethel, Barbourville	31
80.	Youngers Creek, Elizabethtown	31
81.	Bethlehem, Pineville	30
82.	Providence, Franklin	30
83.	Southern Avenue, Danville	30
84.	Old Yellow Creek, Middlesboro	29
85.	Lyttleton, Manchester	29
86.	Concord, Hopkinsville	29
87.	Wing Avenue, Owensboro	29
88.	Calvary Hill, Stanford	29
89.	Little Flock, Shepherdsville	29
90.	Mt. Washington First	29
91.	Union, Union	29
92.	Whitesburg First	29
93.	Fairview, Princeton	28
94.	Earlington First	28
95.	Ormsby Heights, Louisville	28
96.	South Side, Covington	28
97.	Somerset First	28
98.	Pleasant Hill, Somerset	28
99.	Franklin First	28
100.	Broadway, Richmond	28

Top 100 in Per Capita Baptisms

Church & City	Baptisms/Res. Membership
Kettle Island, Kettle Island	17/38
Crane Creek, Manchester	7/12
Friendship, Magnolia	98/268
Grace Southern, Russellville	7/28
South Summersville, Summersville	22/98
Jacks Creek, Wheelwright	14/55
Monroe, Hardyville	45/191
Unity, Pikeville	13/48
Deane, Deane	15/59
Faith, Cannel City	25/95
Lerose, Lerose	13/66
Fairview, Princeton	28/142
Green Grove, Providence	9/48
South Main, Monticello	6/32
Insull, Insull	7/40
Riverview, Calvin	12/69
McDowell First	20/123
New Bethel, Irvine	6/36
Laurel Chapel, East Bernstadt	7/43
Eastern Gate, Shepherdsville	37/217
Stites Station, West Point	17/95
Rockhold First	10/57
Beech Grove, Lebanon Junction	54/330
Sinking Valley, Cannon	20/122
1st Korean of Radcliff	52/318
Zion, Manchester	23/170
Lewisburg, Maysville	21/145
Unity, DeMossville	34/222
Cane Gap, Jellico, Tenn.	2/13
Living Word, Lexington	12/82
Pikeview, Albany	17/115
Emmanuel, Louisa	9/65
Emmanuel, London	10/68
Grace Union, Edmonton	17/122
Oakwood Avenue, Cynthiana	52/371
Coxton, Harlan	14/98
Turner, Everts	18/120
Glensboro, Lawrenceburg	20/151
Salem, Mt. Sterling	13/107
Oak Grove First	31/257
Green Hill, Greensburg	5/38
Lawrenceburg Comm., Lawrenceburg	7/59
Huntsville, Huntsville	12/99
New Hope, Spottsville	8/60
Rocky Ridge, Cadiz	19/154
Fellowship, Salt Gum	21/172
Locust Grove, Girder	50/397
Pleasant View, Russell Springs	2/16
Viney Fork, Richmond	25/196
New Harmony, Clinton	18/146
English, Stephenson	20/182
Fruithill, Crofton	18/168
Benedict, Prestonsburg	12/109
Warfield, Warfield	22/196
Branham Grove, Bow	15/131
Airline, Henderson	48/413
Ashland, Ashland	17/149
Grayson First	59/530
Pilgrims Rest, McKee	1/9
Flat Creek, Rockhold	6/55
Rosedale, Covington	24/214
Concord, Hartford	21/191
Olaton, Olaton	13/114
Shady Grove, Marion	7/62
Jacksonville, Bethelridge	5/46
Pleasant Run, Lamero	6/53
New Hope, Greensburg	8/75
Pleasant Hill, Williamsburg	10/90
Eighteen Mile, LaGrange	13/115
Brittian Creek, Kenvir	27/230
Chevrolet, Chevrolet	5/44
Strathmoor, Paducah	19/167
Tugglesville, Hulen	8/76
Tatesbrook, Lexington	16/158
Fitzpatrick, Prestonsburg	23/237
Fairland, Albany	12/117
Woodbury, Woodbury	4/40
Providence Second	47/467
Ellers Memorial, Harrodsburg	23/240
Blue Ball, Elizabethtown	22/209
Clinton Second	21/218
Bethlehem, Pineville	30/324
Bradfordsville, Bradfordsville	26/284
New Concord, Melber	14/155
Danleyton, Danleyton	10/113
Poplar Spring, Glasgow	11/118
Dixon First	14/156
East Fork, Fordsville	10/105
Pleasant Hill, Philpot	5/54
Immanuel, Pikeville	43/455
Roundstone, Mt. Vernon	14/157
Calvary, Paducah	18/202
Lyttleton, Manchester	29/338
Mt. Liberty, Calhoun	6/71
Carve Rock, Morgantown	7/85
Chadwicks Creek, Catlettsburg	11/131
Cherryville, Louisa	10/123
Maulden, Tyner	9/112
Calvary Hill, Stanford	29/340
Canton, Cadiz	23/278



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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There's a commune in America

- where most of the residents raise cattle or sheep for someone else's family.
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 - which outsiders are not permitted to visit—except in rare cases—and with approval of the ranch owners.
- You think this is too far-fetched to be in America?

It's true. I 'discovered' all of this a year ago this week when my wife and I realized a dream we had saved for several years, a visit to Hawaii. Our 50th state is a tropical paradise. If you've been there, you know it may be the only place on earth superior to what the travel folders said it is.

Our favorite garden spot is the island of Kauai, westernmost of the large islands visited by tourists. I qualify that because 17 miles off Kauai's western shore is the little island of Niihau (*knee-ee-how*), often called the Forbidden Isle. It is 18 miles long, six miles wide and had a 1970 population of 237 mostly purebred Hawaiians who speak a relatively true strain of native dialect.

The island is solely owned by one family—the Robinsons, of Kauai—whose ancestors (sheep herders from New Zealand) purchased it in 1864 for \$10,000 from Hawaii's King Kamehameha.

He originally offered them a strip on Oahu from Diamond Head to what is now downtown Honolulu for \$50,000. It included Waikiki, where a foot of shoreline might go for that price today. But the family preferred the island of Niihau for their sheep raising, eventually turning it into a private refuge for pure Hawaiians, too.

We didn't get an invitation to Niihau. The closest we got to it—like most other tourists—was to run up and down Rte. 55 on Kauai's western shore, photographing this restricted American anachronism 17 miles away.

Reportedly, there is no electricity there—no telephone, TV, guns, doctors, liquor, jails. All are forbidden.

As I ponder the lifestyle of the Niihauans, I recall the psalmist's words, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Ps. 133:1).

Could it be the Niihauans know something we don't?

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Archie Oliver has accepted the call as minister of visitation at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association.

H. Garrison Coltharp is pastor.

Mike McCool resigned as minister of youth and education at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, to become minister of education at Pine Lake Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss.

Jeff T. Shadowen is interim pastor of Sterling Evangelical Mennonite Church, Sterling, Kan. He and his wife, Mary, are expecting to be appointed as career missionaries with the Evangelical Mennonite Conference in September.

Shadowen grew up in First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and he holds the MCM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He was on the staff of First Baptist Church, Pine Castle, Fla., before moving to Kansas.

George Francis accepted the call to become pastor of Auburndale Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Francis is a native of Daytona Beach, Fla., and he is a graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

O. S. Murphy was called as pastor of Barren River Baptist Church, Warren Association.

He was pastor of Lake Spring Baptist Church, Simpson Association.

Harold G. Sanders was honored by Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Feb. 10, upon his ninth anniversary as pastor.

Reba Cobb and Randy Simmonds have resigned as youth I and youth II ministers respectively at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

H. Stephen Shoemaker is pastor.

John Weaver, a retired minister in Ashland, is available to do supply preaching.

F. Keith Page Jr. is the new pastor of Glenville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

He was pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church, Crossville. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Paul W. Reid, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been called as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Henry County Association.

Bobby Tompkins is the new pastor of Lakeview Missionary Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

James T. Emerson has been called as pastor of West Broadway Baptist Church, Mayfield, West Union Association.

C. E. Hansford is the interim pastor of Campground Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

George W. Smith celebrated his 14th anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, Grayson County Association.

Guy Duley was recognized by First Baptist Church, Fulton, Fulton Association, in honor of his 100th birthday Feb. 9.

Duley has served the church as Sunday school superintendent, superintendent of the adult department and chairman of the ushers. He was ordained as a deacon in 1921.

Scott Brewer is pastor.

ordinations

John Farrish was ordained as a deacon by Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Feb. 10.

Robert Langdon is pastor.

Thomas M. Hughes was ordained to the ministry Feb. 10 by Bethlehem Baptist

Church, Cunningham, West Union Association. Hughes is the new pastor of Bethlehem.

Stan Riggs and Don Church were ordained to the deacon ministry by First Baptist Church, Russell, Greenup Association.

Doug Harp, Ray King, Nelson Hamm, N. H. Clark and Rick Hamm were ordained to the deaconate by First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association.

Arnold Moon is pastor.

Jerry Edmond was ordained to the ministry by Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Jerry Tackett, a senior at Georgetown College, was licensed to the ministry Jan. 14 by First Baptist Church, Owen-ton, Owen County Association. Tackett's father, Thomas L., is pastor of First Baptist.

congregations

Ballardville Baptist Church sponsored a 10-member mission team that spent two weeks in Honduras constructing a house for a national pastor.

Members of Ballardville and two other churches, Buckner Baptist Church and Covington Ridge Baptist Church, participated in the project.

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association, held a note burning ceremony Feb. 10.

The church paid off a \$1 million debt for a Christian life center and auditorium renovations 14 years ahead of schedule.

During the past nine years, the church has given \$2.46 million to missions causes.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor.

Washington Street Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, celebrated its 130th anniversary Feb. 8 with a banquet. Lincoln Bingham, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Louisville, was speaker.

The anniversary celebration concluded Sunday, Feb. 10 with a note burning ceremony.

H. J. Franklin is pastor.

associations

Warren Association hosted a keyboard festival at Eastwood Baptist Church Feb. 23.

Henry County Association Brotherhood gave an offering of \$700 in a Nov. 29 meeting for clothing and food needs in eastern Kentucky.

The men also challenged churches in the association to make contributions and several responded.

Warren Association is sponsoring an evangelism rally Mar. 25 with Charles Stanley, Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, as speaker. The rally will be held at Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green at 7 p.m.

deaths

A. Warren Huyuk, 78, died Jan. 15 in West Palm Beach, Fla. following a brief illness.

Huyuk had been pastor of three Kentucky churches during his ministry. He served First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association; First Baptist Church, Paris, Elkhorn Association; and First Baptist Church, Maysville, Bracken Association.

Malcom Hubbard Jr., minister of music at First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, for 25 years, died Jan. 16 after an illness of several months.

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Reagan defends citing Bible on arms increase

President Reagan has defended his use of a passage in Luke's gospel to justify the nation's arms build-up and denied he uses the Bible for political ends.

Asked during the first news conference of his new term about some theologians' criticism of his use of Luke 14:31-32 as scriptural sanction for U. S. military budget increases in a Feb. 4 appearance before the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Washington, D. C., Reagan replied: "Well . . . I checked that with a few theologians . . . and they seemed to think that it was perfectly fitting, yes."

Some Baptist leaders were among those criticizing Reagan's use of the Luke passage, including Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ethics professor Glen H. Stassen.

"It is always dangerous to take scripture out of context," Dunn told Baptist Press. "Mr. Reagan is following bad advice. The same chapter he cited also says, 'When thou makest a feast, call the poor'."

Stassen, a leading Southern Baptist specialist on war and peace issues, urged Baptists to read the Luke passage for themselves. The text quoted by the President reads: "Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with 10,000 to meet him who comes against him with 20,000? And if not, while the other is yet a way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace."

That passage, Stassen said, "says a sensible ruler who sees that a war will lead to the destruction of his people will

negotiate in a realistic way that leads to peace. We, the American and Russian people, are in precisely the situation Jesus is speaking of," Stassen continued. "In an age of nuclear overkill and nuclear winter, a war will lead to our destruction. Jesus is saying we should negotiate in a realistic way that leads to peace." (BP)

Mrs. J. D. Grey, 79, dies in New Orleans

Mrs. J. D. (Lillian) Grey, 79, wife of a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died Feb. 23 in New Orleans after a lengthy illness.

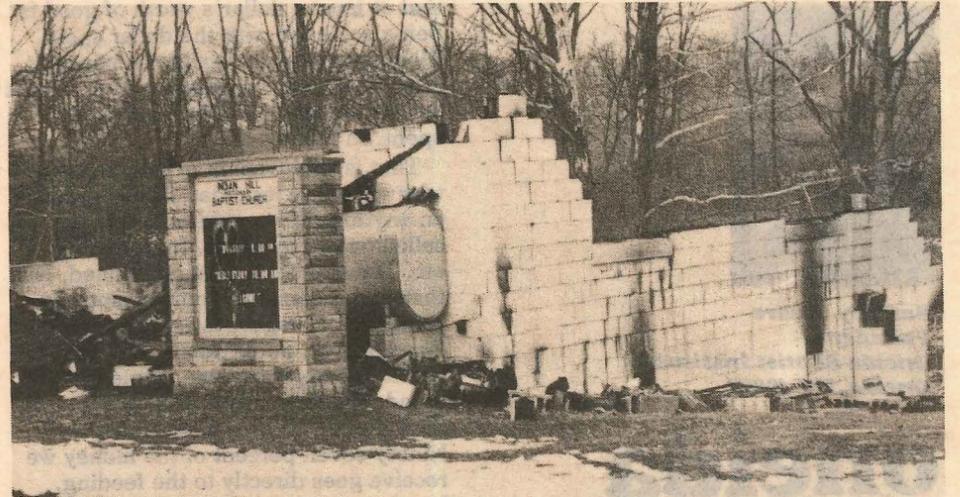
She had been married to Grey, president of the SBC in 1951-52, for 57 years. Grey is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of New Orleans. (BP)

BSSB editorial guidelines are biblical, Elder says

Editorial guidelines on ordination of women recently adopted by the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board will result in a balanced, biblical treatment of ordination, along with continued affirmation of the contributions of women to the cause of Christ, according to board president Lloyd Elder.

"We're going to stay in the mainstream of Southern Baptists. We're going to stay with scripture as our authority," said Elder.

The guidelines adopted by the trustees early in February emphasize "ordination of deacons and ministers is a matter completely under the authority of the local congregation" and the board will "continue to affirm and encourage the biblical and historic contribution of women to the cause of



Indian Hills Missionary Baptist Church, Russell County Association, was destroyed by fire Feb. 16. The building, which was uninsured, was valued at \$50,000. A building fund has been started to construct a new building. Churches or individuals may contribute by contacting pastor James C. Porter, Rte. 7, Russell Springs, KY 42642, [502] 866-5497.

Christ."

The guidelines state that in church literature and Convention Press products, "the issue will be dealt with factually and fairly with neither point being ignored or disparaged." (BP)

BJCPA gets affirmation of Executive Committee

The establishment of a Southern Baptist Convention public affairs office in Washington "does not appear practicable," according to a study conducted by the SBC Executive Committee.

During its February meeting, the Executive Committee adopted a recommendation affirming the SBC's "historic relationship to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs" and

report to the SBC annual meeting in June that establishment of an office "exclusively related to the SBC does not appear practicable."

The study was sparked by a motion presented at the 1984 annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., to "move to establish a Southern Baptist presence in Washington to address public and governmental affairs." The motion was referred to the Executive Committee, which is required to study the matter and report to the 1985 annual meeting.

In presenting the recommendation to affirm the continuation of SBC involvement with the BJCPA, Malcolm Jones of Baltimore, said establishment of a SBC office in Washington "would be very costly, both in startup and operation." (BP)

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"If more people could see and know personally the wonderful work being done for the children and young people there, certainly they would give more support." So wrote a Louisville friend recently as she sent a generous donation to our work.

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This dear black mother from New York has paid her son's way and helped with donations whenever she could. How she has blessed our hearts so many times. Her equally wonderful husband died 1½ years ago of a heart attack in his mid-50's, so things are more of a struggle than ever. It has been pure joy to work with her son and watch him grow from a tiny little boy to a strapping 6'4". No, he's not a ballplayer but is an outstanding work supervisor!



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 10, 1985

Life and Work Series

Humble service

John 13:1-5 Desirous of strengthening his disciples for the events which were about to take place, Christ assembled them in an upper room in Jerusalem for a period of intimate fellowship and a last meal together before his crucifixion. On their way to that upper room the disciples engaged in acrimonious dispute as to "which of them should be accounted the greatest" in the kingdom. Christ was grieved deeply by their longing for self-glorification, which was the very opposite of his spirit of self-abnegation.

In that area it was customary for servants to remove the sandals and to wash the feet of their masters and of the guests. When it became obvious that neither of the disciples would render that humble service, Christ arose from the table, took a basin and filled it with water, and began washing and drying the feet of the disciples. When the need was for action instead of words, Christ dramatized his masterful sermon and he did it in a way they never forgot. They could not have been rebuked more severely.

John 13:12-17 Upon resuming his place at the table, Christ convinced the disciples it was not lowering their dignity to be humble and to be willing to serve one another. He made it clear

that to follow him means a life of Christian humility, service and helpfulness.

International Series

Support for the new life

As the time of his crucifixion was drawing near, Christ calmly announced to his disciples that he was going to leave them. They wondered how they could ever face the world without his supporting and comforting presence.

John 14:18-24 Knowing the 11 were worried because of his approaching departure from their midst, Christ proceeded to provide for them the comfort, encouragement and help which they sorely needed at that particular time. Christ assured them that following his crucifixion and burial he would arise. He also promised, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Tennyson reminds us, "Never morning wore to evening but some heart did break." When God's children experience the bitterness of disappointment, the loss of prized possessions or blighted hopes, they can be strengthened through the enjoyment of a mutual relationship of love with both the father and the son.

John 14:25-26 As long as Christ was with the 11 he was their source of strength, but he informed them that when he went away the indwelling Holy Spirit would be the source of their strength and their helper in every respect.

John 14:27 Peace was the gift which Christ singled out to bestow upon them as a parting legacy. This peace is the most precious of gifts, an inheritance which this world can neither give nor take away.

John 16:32-33 Tribulation is a part of life. With all the sunshine, song and joy to be found in life, people live under a dispensation of trouble, trial and tribulation. Christ informed the apostles they would experience tribulations, but he reminded them he had overcome the world. He assured them that through companionship with him they too could overcome the world. When tribulation is our lot in life, instead of seeking to escape it, let us rely upon God for the strength to be victorious over it. Faith and hope enable Christians to transmute adversity and tribulation into strong character and beautiful living.



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on mission together

The Kentucky-Hawaii connection, Part II

On Sunday morning, Feb. 10, executive secretaries and editors from almost all of our state conventions converged in small groups upon the nearly 30 churches and preaching-points on Oahu, Hawaii's main island.

I was to have the privilege of preaching at Komolani Baptist Church located in a suburb of Honolulu. At 8:40 a.m., we were picked up by Glenn and Lynn Phillips. Stationed there with the Air Force, Glenn had been recently called as pastor.

Komolani church meets on the second floor of a community center. A Pentecostal church meets on the ground floor. Both "minorities" amidst a

largely non-Christian population, the occasional "singing at the same time" was more a joyful harmony than religious competition.

One of the church's two deacons taught the Sunday school lesson to about a dozen of us, all seated at tables used during the weekdays for small children.

Of the 18 persons in the worship service, all but five of us were Asian Americans, speaking English as their second language.

The likelihood of Komolani church's owning their own building in my lifetime is remote. All land in Hawaii is scarce and expensive. Where available, it can run as high as \$250,000 an acre.

Scores of churches in Hawaii may never own their own buildings. Where owning a building is an absolute necessity, the Home Mission Board may try to provide assistance . . . our Cooperative Program at work.

But the testimony of Hawaii Baptists to the rest of us "mainlander" Baptists

is that churches not only can be started, but they can exist without owning property or buildings. Christianity is not dependent on property ownership.

Churches like Komolani remind us not only of the vitality of a new congregation, but of God's remarkable flexibility to be present—in store fronts, in tents, in homes, in cathedrals and in community centers all at the same time.

When at the end of the week we bade "aloha" to Hawaii, I was deeply grateful we had met there. Not only because Hawaii is a lovely place to visit; or because of the helpfulness of the meetings and renewed fellowship with those special colleagues who share similar responsibilities in other state conventions. But because it put me back in touch with the tough work of being a missionary amidst another culture, witnessing to persons of another world religion, whose mother tongues are other than English.

I have a new appreciation for the Baptists of Hawaii.

baptist news in brief

ACTS fund campaign okayed; loan delayed

A three-year, \$6 million fund raising campaign to finance the ACTS television network has been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, but approval to borrow up to \$10 million for 10 years has been delayed.

The action was taken during the February meeting of the Executive Committee, which is required by the SBC Business and Financial Plan to approve fund raising campaigns by national agencies, and to give consent for "incumbrances which cannot be repaid out of anticipated receipts for current operations within a period of three years."

The Radio and Television Commission, which operates the American Christian Television System network, had asked to be allowed to conduct a special solicitation drive to raise \$12.5 million to fund ACTS through fiscal 1986, and for authority to borrow up to \$10 million with a 10-year maturity.

The recommendation to delay approval of the total solicitation and the loan while approving the shorter term fund raising effort was made by the business and finance subcommittee after an all-day session with Jimmy R. Allen, RTVC president, and other representatives of the Ft. Worth, Tex.-based agency. (BP)

Abortion, SBC politics addressed by Falwell

Independent Baptist pastor and television preacher Jerry Falwell recently spoke on abortion at the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Earlier he offered his analysis of what may happen to the SBC if Charles Stanley is not reelected its president.

Falwell addressed the abortion issue during the opening night session of the annual School of Prophets sponsored by First Baptist Church, Dallas, where he shared the podium with Bailey Smith, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

Earlier, while in Nashville, Tenn., on a fund raising push for Liberty Baptist College, he predicted the 14.3 million member convention would split if Stanley is not elected to a second one-year term at the SBC's annual meeting in Dallas this June.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, was vice president of Moral Majority (which Falwell founded) in 1980, though he is no longer officially connected with the group. (BP)

Executive Committee backs budget revisions

Southern Baptist agency heads have stressed the "cooperative" in the Cooperative Program while adjusting the convention's national unified budget to current economic realities.

What one observer described as "possibly the best spirit of teamwork we have ever had in the budget planning process" was evident in the 1985-86 budget goal of \$130 million which was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee at its February meeting.

The proposal will be presented to messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in

Dallas next June for final approval. The 1985-86 figure is the same as the 1984-85 budget goal, an attempt to bring budget expectations and receipts into harmony.

National Cooperative Program income has continued to post healthy increases in terms of "real dollars" over the past several years but the rapid drop in inflation put the long term budget planning process used by the SBC in a bind. (BP)

SBC missionary resigns over doctrinal issue

A Southern Baptist foreign missionary has resigned his appointment amidst disagreement over remarks he made at Louisiana College last fall. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has accepted the resignation of Edward L. Taylor Jr., missionary to Brazil since 1979, effective June 30, at the end of his current furlough.

Taylor is spending his furlough—the 1984-85 academic year—as a missionary-in-residence at Louisiana College in Pineville, and teaching classes as an adjunct instructor in the Baptist school's department of religion. In Brazil, he taught at North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife.

Taylor's remarks were made during a chapel address at the college last November. Quotes from that speech are unavailable because all three parties involved—Taylor, the college and the board—have refused to grant access to tapes or transcripts of the speech.

However, persons who have heard or read the speech say the controversial portion of it relates to the validity of Roman Catholic practice and tradition, as well as the appropriate Southern Baptist response in their evangelistic efforts in predominantly Roman Catholic countries. Taylor's speech apparently disturbed some of his audience, who passed along a tape of his address to a Louisiana Baptist pastor, who later turned it over to the Foreign Mission Board.

Taylor subsequently was called to the FMB offices in Richmond on Jan. 30. He met with R. Keith Parks, president; Charles Bryan, senior vice president for overseas operations, and Thurmon Bryant, area director for eastern South America and Taylor's supervisor. Taylor resigned some time between that session and the meeting of the FMB's directors in Richmond. (BP)

Administration seeks cut in annual postal subsidy

The Reagan administration's fiscal 1986 budget proposal calls for the virtual elimination of the subsidy which permits reduced rates for non-profit and other mailers.

Specifically, the administration's new budget would cut \$981 million from the "revenue foregone" subsidy which Congress uses to reimburse the Postal Service for the reduced rates charged to a variety of mailers. According to a congressional budget spokesman, the proposal would provide only \$39 million to cover the cost of free and reduced rates for blind and handicapped individuals.

However, the administration also announced it would propose legislation to permit the Postal Service to maintain reduced rates for non-profit mailers and most other reduced-rate mailers by allowing an overall increase in regular rates to cover the cost of subsidized rates. (BP)

Patterson predicts SBC showdown, not split

Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, predicted a showdown, but not a split, when the Southern Baptist Convention meets June 11-13.

Patterson's comments came during a forum on SBC issues at the five-day School of the Prophets sponsored by First Baptist Church, Dallas. More than 200 persons participated in the forum, which dealt with the six-year battle between conservatives and moderates.

Patterson said, "We have a number of problems in the SBC, but we are not close to 'splitting this critter' up. I believe we may be on the verge of a great revival. I don't see the necessity for dividing up the convention. The fly in that ointment is who's going to get the Annuity Board?"

He said the talk of division is "much, much premature" and said the situation is "only as serious as conservatives take the convention this year."

Patterson urged those attending the forum to be sure more than just the pastor and his wife attend the convention as messengers from their church. Failure to do so, he said, could be a sad situation if "Charles Stanley, the only internationally-known television preacher Southern Baptists have ever had, is humiliated (by being defeated)!" (BP)

Understanding doctrine important to Baptist life

A better understanding of the history and heritage of Southern Baptists would lessen the theological debates which plague the Southern Baptist Convention, participants attending a doctrine study conference in Nashville, Tenn., were told.

"The devil employs theological differences to intercept the gospel," Franklin Paschall, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, told participants. "Every day Southern Baptists are letting the devil attempt to divide us by throwing up theological issues. Instead, we should be staying on the subject of the one gospel, the one savior."

Referring to the current debate in the SBC, Paschall said, "We need to follow the example of Jesus Christ—loving one another, praying for one another, serving one another—even if it involves making some personal sacrifices." He encouraged conferees to "let God speak to individuals through the scripture. I'll try not to impose my views on you."

Paschall explained by studying doctrine Southern Baptists can gain a greater insight into who they are and what they believe. "It is especially important to study the doctrines pertaining to Christ because he is the core around which all other things revolve," he said. (BP)

Judge leaves \$2 million estate for scholarships

A district judge in Texas has left a sprawling south Texas ranch worth about \$2 million to Baylor University.

Jim W. Weatherby who died last month at age 74 in Kerrville, Tex. stipulated Baylor use the money to establish scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Hubbard, Bandera, Kerr, Gillespie, Kimble and Kendall counties, the five counties where he had lived.

Also, money from his estate is to go to Texas schoolteachers "who have demonstrated they are dedicated teachers and who wish to pursue their education and sharpen their teaching skills." (BP)

Court overturns Douglass murderers' conviction

In a decision which plows significant new ground in the field of criminal law, the U. S. Supreme Court has thrown out the conviction of a confessed murderer who five years ago killed a prominent Oklahoma Baptist pastor and his wife and severely wounded their two children.

Richard and Marilyn Douglass were shot to death Oct. 15, 1979 in their rural Canadian County home after they and their children, Brooks and Leslie, were bound and gagged in their living room. At the time, Richard Douglass was pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. The Douglasses earlier had been Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil.

In its Feb. 26 decision, the nation's high court ordered a new trial for Glen Burton Ake, the triggerman in the case. Under holdings in the court's decision, the state will be required to provide Ake with psychiatric assistance in the preparation of his defense, a practice already used by more than 40 states and the federal government.

According to David Lee, chief of the criminal/federal division of the office of Oklahoma attorney general Michael C. Turpen, Ake will be retried in a state court proceeding.

In oral arguments last November, Ake's attorney argued his client's constitutional rights were violated by the denial of psychiatric assistance to help determine whether Ake was insane at the time of the crime, even though Ake admitted in a 44-page confession he was the triggerman who killed Richard and Marilyn Douglass and wounded Brooks and Leslie Douglass.

Lee, who assisted Oklahoma attorney general Turpen in arguing the case for the state, told Baptist Press the evidence against Ake is "overwhelming," and added, "We don't think there is any question he was sane at the time of the crime." He said while the question raised in the Ake case is "probably something that needed to be answered," by the Supreme Court, "it is unfortunate" the ruling had to come in a case "with such outrageous facts." (BP)

Cronkite, Hatfield given special RTVC awards

Famed CBS newsman Walter Cronkite and Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) received special honors from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission Feb. 21 as part of the agency's annual Abe Lincoln Awards.

Cronkite, consistently selected as one of the most trusted public figures in the United States when he anchored the daily evening news for CBS, received the Distinguished Communications Medal for his "dedication to truth and freedom of expression." Because Cronkite was unable to attend, CBS News colleague Charles Kuralt accepted the award for Cronkite and delivered the keynote address for the event.

Hatfield was honored with the Christian Service Award for his "commitment to peace and humanitarian causes." He, too, was unable to attend the ceremony because of a key Senate vote. His wife, Antoinette, accepted his award. (BP)

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