

May produce own programs

Louisville ACTS board severs tie to Radio & Television Commission

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

Frustrated by unsuccessful attempts to obtain a full time Louisville cable channel, the Ohio Valley ACTS board dissolved its relationship with the Radio and Television Commission.

Neither Dimension Cable Services nor Storer Communications, cable companies serving the Louisville area, have agreed to assign a channel for full time programming from the American Christian Television System. ACTS shares a channel on Dimension with a sports network whose major program is harness racing.

Although ACTS has been shown over Dimension since August, no formal agreement has existed between the Ohio Valley ACTS board and the Ft. Worth, Tex.-based agency. "We never did have a contract with them (the RTVC)," said Bill Hancock, chairman of the local ACTS board. "We were paying the Radio and Television Com-

mission without a contract."

In a Feb. 21 meeting, the ACTS board voted to pay the RTVC \$5000 for the programming that has been shown over Dimension. The board also agreed to notify the RTVC it would not make further payments for the programming. Hancock said the board was united in its decision.

"We were in complete agreement that what we've done is responsible," Hancock insisted.

Although the board discontinued its relationship with the RTVC, board members have taken steps to provide religious programming to the Louisville area.

A motion passed at the Feb. 21 meeting said the board would use its resources to produce programs for local stations which would "serve our common evangelistic and missionary purposes."

ACTS viewers in the Dimension area have not been affected thus far by the

board's decision to sever its ties with the RTVC. The ACTS Network is continuing to be shown over Dimension.

"We just told ACTS in Ft. Worth we're not sending anymore money," said Russell Bennett, executive director of Long Run Association, which serves the Louisville area. "We're not taking up anymore money. They can continue to beam the signal up here if they want to."

The RTVC charges the local ACTS boards a fee pro rated by the resident membership of participating churches. The Louisville area has 12 churches contributing to the ACTS board along with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

However, members of some of the participating churches live outside the Dimension service area and don't have access to any ACTS programming, noted Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, vice chairman of the local ACTS board.

Pattillo, while grateful to Dimension for agreeing to show some programming, said the Louisville area needs a full time ACTS channel.

"We were not given prime time during racing season," said Pattillo. "This is no way to build an audience."

Mike Wright, southeastern manager for the ACTS Network, in a telephone interview from his Atlanta office, urged the local board to be "patient" in attempting to secure a channel.

"I would encourage the local people to keep the vision where it should be," said Wright. "We're (the RTVC) working on it. It takes time."

Wright said he had received no notification from RTVC officials in Ft. Worth concerning the Louisville board's decision to terminate its relationship with the RTVC.

According to Wright, Storer has a national policy to limit the number of religious channels it shows over local cable systems. Therefore, if Storer viewers in Louisville are to receive ACTS another religious network on the cable system must be eliminated, Wright explained.

CP begins new year with a boom

Budget support for the national programs of the Southern Baptist Convention was impressive the first two months of 1985.

In January the SBC's national unified budget received \$10,812,419 from the 37 affiliated state conventions, the largest one month contribution total ever for the Cooperative Program and only the third time monthly contributions had broken the \$10 million barrier.

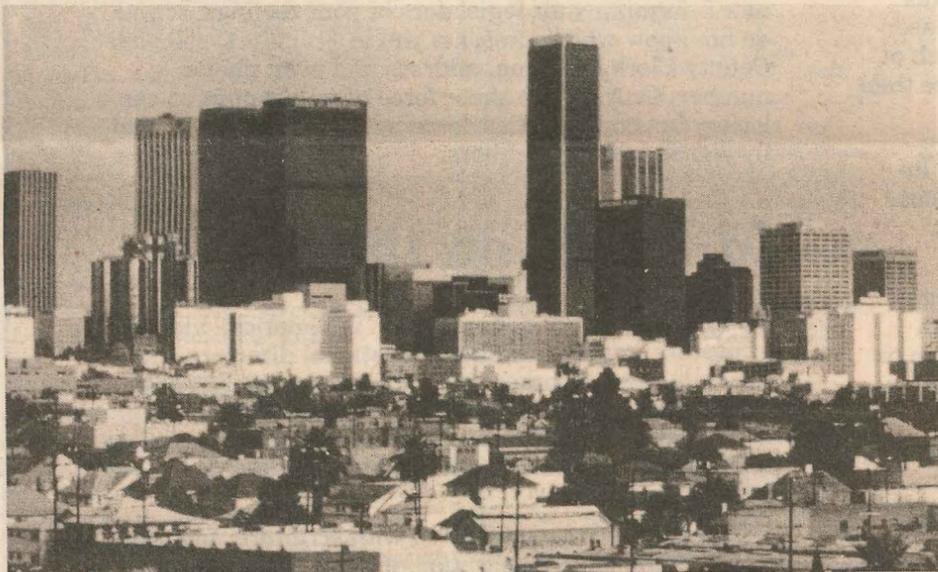
Perhaps more significantly, February figures backed up the record month as \$9,215,791 in voluntary gifts were received to fund the SBC's worldwide mission and educational programs.

That marked the first time since 1980 the national Cooperative Program has put together a solid January and February. February receipts had declines in both 1984 and 1983 while a healthy increase in 1982 followed a weak January.

From 1982 through 1984, January-February receipts increased a mere \$470,418. The jump from the 1984 total of \$18,829,934 to the 1985 totals was \$1,198,276.

The results are, five months into its fiscal year, the SBC has received \$47,977,326. That reflects an increase of 8.21 percent (more than \$3.64 million) over the first five months of the 1983-84 fiscal year.

In 1979-80, after five months, the national Cooperative Program receipts were just under \$30.2 million. Five years later, receipts are up more than 37 percent. The growth in terms of real dollars has been even more significant as inflation rates fell drastically and remain low. Last year for the first time the national Cooperative Program failed to meet its basic operating budget. The 1984-85 basic budget of \$118 million appears to be within reach however.



This skyline view of downtown Los Angeles, Cal., shows some of the many hotels which will house the expected 20,000 delegates to the 15th Baptist World Congress, July 2-7. Early morning prayer meetings in each hotel will precede a time of daily Bible study with leaders from Korea, Tanzania, America and the Soviet Union.

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Carters receive national award from religious communications group

Former President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter received the first award of distinction for communication of religious values from the Religious Public Relations Council in Atlanta Mar. 4.

The award from the national interfaith organization of religious communications professionals was presented to the Carters by RPRC president Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Householder said the award was created "to recognize persons who have shown consistently unique and outstanding efforts to communicate religious values through channels open to them." He cited the Carters' "devout faith, ongoing churchmanship and participation in local church bodies."

The Carters are both Sunday school

teachers in a Southern Baptist church in Plains, Ga., and are deeply involved in Habitat for Humanity, an international, interfaith organization which helps provide housing for the poor.

In accepting the award, Carter paid tribute to the importance of the role of communication in religion. "To devote one's life to the promotion of religious and ethical values is indeed a life worthwhile," he said. Rosalynn Carter said, "I hope our future actions will always communicate our religious convictions."

The Carters addressed their remarks of appreciation to the membership of RPRC by videotape from the office of the former president in Atlanta. The tape will be played at the organization's national convention in Chicago Apr. 22-24.



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Kentucky lottery

This is the first alert to all Kentuckians who want to keep the Commonwealth free of an insidious, wasteful menace. That menace is the lottery now being considered by your state legislators. These representatives will be pressured to pass a state lottery bill in the next session of the general assembly and all Kentuckians will be influenced in a detrimental way if a lottery bill is passed.

A lottery bill has already been prefiled by Representatives William Donnermeyer and Terry L. Mann. The prefiled date was Sept. 5, 1985. The bill would amend the state constitution so that an annual lottery in Kentucky would be legal. In order for this bill to become law the voters of Kentucky must approve it by their vote in the general referendum. Look for a majority of the legislature to agree to put this matter to a vote next year unless enough pressure can be brought to bear for them to kill the idea. Pressure is what it takes because the legislators will not voluntarily kill what looks like a sure solution to our fiscal needs.

What can be done to stop the move for a lottery? Mississippi and Texas offer hope for defeat of this measure. In both states pari-mutuel legislation was rejected by the state legislature, and the main reason was pressure brought to bear by the voters in each of the states. One Mississippi senator received more than 75 phone calls in one evening alone. (See story "Gambling opponents win in two states" on page 7 this issue.) This kind of voter pressure had more influence than the huge advertising campaign by those who favored the pari-mutuel law. All it cost most people was a stamp or a phone call.

The same tactics can work in our state. If enough people make enough phone calls and write enough letters, the power of the vote will be strong enough to make legislators take notice. But is that what Kentuckians want?

Admittedly it is an uphill fight because the money involved is enormous. The estimate is that a lottery raises about \$30-\$60 in gross revenue for every resident of the state. Some states do even better: the Maryland per capita average is \$127 and the District of Columbia's about \$137. California expects to raise about \$1.5 billion in annual revenue through the recently adopted lottery. Whenever people see that much money available for schools then they are not very anxious to say no.

The chances of stopping a lottery are made more difficult because a great many people want it so their taxes will not be increased. Rep. Joseph Barrows, D-Versailles, declared, "I'd get beat quicker opposing a lottery than I would being for legalized marijuana." He went on to say, "You can become a hero back home if you can find a way to raise revenues without raising taxes." The lottery promises to do just that, and many people in our state want it desperately.

Lotteries are now legal in states bordering our own, and people are asking, "Why do we have to go across the river to Illinois? Why don't we have a lottery of our

own?" declared Rep. Dolly McNutt, D-Paducah. That kind of pressure may prove to be the force which sees the lottery a reality in Kentucky. If the people want it we will have it.

Missouri Baptists, along with other special interest groups, fought hard to keep a lottery out of their state. Their efforts failed largely because the lottery looks like a free ride for tax weary citizens, and they bought it. The question is, will Kentuckians do the same thing? It looks like a free ride and that is hard to pass up.

But is the ride free? Every policy has a price of some kind, and the lottery is no exception. Most states with legalized gambling get less than two percent of their income from gambling, and they create colossal administrative problems for such a small amount of money. The very poor are the victims since the allure of a get-rich-quick possibility keeps them shelling out their money in pursuit of a fantasy. Legalized gambling creates a climate in which crime and corruption can thrive. Sean McWeeney, chief of the organized crime section of the FBI, said, "Gambling provides the seed money for the drug traffic. It is tied directly to increases in petty theft, embezzlement and prostitution."

Is this what we want in Kentucky? If not, then start now informing your legislators of your feelings. If you do not know who represents you in Frankfort, call your County Clerk for name, address and even phone number. Only by the sheer force of public opinion can a lottery be stopped. That force must be brought to bear by you and your neighbors.

Moonies on the move

Pastors from every denomination in America, widows of pastors, retired pastors, educational directors and denominational workers have received a mailing from the Unification Church. These followers of Sun Myung Moon have sent out three video tapes and two booklets setting forth the position of the Moonies and their now imprisoned leader.

The materials are saturated with scripture, but the interpretation and application of those scripture quotations would be rejected by Baptists. For example, the second coming of Christ will take place in Korea as Christ is incarnated in a man. The implication is that Sun Myung Moon is that incarnation.

One Baptist brother told us he would erase the tapes and use them to record Planned Growth in Giving information for his congregation. That seems as good a use as I can imagine.

Sun Myung Moon was jailed on tax evasion charges and the current flood of mail to church leaders seems to be an effort to gain sympathy for him. However, most of the people to whom I have talked resent the mailing. The only good I see in this matter is that a lot of Baptists can now use some very good tapes for work that will enhance the life of our Baptist congregations. Perhaps we should thank the Moonies for their generosity toward us.

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baptist forum

Ordination question is not neutral

How can the Sunday School Board take a neutral position on ordination?

The practice of ordination is not exclusively a Baptist criterion for ministry. Historically ordination has not always been practiced by Baptists in the sense it is today. Charles Hadden Spurgeon was never ordained by the hands of man.

In the matter of ordination of pastors and deacons, how can a Sunday school lesson from 1 Tim. 3:1-15 be neutral?

Since the scriptures are a revealed truth from God, we must as ethical interpreters of scripture, in a historical and grammatical method, proclaim the truth there contained.

To evade the issue that women and men are seen at times in different roles and ministry in the scripture is to avoid to proclaim all the counsel of God.

I believe the cultural trends of this world are influencing interpretation and practice of church policy rather than scripture and the Holy Spirit.

The correct doctrine and practice is found in 1 Tim. 3:1-16.

David Felcher, Paducah

Change SBC to Cooperative Baptists

As a layman I am concerned that the bickering within our SBC is sapping energies that could and should be put to better use in the Lord's work. One is reminded of the self esteem goodness of the Pharisees or the wish of a mother to have her sons in the favorite positions close to Jesus on the throne.

A recent sermon by my interim pastor leads me to offer what I believe is a constructive alternate to the current controversy among our leadership. Carl Sears, retired from Falmouth Baptist Church, served 34 of his 45 years ministering as their pastor. He made a point that we make too much of 'serving' Christ when serving could be better expressed as trying to do the things Christ would do if he were here today. I rejoiced to hear him express his fulfillment in leading a small church as their interim pastor.

Another profound fact he expressed was that in all his 45 years as a pastor he could count on his fingers the number of theological questions he had been asked. He struggled through high school, worked through college and as a bivocational student completed the work at the seminary in Louisville. All of which was preparation to be a spiritual leader committed to doing those things he feels Jesus would do. He says the complexity of life situations cannot always be fitted to book, chapter, verse in the Bible. We need to read again 2 Chron. 7:14, "when we humble ourselves and truly seek his face, he will hear, forgive and heal our land."

The great struggle to put labels on people or to put a prayer-led decision in a liberal, moderate or conservative category is an oversimplification and wasted effort. It would be nice if we could simply pray and an ecumenical answer would be obvious to all, however the good Lord keeps us humble. Instead of trying to identify today's Philistine giant or select which 'white hat' preacher will sling the fatal stone, let us remember Christ's words as he wrote in the sand, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." We need to unite in brotherly love, then Jesus will use us as his servants.

At a final meeting of a Boyce Bible School extension course, we were asked to speak to a single thought to improve our SBC work. My thought was to change our name to Cooperative Bap-

tists. Many times the "Southern" part of our name has to be explained, both as to possible prejudice and location.

Instead of controversy as to who has the inside track on interpretation and exposition of scripture, let's introduce, debate and adopt a resolution changing our name to Cooperative Baptists. Our name would then describe the strength of our convention and I believe better serve us as we carry out the Great Commission.

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Professor rejects suggested firing

The Pressler-Patterson coalition, whose stated goal is to seize control of all Southern Baptist agencies and institutions, has demonstrated once more that it will employ any means to achieve this end. The latest example of this is the vicious attack launched against Trent C. Butler, products manager for the Holman Division of Broadman Press. Paige Patterson has demanded that Butler be fired because of alleged heretical views he holds. Lloyd Elder, president of the Sunday School Board, has stated that Patterson's attack was based upon second-hand information.

Those making such attacks are either malicious or misinformed. Southern Baptists have never had a more dedicated scholar than Trent C. Butler. His view of scripture will stand the closest kind of scrutiny. For several years he served as design editor for the Life and Work Curriculum of the Sunday School Board. I was invited to write several lessons under his direction. He always made it clear that we were to write strictly in accord with the Baptist Faith and Message statement. When we seemed to be veering from this, he did not hesitate to ask us to rewrite our material. Above all, he insisted upon accuracy and fidelity to the scriptures. More than once he challenged the meaning I had given for a word, clause or sentence in the Bible, and in most instances I had to admit he was right. I have never worked with a more conscientious and dedicated editor than Trent C. Butler. I find it incredible that this is the kind of person the Pressler-Patterson group would like to destroy.

Butler is married to the former Mary Burnett, daughter of Sibley C. Burnett, who from 1939 until his retirement in 1967 served as consultant in vacation Bible school work at the Sunday School Board.

Trent and Mary Butler answered God's call to missions and served as Southern Baptist missionaries in the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, from 1971 to 1981. Then Butler accepted a position with the Sunday School Board, where he has worked faithfully ever since.

Now the self-appointed judges of others' fitness to serve are shouting, "Off with his head!" How long, O Lord, will Southern Baptists put up with such nonsense!

Page H. Kelley, Louisville

Stanley not qualified to be president

I read with great interest the lead story in the Western Recorder, Mar. 5, 1985, "Stanley announces plans . . . for second term." All Southern Baptists have an important stake in who is elected in Dallas this year.

But I wish to raise a significant question: "Should Stanley be reelected?" I must answer this with a no!

As Southern Baptists we must ask ourselves, "What is the proper criteria for an individual who would aspire to the office of president of the Southern

Baptist Convention?" How we approach and answer this question is crucial.

Ranking high on everyone's list would be a personal salvation experience, belief in the authority of scripture, commitment to historic Baptist principles and doctrine, and proven leadership in a local Southern Baptist church. On these issues Stanley would receive exceptional marks. I cannot and will not question his commitment to Jesus Christ and his commitment and ministry at First Baptist Church, Atlanta. In this area he excels.

But this is only a beginning. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention must be more! The final criteria I would suggest centers around the words cooperation and denominational leadership or support.

A president of our convention must have a proven track record of denominational support and loyalty. This would include, in my estimation, proven leadership on both the associational and state level, consistent support for the programs and activities of the local association, state convention and Southern Baptist Convention, and finally a sufficient understanding of the inner workings of the various bodies in Southern Baptist life to provide informed and loyal leadership.

Inherent to the above is the concept of cooperation, more specifically the Cooperative Program. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention must have a proven record of support for the Cooperative Program and be a cooperative Southern Baptist.

In these latter areas, Stanley fails woefully. He does not have a reputation of support for the Southern Baptist program. His church gives far below the national average to the Cooperative Program and he is not a proven leader in Southern Baptist life on any level.

Again let me emphasize, Stanley is doing an excellent ministry in his church. His commitment to the sovereign Lord is unquestionable. But he is vulnerable at the point of being a co-operating Southern Baptist and for that reason alone should not be reelected in Dallas.

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Trusting in wealth

The psalmist speaks of those who "trust in their wealth and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches" (Ps. 49:6). This reminds me that many people elevate money and the accumulation of it to a worship level in their lives. Some find their ultimate security in life in the fact that they are wealthy. Others desperately seek to accumulate riches in order to achieve satisfaction, power and security.

I am convinced most of us look at money from the wrong perspective. Henry Ford once said, "Thought, not money, is the real capital of business. All that money can do is buy us someone else's work in place of our own. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something."

Money may be the husk of many values, but not the kernel. It can bring you food, but not appetite; acquaintances, but not friends; medicine, but not health; pleasure, but not peace; servants, but not faithfulness; laborers, but not loyalty.

It is not in the nature of money to produce happiness. The more we have, the more we want. Instead of filling a vacuum, it can make one. Or it can fill one need and double another. Tyrone Edwards has said, "To possess money is very well; it is a most valuable servant; to be possessed by it is to be possessed by one of the meanest and worst kind of devils."

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He prayed for wealth that he might do greater things; he was given infirmity that he might do better things. He prayed for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise. He had received nothing that he asked for—all that he hoped for; his prayer was answered—he was most blessed.

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'Unto the least of these'

Although Jesus was the greatest teacher who ever lived, he communicated truth in very simple but graphic ways. He used parables, which are earthly stories with heavenly meanings. He often used things of nature to illustrate a truth. Jesus would observe some simple task or incident and draw a profound truth from it.

Jesus also taught by example. He demonstrated the importance of prayer by praying. He gave of his time and energy to help others. Jesus taught humility in a clear demonstration when he washed the disciples' feet.

The adult Sunday school material for Mar. 3 carried a story of one of our missionaries, which illustrates what I am writing about.

"Dr. Connell Smith worked as a missionary surgeon in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, for many years. Dr. Smith was the best trained physician on our staff. He had academic and surgical qualifications that could have led to his becoming the chairman of the department of surgery in a large medical center.

"On one occasion while he was practicing in Nigeria, an elderly patient was brought into his office. Because of a disease process involving the legs, this patient's toenails were too thick to cut with scissors or a knife. The nails had grown, curving back on themselves until she could no longer walk. Dr. Smith's practical approach to this problem was to go to the operating room, get the sterile bone cutters, which had been put up for surgery, and bring them back to his office. With these large instruments he was able to trim this patient's toenails.

"A young Nigerian who was working with Dr. Smith began to object because the great surgeon was getting down on his hands and knees to cut someone's toenails. Dr. Smith just smiled and said, 'Remember the Lord said when you have done it "unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"' (Matt. 25:40).

"Unto the least of these" does not necessarily mean little tykes. Rather it refers to those who need help and are counted by many as unimportant. These were the kinds of people for whom Jesus showed great compassion.

Most of the children who need our ministry so much are not little tykes; they are teenagers who have been neglected, made to feel unwanted and of little importance. Your faithful staff often are on their knees doing whatever is necessary to minister to these who have such need of love and nurture.

The friends we are today

by Pam L. Logue

As I pulled into the driveway the first thing I saw was the moving van backed up to the front door. I had been preparing myself for this moment for many weeks. I had been telling myself that if I would just stay calm then everything would be all right. None of that seemed to matter now because I was scared and confused and even a little angry.

Kim had moved in five years earlier when her dad had been called to be the pastor of our church. When we first met we really weren't that impressed with each other. She was loud and outspoken and seemed to say the first thing that came into her head. It's funny that now, after all these years, these are the qualities that I admire most in her. I was quieter and less likely to impose my opinions or ideas on anyone.

Through church and school activities we began to see more of each other and we gradually became friends. It was never an easy friendship; we had to fight every step of the way.

As I walked in the door I saw that house as I had never seen it before—empty. Oh, the faces were still there, and the memories, but everything else was gone. Even the old piano that Kim and I had spent many hours playing was gone.

Kim walked into the room and announced that everything was gone from her room and I felt a tugging at my heart because somehow I couldn't imagine that room being empty. It had become a scrapbook of her life. She had momentos and memories all over the walls and sitting in every corner of the room.

When she saw me in the room her eyes filled with tears and I began to cry as she hugged me goodbye. There had been many goodbys already but the farewell presents and going away parties were all over now. This would be the last one and it seemed so final.

It seemed appropriate that we end our time together sitting in the yard under the oaks waving at the cars that passed by as we had done so many times before. I stayed until the car and the van pulled out of the driveway and then I drove slowly home. I was still crying and I just couldn't seem to stop.

Kim and I had always been afraid of getting close because we knew that sooner or later this day would come. As the months went by we began to believe that maybe it could last forever and after a couple of years we just forgot all about it. It came suddenly and it was a shock to both of us. We were both angry about it but after a while she seemed to accept it and I was left alone in my anger and hurt.



Miss Logue

I had another close friend and I began to confide in her about how I felt. I had been a Christian for a long time but until now my life had been pretty simple. I didn't understand why God had chosen to mess everything up now. One night she shared a verse of scripture with me that has been a blessing to me many times since. Psalms 30:5 says that God's anger lasts only a little while but his favor lasts for life; weeping may go on all night, but in the morning there is joy. It took several months, a lot of praying and the love and support of family and friends for that morning to come, but I finally realized that Kim and I had been a part of God's plan.

I don't think I could have made it through this time in my life without God. He gave me renewed strength each day and helped me to realize that it was his will that Kim move away.

I am thankful for the time Kim and I shared. We were friends at a very special time in our lives when a lot of growing took place, a lot of mistakes were made and a lot of tears were shed. We shared good times and bad. The good times made us happy, the bad times made us stronger and faith in God and his will in our lives has made us the friends we are today.

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Minors Lane's love meals

by Denise George,
State Correspondent

When the Baptist Women's group at Minors Lane Baptist Church realized their community members were going to bed hungry at the end of each month, they decided to do something about it.

With a \$100 donation and a great deal of enthusiasm, they started serving "love meals" to low income families in their area.

"We were looking for some mission action," explained group member and pastor's wife Edith Bell. "We wanted something that would really give us a sense of purpose. We saw this need and we just plunged in."

The idea began with the August mission study about a church involved in a similar program. Only three women attended the meeting but they became excited about this form of ministry. They gleaned as much information as they could and shared the idea in September with the rest of the group.

After receiving permission from the church, group members called the Health Department to check kitchen requirements. Then they asked various organizations, such as Dare to Care, for advice and names of people who needed help. Through word of mouth and posters displayed in local stores, they told the community about the program.

They began serving on three nights at the end of November and fed 12 people. In December some 20 people were served, and in January they fed 57 people during six nights. The program has grown from an initial five church volunteers to 26.

The purpose of Love Meals is to serve hot nutritious meals to those who live on a limited income and find it impossible to make their money stretch to the end of the month. The program is aimed primarily at those who live in the Minor Lane Heights-South Park area, but everyone who comes is welcomed.

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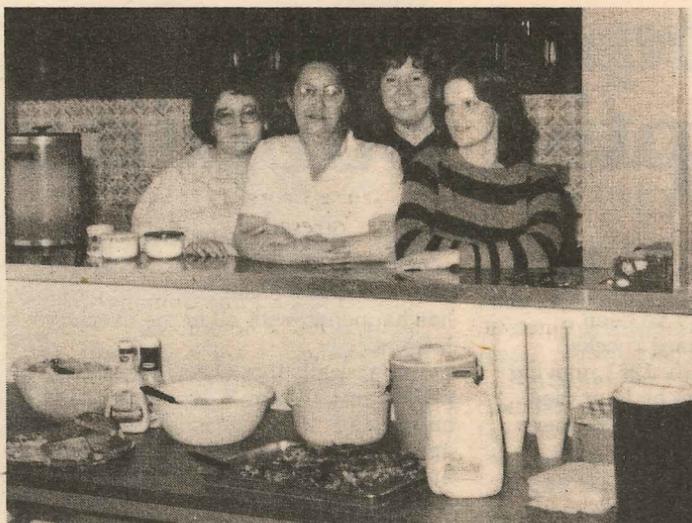
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Minors Lane Baptist Church's Baptist Women began serving "love meals" to their community, starting with only \$100 and the enthusiasm to carry out their newest mission action project.

The program does not replace the food baskets which the church gives to needy families, but is an addition to them.

Love Meals is totally dependent on donations. "We receive \$5 here, and \$50 some place else," explains Mrs. Bell. "Very often we receive money from people we don't even know. We have found that any money spent has been more than replaced by donations." In January the Home Mission Board, through Long Run Association, donated \$400 to the project.

Doana Humphreys, the church's day care director, is also active in the program. She admits, "Being involved with the families through day care, I have become quite aware of the needs and problems here. People have said to me, 'I really needed Love Meals at this time. I wondered how I was going to feed my family'."

What has involvement in Love Meals meant to the church? Miss Humphreys admits, "It has brought a great deal of

excitement into the church. It's something we've all been able to work together on."

Mrs. Bell agrees. "It seems to have drawn people closer together and has given us a sense of purpose."

The members of the Baptist Women's group hope to reach out to more people in the future.

"We would like to serve two to three nights a week from October to April," states Miss Humphreys. As of the end of February, the project had served 116 people.

To other churches interested in beginning a Love Meals program, Miss Humphreys encourages, "Go ahead and get started," and "don't be afraid to start small."

What is the reward of church members giving their time and their money, working hand in hand to feed hungry families in their community?

Edith Bell knows. "I think you are blessed as much as the people you bless."

Kentucky-Kenya Partnership

by G. Allen West,
Associate Coordinator



Catching fire

The fires of missions and evangelism are being fanned in Kentucky and some who have been involved will never be the same.

The land is beautiful, the people are hungry for the gospel, the missionaries are rejoicing that Kentucky is interested in helping move the work forward and the Lord's blessings are in evidence.

The first group to jet over to Kenya were members of the task force. Working with the Kenya Mission and the Foreign Mission Board, they established guidelines and goals for the project. Then they began efforts to get pastors, people and material moving.

Their initial efforts and excellent planning is beginning to pay off. Dr. and Mrs. J. Chester Badgett have just returned from an interim pastorate in Nairobi. The following have returned and reported on some of the outstanding experiences they've had. Here's a list of those who've been there; who have seen and heard and felt and whose lives have been changed by what many have said is the "experience of a lifetime."

James Whaley and Wilma, field coordinator, are becoming veterans in the fine art of moving people from place to place and in giving a respite to the missionaries by relieving them of untold man hours of taxi service.

Listen to Dee Gilliland (Kentucky WMU executive director, and Ginny Sisk (Mrs. Ted), Kentucky WMU vice president, tell of their trip and catch the

heartbeat, the note of pathos as they describe some of the needs, and laugh with them over some of the untellable experiences.

Hear Harold Barnes (director of missions) and Jerome Brown (pastor, Rosemont, Lexington) tell of their travels, teaching and working with the people in preparing the leaders for forthcoming revivals. They planned to teach a total of 16 hours and spent 32 with them. They rode the plane, train, walked and tried to catch up with themselves in the fast rush from one town to another, from village to village.

Catch the word from Randy and Lyman Whisman and Mrs. Randy Whisman (lay persons, Winchester) who've gone over to help build a church building and will be home in another week.

By the time you read this there will be many more.

Those who've gone so far include the task force and some of their wives: Bob Jones and his wife Maxine, chairman of the task force and director of Direct Missions; Bill and Lorraine Kaufman, director of Brotherhood and the project chairman of enlistment of lay persons; Jay Brown, director of Evangelism and chairman of evangelism; Marshall and Dorsey Phillips, manager of Cedarmore and for 12 years missionary to Kenya and director of orientation for the project; Jim Cox, associate editor of Western Recorder and director of publicity for the project. Mark Snowden, director of Media Services, went with the group as photographer and Anna Mary Byrdwell, WMU associate and women's enlistment chairman for the project, also went.

Dr. Carl Kuhl, dentist, leaves Mar. 9 for two weeks. Ed Acree, Jim Cave and James Clay will be doing construction work. And following them are these: Dr. and Mrs. Allen West, associate coordinator; Harold Greenfield (director of missions, Princeton); and Keith Rogers (pastor, Loyall).

Others are scheduled for departure in April, May, June, July and August.

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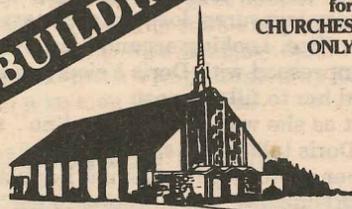
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Only a right arm?

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Yeiser is a storehouse of knowledge. Others claim

she's a convention

agency in human form.

No matter. After a third

of a century, she's found

her personal mission

field, and it's located

right in Middletown.

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

If the state Baptist Building in Middletown ever elected a "first lady," by all criteria Doris B. Yeiser, administrative assistant in the executive office, would surely win hands down.

This self-assured walking encyclopedia of Kentucky Baptist life is virtually an institution by herself.

As one of her colleagues puts it, "Doris Yeiser has more knowledge about Kentucky Baptists in her little finger than all the rest of us do put together!"

An overstatement?

Perhaps. But surely not by much.

Her office exudes the personality of its occupant. The desk is strewn with debris from which she may extract precise information which is requested with only the vaguest of details. Be it a drop-in visitor or a telephone caller needing assistance, Doris Yeiser can usually put her hands on just what is needed either instantly or within moments.

Nobody else can unearth anything salvageable under that pile of rubble, according to the executive office staff. But with Doris, lots of things are possible.

Doris Yeiser could lay claim to being "first lady" of the Baptist Building simply by tenure, if for no other reason.

Soon to be 65 (on July 31), she will also have completed 34 years of service in Kentucky Baptist headquarters this summer. Thus, she is believed to have the longest "service life" of anyone now employed by Kentucky Baptists.

Born in Owensboro, Doris and her family moved just a year later to rural Daviess County. Her very first job, in fact, was as receptionist in the office of a rural physician. Her compensation: \$3

weekly plus bus fare.

She then worked in a local factory for eight years. Although she didn't attend college, she had completed a business course when invited to join the office staff of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, in October 1947.

Robert E. Humphreys was pastor. While Doris wasn't his personal secretary, she "filled in" and recalls now that she was "scared to death" of dictation at the time.

Less than four years later, Doris Yeiser was to make her break from Daviess County, never—to this point—to return as a permanent resident.

Eldred M. Taylor, then director of missions for Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, had been elected superintendent of the state convention's Missions and Evangelism Department. At precisely the time he was leaving Owensboro, Doris had been impressed with the idea of enlarging her service in to the kingdom in some way. She had already felt called to foreign missions.

But she had dealt realistically with the facts, too: there was no money to prepare for it, and the time to do it had passed.

Was the local church staff the only place she could serve?

The question was soon answered.

Taylor shared one day with her his need for a secretary, shortly before he was to leave for Louisville. She began to think that perhaps God might be opening this door for her as a means of "enlarged" and "extended" service. The two discussed it. The rest is history.

Her first day in the Baptist Building, then located in downtown Louisville, was July 6, 1951. Taylor had been on the job only two or three weeks at that time, she remembers. She would serve him—and gain valuable skills, knowledge and confidence in herself—almost three years.

At that point, another crossroads arrived.

W. C. Boone, then KBC general secretary-treasurer, lost the secretary in his office. Looking around him, he was impressed with Doris Yeiser, and invited her to fill the post.

Just as she was about to say "no" to him, Doris talked the situation over with her pastor (at Beechmont Baptist Church) one day. His question to her changed her mind:

"Wouldn't you consider it an unintentional slap in his face to refuse his invitation?"

From that point on, her service to Kentucky Baptists has been exclusively in the executive office, now into the fourth decade.

In these years, Doris Yeiser has worked alongside four executive secretaries—W. C. Boone, Harold G. Sanders, Franklin Owen and William W. Marshall.

From her vantage point, we asked her to comment on the administrations of each individual. Her candid observations included descriptive "key words" for each man:

• W. C. Boone was a "typical Southern gentleman." Doris found it hard to believe Boone would ask her to sit in the Christian education meetings and

take minutes when she never even attended college! But that she did. "I felt so insignificant," she says. His answer was, "Well, you've been through the school of hard knocks!"

Boone retired Sept. 30, 1961, moving to Jackson, Tenn. where he later died. Doris had learned the ropes with more than seven years' experience as his secretary.

• Harold G. Sanders was a "workaholic" and at the same time a "visionary," according to Doris Yeiser. He saw "a lot of potential" in Kentucky Baptists, but Kentucky Baptists were "limited" in their vision for growth, she believes. "Some day, like Truman, more people will realize the growth that was Dr. Sanders' vision," she observes.

One of those "turning points" that has caused Kentucky Baptists to grow has been the facilities Sanders put in at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, she thinks. People "couldn't see the value" then.

He also began the annual associational officers' briefings, which she terms a "tremendous asset." Sanders provided a "self-developing experience" for her by asking her to conduct meetings for associational clerks during these briefings.

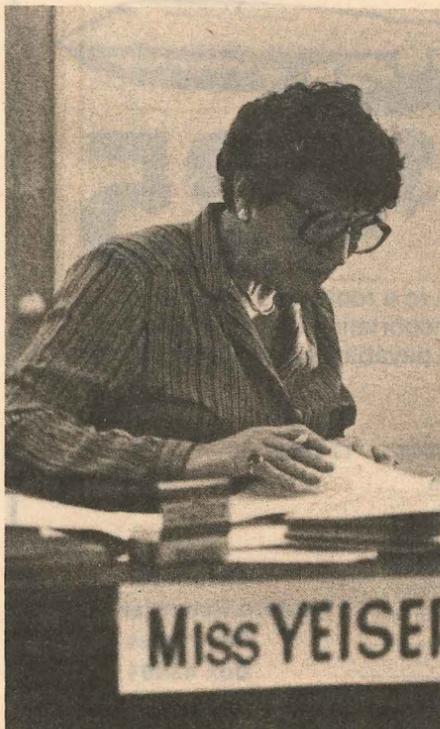
Sanders also looked for "every opportunity" he could find to promote the Cooperative Program, often inventing "ingenious methods" of keeping the cause before the people.

He retired Aug. 31, 1972 and has been pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville, since. Doris had been his secretary almost 11 years.

• Franklin Owen she refers to as a "financier" and an "economist." He also was one who "sought help" from others in his major decision making.

She remembers that Sanders wanted to build an addition to the new Baptist Building in Middletown (occupied in 1957) but Kentucky Baptists would "have none of it." But they were "ready for it" by Owen's tenure, and the job was completed.

(At this point, she observes that it has been "interesting" to see that, fre-



quently, what one executive secretary wasn't permitted to do, his successor accomplished "easily." This apparently has happened with all of the executive leaders.)

Doris recalls that Owen "needed people around him," depending heavily on his staff. It was he who finally openly recognized the valuable contributions to all Kentucky Baptist work of Doris Yeiser, elevating her from personal secretary to administrative assistant in the executive office.

She saw Owen in many humorous situations, sometimes of his own making and sometimes with the joke being on himself.

Owen relinquished the responsibilities of office to his successor Apr. 30, 1983. Doris had been his right hand nearly 11 years. Owen continues to live in Middletown and teaches at Boyce Bible School on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

• William W. Marshall, the current occupant of the executive secretary's office, is almost "too new to evaluate." But Doris sees him principally as a "manager" and "administrator" and also a "visionary" in different areas from Sanders.

Having worked with Marshall less than two years, she believes history will record some significant achievements following the Marshall era which Kentucky Baptists "do not fully see" now.

What related "fallout" have the dimensions of her responsibilities had on Doris Yeiser's own life?

"Well, I always enjoyed working with the state convention presidents," she remembers with a smile. "They never realize how much responsibility I have before they serve."

When George Jewell retired in the early 60s from Western Recorder employment, she assumed publishing of the convention annual.

"I didn't know what I was doing," she declares. "I didn't ask for it, I merely fell heir to it." Now, she suggests. "I've really learned to love that part of my work."

She's never missed an annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 1951 either, even when a very serious illness struck her a few years ago. She credits her life today to the "answered prayers of Kentucky Baptists" during that illness, incidentally. While presiding in the background during the conventions, her efforts—according to one long-term observer—are what has made a million details go smoothly for the messengers at convention weeks each year.

If two or three automobiles are found on the Baptist Building's parking lot in Middletown when the building is closed (nights, weekends, holidays), most employes know Doris Yeiser's car will be among them. Perhaps Harold Sanders was a "workaholic," but surely he had an experienced teacher.

In her private life, Doris Yeiser has excelled just as much as in her professional career.

She's been president of the St. Matthews chapter of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and was state president of this organization in 1975-76.



She has been vice president of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Kentucky, and is presently president of a new Women's Chamber of Commerce of Metro Louisville.

She has been president of the Council of Women Presidents in Louisville.

She belongs to the Toastmistress Club.

She has maintained her membership at Beechmont Church through her years at the KBC, presently serving the Sunday school as an assistant teacher. She taught a class of women her own age in years past.

The Yeiser family is smaller now. Doris' parents have passed away. She has a sister nine years older, now a widow, in Owensboro. There is also a brother, 12 years younger, in Toledo, Oh., and some nieces and nephews.

Asked about the controversy raging among Southern Baptists with regard to women today, Doris Yeiser is quick to give her response.

She has "never" had any desire to be a preaching minister or a deacon, she allows. She has been "ordained by God" to do what she is doing, and "I think I've been blessed" for it. She also observes that she has "never" asked for a raise.

"There are lots of men who feel they have changed their thinking about the role of women in Christian work," she asserts. "Even they have not reached that peak of change that needs to be."

She sees a lot of "inequities" still there. A lot of places have given women raises and recognition as a "token" but they haven't gone "the full length of the course," she concludes.

At an executive board meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly a few years ago, upon an anniversary recognition of service, Doris Yeiser said that the Baptist Building had become "my life."

Having been unable to complete her "call" to foreign missions, she found the work with Kentucky Baptists and Kentucky itself to be her own mission field, she allowed.

The Lord "definitely led me here," she said, eyes brimming with tears. "I'm grateful he saved my life and helped me invest it in something worthwhile."

First lady of the Baptist Building? You pick a better choice.

baptist news in brief

Gambling opponents win in two states

Southern Baptists and other anti-gambling opponents scored back-to-back victories recently when state legislatures in Mississippi and Texas defeated pari-mutuel betting bills.

The twin losses represent a significant setback for gambling industry leaders who this year have targeted key southern states for expansion of legalized gambling through pari-mutuel betting and state-sponsored lotteries. Pari-mutuel legislation is still under consideration in several other states, including Georgia, Kansas and Tennessee.

A bill which would have allowed voters in two Mississippi counties to decide whether to establish county racing commissions was defeated in the state Senate, 27 to 21, after earlier passing the House. A motion to reconsider temporarily revived the legislation, but the motion was later tabled, killing the bill for the current session.

A few days later the Texas House surprised gambling proponents by defeating a pari-mutuel bill 95-52. Supporters of the bill have conceded defeat, admitting they lack enough strength to muster the two-thirds majority required to reconsider the legislation.

In both states, Southern Baptists figured prominently in public opposition to the pari-mutuel bills. State Baptist moral concerns agencies helped marshal opposition, editors of both state Baptist papers editorialized against the bills, and many pastors urged their congregations to register their concern with elected representatives.

Paul Jones, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, said pari-mutuel supporters in that state were shocked by the reversal of announced intentions of support by a number of senators who apparently "got the message" from voters in their home districts. The horse lobby, which had flooded the state with a paid advertising campaign prior to the vote, got only 21 of the 31 votes it had predicted.

Jones pointed out that the night before the vote one senator received 15 telephone calls at his hotel before asking the switchboard to hold all calls. The next morning the legislator had 70 messages urging him to vote against pari-mutuel gambling.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, praised Baptist leadership in both states who helped fashion effective anti-gambling coalitions.

"Their labors have shown once again that the power of government is in the hands of the people and that an involved group of citizens still can have more influence than a handful of gambling lobbyists," he said.

Vatican ambassador challenged in court action

A suit challenging the Reagan administration's exchange of ambassadors with the Roman Catholic Church will face its first legal test in a Philadelphia courtroom.

Judge John P. Fullam of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania was scheduled to hear

oral arguments in *Americans United for Separation of Church and State, et al., v. Ronald Reagan, et al.*, on Mar. 15.

The Reagan administration has asked Judge Fullam to dismiss the case on grounds that Americans United and 16 other organizational coplaintiffs lack standing to sue and that the court does not have the right to review the dispute because it is a "political question."

Americans United has filed a 119-page reply refuting the administration's claims. The basic premise of the suit is that U. S. government ties with the "Holy See," the institutional arm of the Roman Catholic Church, violate the constitutional principle of church-state separation.

Plaintiffs include the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Coalition of American Nuns. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, representing the Southern Baptist Convention and other Baptist groups, has also filed a brief supporting the complaint.

Another question before the court is whether the Reagan administration may refuse to turn over documents and information relating to the diplomatic exchange with the Vatican. Americans United attorneys have asked the court to compel the government to turn over such information. The government has refused to respond to the information request and has asked the federal court to uphold its action.

Executive Committee approves 'day of prayer'

Southern Baptists "and Christians everywhere" have been urged to make "every day" a day of prayer, with special emphasis on May 2.

President Ronald Reagan, following a tradition begun in the revolutionary war and reestablished in 1952, has declared May 2 the National Day of Prayer.

The Executive Committee of the 14.3 million member Southern Baptist Convention, at its February meeting, voted unanimously to "concur in the action" and encouraged "all churches and agencies aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention to give special emphasis to the importance of prayer in our relationship with almighty God."

The resolution was presented by Ed Drake, a layman from Dallas.

Southeastern faculty affirms ordained woman

In a response to controversy over Home Mission Board financial support for an ordained woman pastor, the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has adopted unanimously a statement of affirmation of her ministry.

Debra Griffis-Woodberry, a 1977 graduate of Southeastern, was called recently as pastor by the Broadneck Baptist Mission, Annapolis, Md. Under the arrangement of her employment, a portion of her salary will be paid by the Home Mission Board.

After approving her salary supplement, the Home Mission Board was criticized for its support of an ordained woman. The criticism follows the adoption of a resolution at the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention which discouraged churches from ordaining women.

In the statement, Mrs. Griffis-Wood-

berry, who earned two degrees at Southeastern, was cited as having "distinguished herself as a scholar, as a minister-in-training and as a Christian person in her preparation here." The statement also said "she has served with competence on our instructional staff," and had done "excellent work" in two Raleigh, N. C., congregations.

"Given this significant history," the statement continued, "we affirm the Home Mission Board's recent approval of her for church pastoral assistance." Further, the faculty said, "she lives out in her pastoral work qualities of ministry we value highly," among which were "commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ," "able preaching," and "evangelistic concern."

California gold rush church aligns with SBC

A church founded during the height of the California gold rush has become one of the newest congregations in the Southern Baptist Convention. First Baptist Church of San Francisco was voted into membership in the San Francisco Peninsula Southern Baptist Association on Jan. 21 while retaining its relationship with the American Baptist Convention. It is believed to be the first California church to be dually aligned with the 14.3 million member Southern Baptist Convention and the 1.6 million member American Baptist Convention.

Founded in 1849 at the height of the California gold rush the church vies with San Francisco's First Presbyterian Church for the title of the oldest Protestant church west of the Rocky Mountains.

"We went through a two year study of the situation, trying to become informed about Southern Baptist life," said James Higgs, pastor of the church since 1980. The vote to dually align was approved by 77 percent of the congregation.

"This city is without a significant (evangelical) model," Higgs said. "We felt we could do more by cooperating than by competing—we went this direction because we want very much to be a servant church to San Francisco."

Budget support will be given to both the SBC and the American Baptist Convention and literature from both denominations will be used in various educational programs.

Attendance at the downtown church is approximately 350 and includes 30 different nationalities. Professors and students from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Cal., (an SBC school) have been a part of the church's life for decades. Professors have served as consultants and numerous students have served internships.

Polish Baptist leader dies of apparent stroke

Michal Stankewicz, 61, president of the Baptist Union of Poland, died at home Feb. 21 of an apparent stroke. For the past 20 years Stankewicz had been either president or general secretary of the Baptist union. Stankewicz, editor of a number of books for Polish Baptists, had been a member of the European Baptist Federation Council and Executive Committee and the Baptist World Alliance General Council.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate Baptist bargain

The second week of January nearly 50 laypersons and church staffers from Kentucky traveled over ice and snow to Ridgecrest, N. C. for the annual vacation Bible school clinic sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The clinic prepares us to lead similar events in our own state each spring. The ultimate goal is to equip every person who will serve in that summer vacation Bible school that summer with as much preparation as possible.

It's been my happy privilege to serve on these state teams for years. I have also had the joy of writing VBS curriculum twice.

This week and next, those who attended Ridgecrest last January will put their skills to work at regional clinics in six Kentucky cities: Campbellsville and Corbin (Mar. 18), Lexington and Radcliff (Mar. 19), Paducah (Mar. 25), Madisonville (Mar. 26). Some of these clinics are held in the morning only, some in the morning and repeated for another group that night and still others only at night. Local teams are trained here to lead associational clinics in April and May. A fact that may surprise you is that Kentucky Baptists hold more night schools than day schools each summer.

And what a vast horizon VBS is!

Across Kentucky 2071 vacation Bible schools and backyard Bible clubs were reported on the annual church letter to denominational statisticians in Nashville in 1984. There were 187,784 persons enrolled in a VBS somewhere in Kentucky last summer, 1990 professions of faith occurred in those schools, 36,989 Sunday school prospects were discovered and the average daily attendance based on enrollment was 83.2 percent. Where else do we have similar figures to rejoice about in our church life?

In addition, we experienced 455 rededications during the schools, received a total mission offering of \$76,623 and sent \$60,781 of it on to the Cooperative Program for missions work beyond our immediate area.

Yet, according to BSSB figures, the average outlay to the local church in Kentucky for a VBS last year was 62 cents per enrollee per day, including curriculum, supplies, refreshments, promotion—everything! VBS is surely one of the best bargains for value received most of us ever heard of.

Think a minute. Go back to when you were a boy or a girl growing up, perhaps in a Southern Baptist church. Could you ever forget what VBS meant in your own life? Could you deny its importance now in helping shape the thinking of present and future generations?

What an opportunity! What a bargain!

Catherine Roy new Accounting Services director

Douglas Hays directs expansion of computers in KBC ministry

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

As the use of computers is broadening in the business world and personal lives, the Kentucky Baptist Convention is also expanding their purpose in the ministry of the computer.

Because of the computer can provide the convention valuable information, the Computer Services Department has been created to maximize the usefulness of the computer in the convention.

Douglas Hays, the former director of the Accounting Services Department, became director of the new department Jan. 1. "Computers were formerly just used for accounting purposes (in the KBC)," Hays said. "But now we hope to use them for information purposes."

Hays first task is to form a "data base" from the uniform church letters submitted annually by churches to the state convention.

The uniform church letter contains statistics on various areas of the church such as Sunday school, Church Training, music, baptisms and stewardship. Once the data base is programed into the computer KBC agencies will have quick access to information that will assist them in their ministries.

"To take data such as church membership and Cooperative Program giving and process it to turn a church's per capita giving is to get data into 'information' or something we didn't already know . . . that's what we're all about," Hays explained.

However, the scope of the operation will be more than financial information. "Our idea is to help departments (within the KBC) internally so they can help the churches externally," Hays shared.

Any department that needs the data on the uniform church letter compiled quickly into a tangible resource will be helped, Hays said.

"For example, if the Church Music Department wants to know how many churches have handbell choirs we will be able to provide them this information," Hays said.

He also noted the Computer Services Department will be able to locate the number of choirs in a particular region and what size churches have them. Such information will assist the department in designing programs and supplying information to churches interested in beginning handbell choirs.

Hays, who began work as an assistant accountant with the KBC in 1967, has seen growth and change in the record keeping operation of the KBC. The first electronic accounting machine was installed shortly after Hays came to work. He described the machine as simply "a posting machine with a memory."

In the mid 70's, the KBC purchased a "mini computer" which was capable of processing only one job at a time. The present computer, bought in 1981, is capable of processing multiple jobs at the same time. This feature has enabled the Business Division to begin performing non-accounting services with the computer.

"Software technology is constantly changing," Hays observed. "I've seen the manual, keydriven magnetic ledgers and punched card systems. As department director, I feel my role is



Douglas Hays [1], director of Computer Services for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, looks over a computer printout with Accounting Services director Catherine Roy and Business Division director Barry Allen.

that of a 'blender' of the technology to the service needs of the departments."

However, Hays, who began his new duties Jan. 1, said the church letter cannot be programed into the computer "overnight." There are 150 categories plus additional subcategories in the uniform church letter.

The transfer of Hays to Computer Services left a vacancy in Accounting Services which was filled by Catherine Roy, the former supervisor of purchasing services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She is the first woman to head a department at the KBC.

Miss Roy sees her department's function as being an aid to the "line departments."

"We (Accounting Services) are a service part of the convention," she said. "Anything we can do to help the line related departments we want to do."

As for being the first female department director, Miss Roy said she feels no particular pressure. "I would hope the people with whom I am working will look beyond my gender and see the work I do," she shared.

Miss Roy is a native of Louisville and

grew up in Jeffersonville, Ind. She is a graduate of Louisville's Bellarmine College. Both she and Hays are pursuing the MBA degree at Bellarmine.

Barry Allen, director of the KBC's Business Division, said the creation of Hays' department was a response to the growth of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"The Kentucky Baptist Convention in the past 15 years has experienced tremendous growth in terms of what we are providing in ministry and also financial growth," Allen said. "The support needs of our staff have grown tremendously. We've tried to respond to that growth."

The KBC has been "very limited" in putting information supplied in the uniform church letter to use because it has been done manually, Allen pointed out.

Once the data base is formed, Allen predicted, "We will be able to do historical analysis and also make projections."

"We've tried to use technology not to replace people; you rarely do that," Allen commented. "But we hope to make our people more knowledgeable and help make him or her more productive."

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Old missionaries never retire

by Richard F. Hale, *State Correspondent*

Trivia games have taken America by storm. It might be interesting to create one on Kentucky Baptist life. One question which would demand a place in the game would be: 'What Baptist association in Kentucky has been served by five missionaries, all of whom are still living within that association?'

For those who are not up on Baptist trivia, the answer is Warren Association of Baptists. In the fall of 1985 Warren County Baptists made the transition from regional to associational missions by hiring Harold Moore. Moore had served as regional missionary for several counties of south central Kentucky before 1952.

Moore left the position in 1958 to become a teacher. After a short tenure at Glasgow, he returned to Bowling Green to teach at Bowling Green High School. He did not remove himself from the ministry, but served as bivocational pastor of several churches during the 1960's. In 1971 he became pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Warren Association, where he served until his retirement in 1980.

Retirement did not mean sitting back in a rocking chair. Moore continues to minister as director of the senior citizens' group at Bowling Green's First Baptist Church. Perhaps more significant is work that is being done in other churches as a result of his efforts while serving as missionary. A major part of his work was done in vacation Bible schools. Workers who were enlisted and trained by Moore in the smaller rural churches of the association continue to serve.

His work in the rural church program of census and enlargement paid dividends, not only for the rural churches. The experience helped later as he assisted in the formation of Bethel Baptist Church and its organization as a church.

R. B. Hooks Sr. assumed the position of associational missionary in 1959. He had also served as a regional missionary, heading the 13-association southern region in the early 1940's. From 1944 until 1952 Hooks worked in the rural church program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"In 1951 I spoke in 111 churches from Paducah to the Virginia border in support of simultaneous crusades," claimed Hooks.

This experience, along with pastorates at East Baptist, Paducah; Bruner's Chapel, Harrodsburg; and Gravel Switch gave a solid background from which to draw as he led the association in continued growth.

During his tenure the emphasis continued to be on training and church growth. In addition to his responsibilities in Warren Association, Hooks also gave leadership to the churches of Edmonson County. He resigned as missionary in 1965 and assumed the pastorate of Brownsville Baptist Church. As pastor at Brownsville he continued as part time missionary to the churches of that association.

Hooks retired in 1970. Since that time he has served as interim pastor for numerous churches. He is also a devotional leader for his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church.

He commented, "I am not more actively involved in my church because I don't believe a retired minister should assume responsibilities a layman can do

in his church."

Mrs. Hooks has been an active supporter throughout his ministry and continues to serve as a preschool clinic leader for the KBC Sunday School Department.

O. G. Lawless became the third missionary to serve Warren Association. He too came with a wealth of experience, having served as area missionary for several southern Kentucky counties and as regional missionary for the north central region of Tennessee.

A noticeable change took place in the association under his leadership. Previously the major emphasis had been vacation Bible schools, study courses and church enlargement. The focus changed to evangelism. Two association-wide evangelistic crusades were held under Lawless' leadership. The association grew from 32 to 36 churches. With the growth of churches due to the evangelistic efforts, the association was able to become self-sufficient.

The associational office, started by Hooks, was expanded. Mrs. Lawless was employed as office secretary, and continues to serve as a part time office employe. The husband-wife team combination worked well for this missionary and has been continued by the association with the two subsequent directors of missions.

After six and one-half years as missionary Lawless resigned and became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He served there 12 years and retired Feb. 1, 1984. While at Calvary he continued to be active in the work of the association, serving as moderator, Sunday school director and missions committee chairman. He is presently serving as leader of the associational ASSIST team.

Lawless has served as supply pastor for three churches since his retirement a year ago. He has also held several revivals and led Sunday school enlargement campaigns. When questioned concerning his present church membership Lawless replied, "we're members at First Baptist, but we've only been there four Sundays because of commitments to speak in other churches."

His commitments were so heavy immediately following his retirement that he and Mrs. Lawless joined the church on Monday night of the spring revival. They didn't have a Sunday open to attend.

Francis and Charlene Tallant returned to Kentucky from West Virginia to serve the association. They brought with them a vast store of experience. Tallant began his ministry in a unique way near Jackson, Tennessee. In cooperation with the Mission Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, he pastored two churches. One Sunday he would preach at one church in the morning and the other in the evening. The following Sunday he would reverse the order. Using Wednesday and Thursday nights, he led prayer services at both churches each week. This work was the subject of a mission study book.

Tallant's 25 years of pastoral experience included First Baptist, Henderson; First Baptist, Central City; and First Baptist, Jellico, Tenn. He spent a five year stint as associate Sunday School director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Then he served Baptists in West Virginia as educational director for over eight years. This position made

him responsible for Sunday school, Church Training and Baptist Student Work. While in this position he helped to organize the West Virginia State Convention.

"My goal when I came to Warren County was to be a pastor of pastors. I wanted to be their counselor and friend," stated Tallant.

He met this goal and many others. Under the leadership of the Tallants the association continued to grow. A vacant church building was purchased and renovated for office space. The office became a gathering spot for people and materials. It became the center of the work. The building was completed in stages and now features conference rooms, a kitchen and two guest rooms in addition to the offices.

The addition of this facility was possible because of the increased involvement of churches in the work of the association. Every church became involved in some way. Under Tallant's leadership the budget quadrupled.

As with those who preceded him, retirement has meant little change in lifestyle. Sunday school work is occupying most of his time. He serves as Sunday school coordinator for the southern region under the state's Sunday School Department. He has led enlargement campaigns in four states and is scheduled for more. In spite of these he has found time to serve as interim pastor at New Friendship Baptist, Auburn, attend vacation Bible school training at Ridgecrest and supply for several pastors.

Mrs. Tallant continues to work also. She is associational WMU director, has

assisted in several enlargement campaigns and works closely with her husband in his work with Sunday school ASSIST teams.

Many people would feel threatened to come as director of missions in an association with all of its former missionaries still around, but not Frank and Joyce Dorris. The Dorrises have followed the pattern of teamwork established by O. G. and Pearlene Lawless and continued by the Tallants. Frank serves as director of missions and Mrs. Dorris as office secretary and also as assistant clerk for the association.

Dorris calls on his predecessors frequently. "If I have a problem, I have these five gentlemen to go to. If all of us can't find a solution, there probably isn't one," confided Dorris.

The fifth man referred to is J. V. Case. Case recently retired as director of missions for Daviess-McLean Association and moved to Bowling Green. The churches of the area are not as familiar with Case, but he is already fitting into the pattern established by the other four. He has supplied in several churches and is open for any type of assistance he might render to churches of the area.

Dorris has found his relationship with these busy retirees to be completely positive. "Their love and concern for the association is just as real as it can be," he emphasized. "Their support has been 100 percent positive. I have felt no negative response at all."

Richard Bridges pastors First Baptist Church where all of these men are members. In reply to questions concerning them, he responded, "I don't see them very much. They are all too busy."

As their pastor he sees firsthand that old missionaries never retire, they just continue to serve God in Warren Association.

Always room for one more

"There's always room for one more" seems to be the motto of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green when it comes to ordained ministers. The membership of the church includes five staff members, five former associational missionaries, the present director of missions and at least six other ordained ministers.

Three of the ministers are on the staff and faculty of Western Kentucky University. David Mefford serves as associate director of admissions. He has served the church as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher and is presently chairman of the Christian life committee. He has recently completed an interim pastorate at Barren River Baptist Church and commented, "After not preaching much for 18 years, I found it refreshing."

James Baker and Drew Harrington are both history professors at WKU. Baker is also director of the honors program. He came to Western from Florida State University where he served as assistant chaplain in addition to his teaching responsibilities.

Harrington taught at Georgetown College before moving to WKU. He has served on the associational history committee and did much of the research for a history of the association.

Waymon Hayes has pastored seven churches in Kentucky including four in Warren Association. Before coming to Bowling Green he

pastored First Baptist, Liberty. He became a bivocational pastor when he came to Warren Association. His most recent pastorate was Dedicated Baptist Church where he served for six and one-half years. He is doing supply work and seeking a church to pastor.

James Banton retired last year after 44 years in the ministry. The last 25 years were at Rocky Hill Baptist Church, Warren Association. His ministry also included serving as assistant resident superintendent at the Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, Tenn. and as principal at McGoffin Baptist Institute. Retirement has not slowed him down. He serves as outreach leader for his Sunday school class and as a member of the executive board of the Warren Association of Baptists. He is also a volunteer for the local Cancer Society office, chaplain for Hospice of Bowling Green and vice president of Bowling Green/Warren County AARP.

In addition to pastor Richard Bridges, the staff is composed of William E. Dick, administrator and pastoral care minister, minister of music Billy Orten, minister of youth and activities Tom Baker and Emmanuel Mission pastor Bill Fort.

You would think the people of First Baptist, Bowling Green would be satisfied having all these ministers, but "there is always room for one more." They are looking for one to serve as minister of education.



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Record breakers

The Oneida Lady Mountaineers went farther this year than any basketball team since 1950 when our boys missed going to the state tournament by one point.

Yes our girls, coached by Shelia Salyer, were runnerup in our district, which qualified them to play in the opening game of the 13th regional. There they defeated Middlesboro, the champion of the 51st district, in a one point "heart stopper." Later our team went down to defeat to Whitley County, the top ranked girls team of the region.

Chosen on the district all-tournament team were two mountain girls and a flatlander who has made Oneida "home."

Senior Terri Burns has grown up on Bullskin Creek. She has played here for four years, as did her brother Tony who averaged 38 points a game before his graduation last year. She is an excellent forward and several colleges are interested in her.

Lisa Muncy is a guard and came to us in her sophomore year from Martin County where her mother was the tax collector. She has won varying honors in her three years here.

Center Laura Underwood is now a junior. She came to us at the beginning of her freshman year from her birthplace in Loveland, Oh. I worked with her father and mother who met here as students 24 years ago. Having graduated in 1963 they returned as staff members in 1984, having sold a several hundred thousand dollar business to do full time Christian work here. Laura has

the best qualities of both her parents and is a splendid Christian, athlete and student.

The girls team's other top three players are young. Ninth grader Lisa Frasier, a great-great niece of OBI's founder, has attended here since seventh grade. Debbie Ledford is also a freshman. Her father is another that I remember well as a student graduating in 1963. Debbie's brother Jerry, named for their father, is one of our standouts in the senior class, a really quality young man with us for four years. Diane Davidson is a 10th grader, and the fourth generation of her family to be associated with this 86-year-old school. These three girls are all local mountaineers.

The Lady Mountaineers final record was 21-11 including the Three Rivers Conference championship, their first.

Ashland native Shelia Salyer is one of our guidance counselors besides coaching. She has her masters from Miami University and has an overall record of 63-34 in her three years of coaching at Oneida.

Our boys varsity basketball team closed their 61st season of play with a record of 19-14 despite broken ankles by two of the top six players.

Along the way our boys won the Florida Merritt Island Invitational downing Daytona Beach in the final of three tournament wins. Also, Oneida won the Three Rivers Conference Invitational for the seventh year, but were runnerup in our own annual invitational and in the district tourney.

Anderson County native Larry Gritton has coached the Mountaineers for 12 years with a record of 251-152. A graduate of Georgetown, he is OBI's athletic director and French teacher, and has a masters from ECU.

Graduating senior Jim Woods was captain of the team. He came to our dorm from Manchester in the eighth grade. His father graduated from here in 1966 and is a sergeant detective with the Kentucky State Police. Jim, a guard, is an honor student and a boy of very high character.

The same can be said for center Jim Celiwhowski. He also came to Oneida at the start of his eighth grade year, a city boy from Covington. Chosen "Mr. Oneida" by vote of the faculty, he is a student sought by different colleges. Both academically and athletically he is "tops."

Other seniors are forwards John Hinkle and Ken Martin, both with us four years, their homes on the Crane Branch and Bullskin Creek respectively.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 24, 1985

International Series

Brought to trial

John 18:33-38 When members of the Sanhedrin asked Christ, "Art thou the son of God?", he answered in the affirmative. They rushed him to Pilate and demanded the death penalty upon Christ. Their refusal to name the crime with which Christ was charged provoked Pilate. Wanting to get this case off his hands, Pilate said, "Take ye him, and judge him according to your law." They replied, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

To avoid a public examination Pilate had Christ brought before him for a private interview. He asked Christ, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Christ acknowledged his kingship and declared he had come into the world to "bear witness unto the truth." Concluding that Christ was only a harmless religious enthusiast Pilate announced, "I find in him no fault."

John 19:6-11 It was evident the accusers of Christ wanted the death penalty inflicted on him. The chief priests and officers clamored for the crucifixion of Christ because he declared himself to be the son of God. Pilate inquired of Jesus as to his identity, but our Lord remained silent.

When Pilate asked, "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?", Christ informed Pilate he did not have

any authority or power over him except that which God the father gave to him.

John 19:14-16 Fearful of God, Pilate made one last half-hearted attempt to release the Lord Jesus by announcing, "Behold your king!" Pilate's words brought forth a tremendous outburst of hatred for Christ from the Jews who were determined that above all else he must die.

Life and Work Series

Love one another

John 15:9-19 Love walks in the way of obedience to the commands of our Lord. When we love him enough to do the things he has commanded us, we shall enjoy his favor upon us. Our Lord is desirous of seeing in us a devotion willing to surrender, a love willing to sacrifice and a loyalty ready to stand with him under all circumstances.

Christ emphasized that love for one another is a distinction of believers. Christ's love is a pattern for love of others.

Christ came to bring and impart joy. The joy he would have us possess is that which comes through sonship in God's family.

Friendship is beautiful to perceive and wonderful to experience. The foundation of all friendship is laid in likeness of nature, character, mind, tastes and pursuits. Friendship with Christ, who has been gracious enough to call us "friends," has a sanctifying influence in our lives.

While he was here in the flesh Christ "went about doing good" to the bodies, minds and souls of people. For those wonderful deeds Christ received the bitter hatred of the world. He also received much hatred because his sinless life exposed the hypocritical lives of the people he encountered. His matchless character constituted a rebuke to the sinful lives of his contemporaries.

Christ warned the disciples against expecting to have an easy time in life. He told them that because they were his representatives they would be hated also.

Unfortunately some are now laboring under the impression and misapprehension that it is possible for one to be a genuine Christian and to be popular with the world at the same time, despite Christ's plain statements to the contrary in verses 19-20.



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on mission together

A new bridge to west Kentucky

It has always been a long way from Louisville to Paducah. The five-hour drive (with a coffee break) is much closer than it used to be—before the lakes and the interstates.

But still a "Duke of Paducah" can go round trip either to Memphis or Nashville in the same amount of time it takes to drive one-way to Louisville. No wonder there are so few U of L fans down that way. Even St. Louis is closer than Louisville!

But in Kentucky Baptist life, the churches of west Kentucky constitute a vital and supportive force in our cooperative efforts in ministry together.

In fact, as our Cooperative Program celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, most Kentuckians support the thesis that it was born right here at First Baptist, Murray. An historical marker will soon be erected to claim it.

The area is "wall-to-wall" Baptists. Caldwell-Lyon association is reputed to be one of the most "Baptist" associations in our nation. There aren't as many opportunities to start new churches in this area as, say, in eastern Kentucky. Yet the churches here, as elsewhere, suffer from high levels of "inactive" members and declining involvement in the mission of the church.

But west Kentucky has the potential of being the "deep well" for our convention, from whose shared resources the mission of Christ in this state and beyond will be enriched.

There are some good things happening in that area. One of them is Jonathan Creek.

While Kentucky Baptists have neither the desire nor the resources to

begin another major institution, the decision to assume responsibility for Jonathan Creek from the associations of west Kentucky will prove historically strategic. The \$1.8 million already spent by the KBC for renovation and new facilities heralds a new day for Kentucky Baptists.

I had the privilege of being part of the first, "official" KBC function to be conducted in Jonathan Creek's new facilities, Mar. 8-9—a "Planned Growth in Giving" seminar. The new facilities are lovely, built to enhance the unusually beautiful property. I felt pleased that I had already agreed to participate in the two Pendergraph conferences to be held there July 29-Aug. 3 with such outstanding speakers as Franklin Paschall, Bryan Harbour and Wayne Ward.

The five-hour drive home from Paducah seemed shorter this time. Maybe it was because I was driving over a new bridge to west Kentucky, called the "Jonathan Creek Bridge."

Kentuckians find ministry opportunity in Vermont

Ken and Sandy Hale had to wait 13 years for a honeymoon in New England.

He was a minister of music. She had a master's degree in education. When they married in 1970, they wanted to travel to New England but found themselves working in a seminary church in Louisville, then another church in Kentucky and another.

"We'll retire someday," they said. "And do mission work in New England or wherever there's a need."

There was a need in New England. In the summer of 1982 the Hales spent their vacation working in a small church Bible camp in Washington, Vt.

When they returned to Kentucky they intended to find a pastor for the Washington church, southeast of Montpelier, and said they needed an older "stable" couple with an income. The church in Vermont only had three members and could only afford to pay \$35 a week.

"During the next year we couldn't get Vermont off our minds," remembered Hale. "Especially Washington (a town of approximately 900 residents). I couldn't shake off the impression that the Lord was calling us to a once-in-a-lifetime ministry."

"But we can't go to Vermont," Hale said after talking with his wife. "Our son has diabetes. We can't go 1000 miles from his physician."

"Vermont!" their doctor replied. "Why I have a good friend in Bennington. He's a good diabetes physician."

"But we don't have the finances," they later said. "How could we afford the move?"

Mrs. Hale's aunt died shortly after that and included them in the inheritance. The Home Mission Board also offered to pay \$300 a month from their field personnel assistance fund.

"Every obstacle just seemed to fall away," said Mrs. Hale.

So they joined the Mission Service Corps volunteer program and agreed to work in the Washington church for a year.

"I've never felt so close to a pastor and his wife," said Majore Gilbert, clerk at Washington Baptist Church. "It's been several years since the people felt that bond between the pastor and church."

"Ken gave me the encouragement to take the seminary extension course," added John Tracy, 51, deacon for the Washington church. "I've decided to go into the ministry from his encouragement. I thought I was too old, but Ken showed me that I could do it."

Tracy was also the assistant fire chief for the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, and said that life in a small Vermont town revolves around church activities and the fire house.

The town had a fire one day last February. It was "about 10 below" when Tracy and the men returned to

the station "coated with ice." Mrs. Hale made a kettle of hot vegetable soup and had it waiting for them.

"Everybody was wet, tired and cold," recalled Tracy. "That was really a witness to the community. It showed that the Hales cared for everybody, not just a few. The family that lost their house were Catholics, and several men in the company were non-believers (in Jesus Christ)."

This year the Hale's commitment at the Washington church ended. They could return to their home in Kentucky or stay in New England as pastor of a church in Hanover, New Hampshire, next to the campus of Dartmouth College.

They stayed.

"There were several weeks last winter when we were completely snowed in," remembered Mrs. Hale. "And Ken and I found that we really were compatible," she smiled. "It was like an extended honeymoon."

Considering the world . . . on Cooperative Program Day

Considering the world with a population of over 4.5 billion people is a big assignment for Cooperative Program Day, Apr. 21, 1985. Southern Baptists have already set forth the Bold Mission Thrust goal to enable every person on this earth to have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ by the year A.D. 2000. During 1985, the year of the 60th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, it is imperative that every church and every church member become more knowledgeable about the Cooperative Program and why it is so important to Southern Baptists and Bold Mission Thrust.

Considering the world on Cooperative Program Day will allow Southern Baptists to reflect upon past accomplishments, to understand present and future needs and to renew our commitment to the great commission.

Cooperative Program Day is a time for excitement and enthusiasm in the churches as members celebrate their partnership with Christ in his global mission. This is an excellent time for churches to reflect on their mission. Cooperative Program Day is a special day when Southern Baptists can obtain a greater awareness of worldwide mission needs. It is a day to involve church members in a renewed personal commitment to Cooperative Program supported ministries, both through prayer and financial support.

Extensive suggestions for observing this special day may be found in the booklet, "Lay Involvement in Cooperative Program Day." This planning guide is prepared by Woman's Mis-

sionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission and the Stewardship Commission. A planning schedule, a Cooperative Program Day agenda, devotional resources, promotional materials and other suggested activities and events are included. A copy of this booklet can be found in the March issue of The Baptist Program and in the April-June issue of Brotherhood Building Magazine. Additional copies of the booklet may be obtained from most state stewardship offices or by contacting the Brotherhood Commission.

Other advance preparations for this day may include requesting sample copies of Cooperative Program Day tracts, posters, handouts and other available resources from your state stewardship office. Several Cooperative Program films; such as "Like a Mighty River" and "More Than Money" are available on a free loan basis from all state stewardship offices.

When considering the world, every church must decide what percentage of budget dollars it will share in providing teaching, preaching and healing ministries at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program channel.

Additional resource information may be obtained from "The Cooperative Program at Work Around the World—1985." It gives a breakdown of Cooperative Program monies received and disbursed by the Southern Baptist Convention as well as a brief description of the work of each program agency. Also, "Missionary Moments" provides a 52-Sunday set of brief pre-offeratory prayer requests for individuals whose ministries are supported by funds contributed through the Cooperative Program. A current or historical fact concerning the Cooperative Program is also included with this packet. Many state stewardship offices provide a copy of both of these pieces to each church. Additional copies of either of these pieces may be ordered by sending \$1.50 (each) to the SBC Stewardship Commission, 460 James Robertson Pkwy., Nashville, TN 37219.

The Cooperative Program is a unifying plan of support that has served Southern Baptists well for 60 years. To meet the financial challenges of Bold Mission Thrust, it is essential that each new generation of Southern Baptists

understand and love the Cooperative Program. Children, young people and adults must be taught how the Cooperative Program works and what is being accomplished for Christ in this world through it. Cooperative Program Day observance in the church is one way of keeping this vision alive.

Customize Cooperative Program Day

plans for your church by selecting those activities that will appeal to your members; the day you choose for this observance should be the one that best fits your church's schedule. Give your church and church members the golden opportunity of considering the world . . . on Cooperative Program Day this year.

Considering the World . . .



. . . on Cooperative Program Day

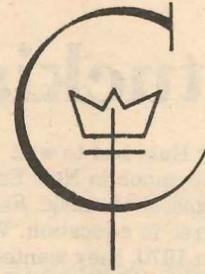
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Cumberland College

The college of hard work



In the tradition and Protestant work ethic that makes America great, Cumberland College students work, doing any job necessary to earn their college degree.

You could call Cumberland College in Williamsburg "the college of hard work." Everywhere you go on this campus, you will find students hard at work: digging, hauling and building; sweeping and mopping floors; serving food and washing dishes; aiding fellow students as teaching assistants, aides and tutors; cleaning bathrooms and carrying out the garbage. The list could go on.

The story is both heartwarming and heartbreaking. Above all, it is inspiring.

Cumberland College was founded almost 100 years ago with a distinct purpose: "To provide a quality Christian education for mountain students at prices they can afford." The college still maintains that founding purpose, much in the tradition of Baptists who founded it.

Students come to Cumberland College primarily from a 17-county area in the heart of the rugged mountains of southeastern Kentucky and northeastern Tennessee. There is a natural beauty here that is matched in few other places.

But side by side with rich resources and natural beauty, you will find extreme hardships.

It is from this contrasting environment that the majority of our students come. Cumberland College never turns

its back on them. Even if they bring little or no money, they bring an overwhelming desire to learn a college education and return to help their kinsmen and friends to better their way of life.

The most important question asked of any Cumberland College student is: "Are you willing to work, at any job necessary, in order to earn your college education?"

Usually, the answer is a determined "Yes!" But the college has its fiscal and financial limits. There is usually a waiting list of 150-200 students who would list if the funds were available to pay them.

But in the tradition that makes America great, they work. Because they work, their pride is left intact and their self-esteem is enhanced and that earned degree is a major accomplishment carved from the hardness of carbon with blisters, hard work, effort and exertion.

Recently, in summer's heat, several students dug away at a hillside, contoured the section and built a beautiful rock wall with native mountain stones. That wall will stand for generations as a monument to industrious, hardworking Cumberland college students.

When they finished, the college had a useful and beautiful piece of work. But the students had more; they had a

visible accomplishment and the pride of having built it.

Presently, over 400 students work an average of 13 hours a week at minimum wage just to help pay for their college expenses. (That's 5,200 hours of hard work each week!)

Walk across this campus on any given day from sun up to sun down and you can see the wonder of "the college of hard work."

Shortly after breakfast a young man or woman will appear in the dormitory hall with bucket, broom and mop in hand to set about the necessary task of cleaning halls and bathrooms.

Over in the cafeteria, many students workers have been hard at work to help the staff prepare and serve several hundred meals. They continue to work, scraping and washing dishes, sweeping and mopping floors and carrying out the garbage.

Continuing your journey, you might see students digging and hauling, mowing grass, raking leaves or shoveling snow. You can see them washing windows or aiding in the upkeep and maintenance of buildings.

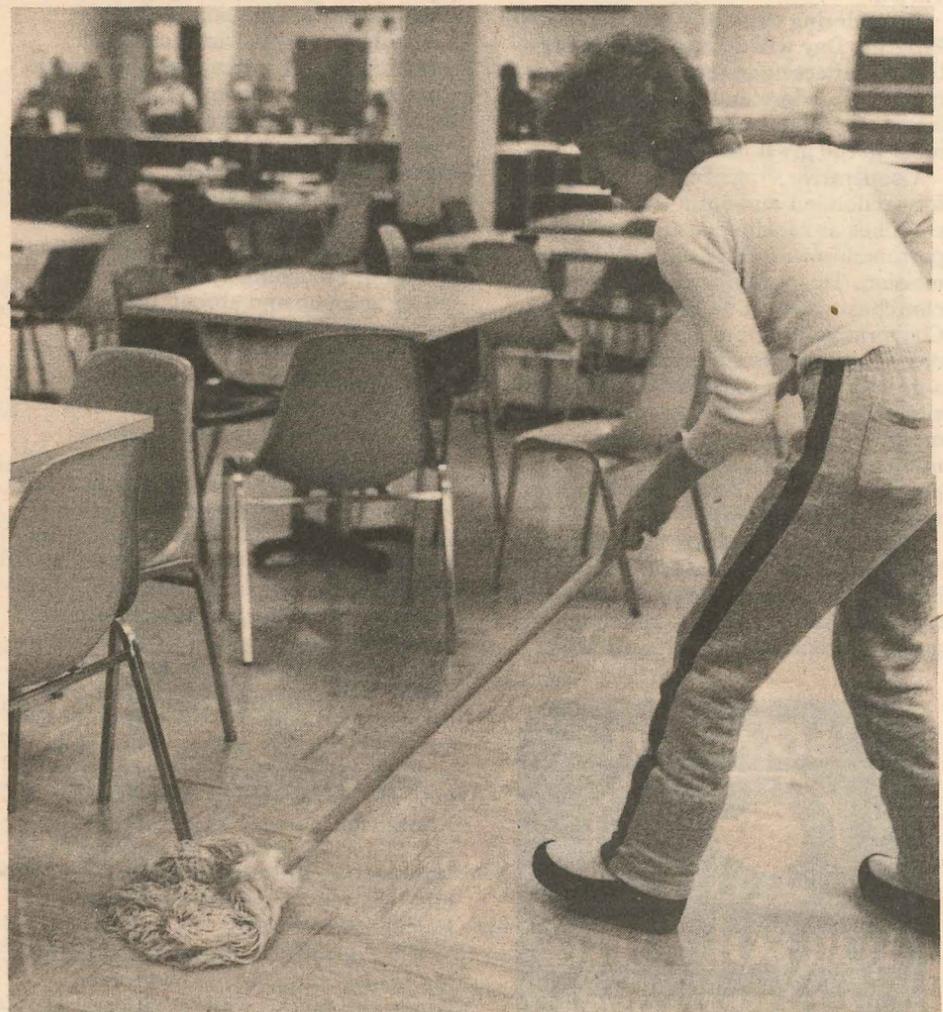
Enter an office, any office, and you will see students busy as bees in a hive, as they type, sort, file, stack, label or do any job necessary to earn their way.

Yes, when the dream does become a reality and they serve their fellow kinsmen as doctors, attorneys, ministers, teachers, social workers, scientists, computer experts or businessmen, they can point with pride to all of their accomplishments and say, "I earned my

way with hard work, beginning with the opportunity provided for me at 'the college of hard work'."

Cumberland College president Jim Taylor said, "Our students are rich in traditional Christian values and have fierce mountain pride, but they don't want a handout and wouldn't take it. But they are eager and willing to work. When they come to me and need to work to earn their way, I say a silent prayer and put them to work. I have the faith that God will help us find a way to pay them."

*The Protestant
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College students.*



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