



Bicentennial in Salem notes past achievement

by Jack D. Sanford, *Editor*

It was a cloudy, rainy day Saturday, Aug. 24 as several hundred people gathered in the gym of Meade County Middle School to celebrate the 200th year of organization of Salem Baptist Association.

In 1785 four Baptist churches, Cedar Creek, Severns Valley, Coxs Creek and Beargrass Creek, joined together to form Salem Association. Of the original four, none remains in the association today. Cedar Creek and Coxs Creek are in Nelson Association, Severns Valley is in Severns Valley Association and Beargrass Creek is no longer a Baptist church.

The founding principle of the association is stated in the New Testament passage read 200 years ago and repeated by Billy D. Marcum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brandenburg. That passage is John 1:17, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

An interesting feature of the bicentennial celebration was availability of a 100-year-old circular letter read in the churches in 1885 whenever the circuit riding preacher was not present. Since the early association included nearly one-third of Kentucky, circuit riders were common.

The 1885 circular letter dealt with Christian fellowship. In describing fellowship the circular letter noted that "Christian fellowship . . . is everlasting in its nature . . . it widens the affections, stirs up the sympathies, and has its support in the word of God."

The circular letter offered, as a way to increase fellowship, sound doctrine. "The maintenance of sound doctrine," declared the letter, "in our opinion, will tend greatly to facilitate Christian fellowship . . . one can scarcely conceive of anything more detrimental to the

purity and prosperity of the church than the toleration of unsound doctrine."

The spirit of the bicentennial celebration indicates Salem Association has maintained strong, warm fellowship among the 19 churches which now constitute the association.

Earl Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and a former pastor of Ekron Baptist Church in Salem Association, brought the message of the day. Davis used Luke 15 as a basis of his message, intending to challenge the churches to continue the work of evangelism.

In addition to Davis, W. Fred Kendall, former pastor at Guston, Salem Association; J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church; and William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, were on the program. Howard Lamkin, chairman of the historical committee, was master of ceremonies. Moderator of the association is Kenneth Curry.

A bicentennial choir, under the direction of Charles Allen Blanc, pastor of Ekron Baptist Church, with Sharon McAdams as accompanist, provided special music, including a special arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The day's activities concluded with a reception for all present served by ladies from churches of the association.

For 200 years Salem Association has been a strong supporter of missions, evangelism and Christian education. In fact, the influence of this association goes around the globe because many Southern Seminary students served churches in the association as student pastors. These men are now in many places of service around the world.

The bicentennial festivities were to continue another week with a great Sunday school celebration with Harry Piland, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville, as principal speaker.

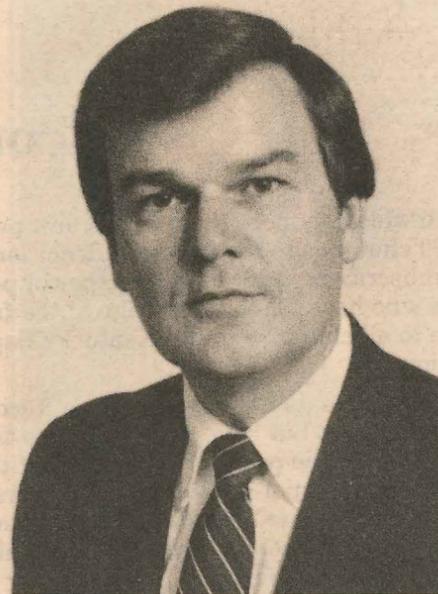
Hiroshima pastor dies 40 years after blast

Buntaro Kimura, 70, who was pastor of Hiroshima Baptist Church when the atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima, died Aug. 8.

Kimura was visiting his family in the country when the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. But he rushed back to the city when he heard of the disaster, risking his life in rescue and relief work. His church lay in rubble.

After World War II ended Kimura led the survivors in his small congregation to rebuild the church, with financial help from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

As a pastor in Hiroshima and Fukuoka, and later as president of the Japan Baptist Convention, Kimura helped lead Japanese Baptists to grow from 16 churches with 500 members to a current total of 276 churches and missions with 100,000 members. The convention is supporting and sends missionaries to Indonesia and Brazil. (BP)



Somerset staffer Cordell will fill Middletown post

by James H. Cox, *Associate Editor*

James M. Cordell, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Somerset, has been elected associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department.

Named by the KBC administrative committee meeting in Middletown Aug. 30, Cordell fills a vacancy created earlier this year when Don Spencer became director of the KBC Annuity Department.

A native of Cincinnati, Cordell is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and holds the MCM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He holds membership in Hymn Society of America, Choristers Guild of America, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, American Choral Directors Association, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, KBC State Music Council and Kentucky Baptist Chorale.

Cordell, 41, has taught music in the Lexington (Ky.) City Schools as well as at Somerset Community College and Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

His church staff music leadership includes service at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, 1960-63; Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, 1963-67; and Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, 1968-70. He has been on the staff of the Somerset church the last 15 years.

Cordell married the former Joyce Elaine Watkins in 1967. They are parents of two children, Julie Ann, 14, and Jason Martin, 10.

He will assume his new position in Middletown Sept. 16.

Vignettes begin

You've a treat ahead starting this week on page three and in subsequent issues this fall in Western Recorder.

Some time ago we said to our 16 state correspondents, let's go out and interview a number of Kentucky Baptists, and share what's happening in their lives that would be interesting to

Bill Powell resigns Journal editorship; Texan succeeds him, will still be pastor

Directors of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship have accepted the resignation of William A. (Bill) Powell of Buchanan, Ga., as editor of Southern Baptist Journal and elected an Austin, Tex., pastor as the new editor.

Dave Lucas, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Hill in Austin, was elected by about 16 directors from a half-dozen states attending the board meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga., just south of Atlanta. Names of the directors were not revealed.

Powell, who will be 60 Sept. 15, requested early medical disability retirement, saying he is unable to continue as editor because of a terminal illness.

While Powell did not speak to Baptist Press following the directors' meeting, he did provide a copy of his "last editorial," scheduled for publication in September. In it he wrote many people "have sensed that I am having problems with my health and my ability to produce a first class Journal and get them out on time. My health will not permit me to continue."

Powell said doctors had diagnosed a "terminal disease" last year but that BFMF directors encouraged him to continue for another year. "But it appears that the time has come to take disability retirement. It has been a hard year for me," he wrote.

Lucas, pastor of the Austin church for about a year, emphasized that he is a graduate of two Baptist institutions, Dallas Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and that he is not anti-Southern Baptist organizations.

He said, however, there is definitely a problem of liberalism in the SBC and that Southern Baptist Journal under his editorship would seek to document specific violations of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Lucas will continue as pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Hill. The church last year reported a total membership of 774 and a resident membership of 554, an average Sunday school attendance of 98 and SBC Cooperative Program gifts of \$2493. Lucas estimated the percentage of total gifts going to the Cooperative Program at about six percent.

Before going to the Austin church as pastor Lucas was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bryan, Tex. five years. Previously, he was pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church, Hobart, Ind. He earned the MDiv degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1978. (BP)

others. We particularly urged them to discover some lesser known or obscure individuals, whose names would not immediately be recognized statewide, yet who are doing something different, unique or who may be making a significant contribution to the quality of life where they are.

Our stringers enthusiastically responded to the request. The fruits of their labor begin this week. Enjoy.

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Jack D. Sanford

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It is gratifying to know that now 16,000 more copies of the paper will be in the hands of the people who make Baptist life so rich in our state. With the KBC on mission to establish 400 new churches and missions in our state by 1990, and to increase Sunday school enrolment by 25,000 persons and to encourage 1000 churches to increase their Cooperative Program giving by one percent, Western Recorder can be a powerful tool to accomplish these worthy mission goals. With 16,000 more readers these goals will be easier to reach.

Just a reminder to those of you who did not choose to take up the free offer: the paper costs only 10 cents a week (\$5 per year on the church budget plan) per member. That is a small price to pay for weekly news and information about what Baptists are doing in Kentucky and around the world. The mission awareness which comes with weekly reading of the state paper will increase the interest and participation of all church members and help the KBC reach the lofty goals already set.

We send our thanks to all those persons who did choose to take up our free offer. You have challenged us to do an even better job than we have done in the past. Now send us your comments and suggestions so that we may continue to improve the worth of the state paper. You have our solemn word that we will give careful attention to what you have to suggest, because we want the best news journal it is possible to have for the best people in the world.

We will pray the Lord will lead you and your church to stay in our family of readers. So, welcome to the family and may this be the start of something good for all of us.

Sun Myung Moon and taxes

A movement is under way by supporters of the Unification Church to have their spiritual leader, Sun Myung Moon, pardoned by President Reagan.

Moon has just completed a prison sentence for conspiring to evade income taxes on \$162,000 in unreported income. The move to pressure President Reagan into granting a pardon and thus removing the stigma of a prison sentence from Moon's record is done because his followers see his case as an attack on church-state separation. They feel Moon was discriminated against because the government did not like the practices of his church and thus interfered in church affairs as the only way to get at Moon.

When Moon was tried and found guilty many clergymen, including some Baptist preachers who should have known better, and civil libertarians raised a cry of protest. Though they had little regard for Moon or the policies of the Unification Church, these alarmists saw in Moon's trial and conviction a serious threat to all church leaders and a frightening challenge to a great constitutional principle.

Such is not the case in the Moon affair and Baptists of all people should not be hoodwinked into any support for Moon's plea for a pardon.

The legal proof against Moon that sent him to prison was clear. He broke the law by converting to personal use church funds. His prosecution, conviction

and imprisonment do not constitute a violation of church and state but rather bolster the American concept that crooks go to jail for their crimes when convicted in a court of law.

The fear of a legal precedent being set that would put all churches and pastors in jeopardy is far fetched bunk. The only precedent in this entire sordid affair is that whenever church funds, given by the faithful for advancement of the faith, are used to create and maintain a lavish lifestyle for the leader of the faith, that leader can expect to pay taxes on that money or go to jail.

These are critical days for defendants of the traditional American, and Baptist, ideal of separation of church and state. We serve ourselves poorly whenever we jump on any bandwagon which promises to protect our sacred constitutional right.

Moon was proven guilty in a court of law of using false records and documents, back dating certain financial statements and encouraging perjured testimony by high church officials designed to deceive government officials. Let all Southern Baptists applaud the federal government for applying the law in this case.

Let us also be warned that the shield of separation guaranteed by the constitution is no shield for illegal, self-serving acts. Let us never be guilty of using that shield for selfish gain nor to protect the guilty.

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for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3*

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by Robin Oldham

Profiles from my old Kentucky home

LOUISE SWITZER

Though she claims to be retired, Louise Switzer is one of those exceptionally enthusiastic persons whose zest for life and involvement in worthwhile causes seem endless.

Born in Franklin County, she was educated in the public schools there before entering Bethel Women's College, a two-year Baptist school in Hopkinsville. A graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and the University of Kentucky, she has spent nearly 50 years as a classroom instructor, guidance counselor and educational administrator in state government.

A member of North Fork Baptist Church, Franklin Association, she has been involved in nearly every facet of church life as a Sunday school teacher, vacation Bible school leader, choir member, director of children's choirs, pulpit committee member and director of Franklin Association's WMU.

Somehow, she has still found time



to be president of both the Frankfort Woman's Club and Kentucky's chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the international sorority of women educators.

Her many recognitions include an honorary doctorate and an alumni achievement award from Georgetown College and the Kearney Campbell Guidance Award given each year to the outstanding guidance counselor in the state. She is a life member of The Georgetown College Woman's Association and has served on the school's alumni advisory board. Additionally, she has coauthored two books and has been a faculty member at Georgetown.

While appreciating each of these recognitions, Mrs. Switzer says her greatest rewards are intangible.

"Having dedicated my life to helping people as a teacher and counselor, I find such fulfillment in seeing persons I've tried to help conquer life's difficulties to become responsible citizens and significant contributions to our world.

"I am convinced that there is a wealth of un tapped, God-given potential in each life," she says enthusiastically.

"It is a joy to be used by the Lord in helping others realize that each person is unique and has so much to contribute to our world."

BRACK MARQUETTE

One of the busiest people in and around Kentucky's capital city these days is a Grant County native whose hard work and considerable talent have already provided a wealth of memorable experiences for him in his young life.

As executive assistant of and communications director for Kentucky's 1200-member natural resources cabinet, Brack Marquette has seen his star rise rapidly. A graduate of Georgetown College, Marquette earned the master's degree at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, before entering the doctoral program at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Invited to teach at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, in 1978, he joined the faculty as chairman of the speech and theatre department. He stayed there until 1983 when he was asked to return to his home state to begin work for Martha Layne Collins



in her gubernatorial campaign.

Also experienced as a model and performer, Marquette has been featured in several commercials, but feels drawn to public and governmental affairs.

Working as the chief contact person with sometimes demanding reporters, Marquette has come to be appreciated by media representatives for his straight forward approach to their questions.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Marquette met Polly Marcum, his future wife, while teaching a Sunday school class. Married since last December, the Marquettes have bought their first home and are spending much of their spare time working in it.

Marquette sees his work in state government as an enjoyable challenge. He feels good about the credibility that is being nurtured under his leadership and wants legislators and the public-at-large to know that they get a fair response for any inquiry, complaint or suggestion.

"The one frustration I have in this position is the fact that there is little time to be creative," says Marquette.

"There are so many things I'd like to see accomplished. There is a special sense of calling to this job," he adds. "It's good to be a part of the challenge of state government and to feel the talents I have are helping make a difference."

JOY HADDEN

Joy Henderson and Steve Hadden were grade school sweethearts at Morningside Elementary in Elizabethtown until the day they decided to be "just friends." They continued that friendship throughout their days at Elizabethtown High School, but after graduation, the two went their separate ways as Joy enrolled at Stratford Women's College in Atlanta and Steve entered Georgetown College.

Called to preach as a teenager, Steve struggled with that feeling for some time. After two years at Georgetown, he transferred to Mercer University's pharmacy school and completed a degree.

Meanwhile, Joy had finished her course work and had become an airline stewardess, living in New York City. It seemed the two former sweethearts were drifting further apart.

All that changed in 1973 when Steve contacted Joy. Almost imme-



diately, their romance, dormant since junior high school days, was rekindled.

In a matter of months, the two were married and Steve had every intention of pursuing a career in pharmacy. However, once again, the Lord had other plans. The call he had made to Steve years before was also rekindled and the newlyweds were soon convinced that God wanted them to devote their lives to full time Christian ministry.

Today, the Haddens are parents of two sons, Tommy and Jonathan, and are living in Georgetown where Steve is pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Having served at Berean Baptist Mission, Pleasant Grove Church and Gilead Church (all in Severns Valley Association) and Burgin Church (Mercer Association), the Haddens have experienced spiritual growth and lasting rewards in each location.

The Haddens' ministry has been a partnership from the outset. Though there are pressures as a pastor's wife, Joy feels the positives greatly outweigh the negatives.

"I enjoy and especially appreciate the many opportunities we have to be included in every area of church life," she says.

A multitasking person who enjoys sewing and all kinds of crafts, Joy has found her work in church as Acteens director especially fulfilling.

"It's been so rewarding to be with these young women, to listen to their problems, share mutual concerns and grow together in faith.

"I feel very fortunate to be a pastor's wife," she states.

DAVE FORMAN

One of Dave Forman's memories of church is sitting on a pool table in a Masonic Lodge listening to a Sunday school lesson. Though somewhat less than traditional, this and other similar settings were familiar to Forman and his brother and sisters, raised by parents who have devoted much of their lives to home mission work in Kentucky and Ohio.

Deeply committed to the Lord and his work, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Forman and their children lived in several Kentucky and Ohio communities during Dave's childhood years.

"Our family lived by faith," states Forman. "As a result, we felt God's leadership in unmistakable ways."

Forman met his wife, the former Donna Fisher, at Georgetown College. The couple was married while still in school and were appointed home missionaries to Florida soon after their wedding in 1970.

After college, Dave was named an admissions counselor and later di-



rector of alumni and public relations at Campbellsville College.

He resigned from the Campbellsville staff after four years to enter the University of Kentucky believing he could find enough work to pay the bills.

Soon after making the decision to return to school in Lexington, he was asked to become financial aid director at Georgetown College. As a result, he was able to complete both the master's and doctoral degrees at UK while working full time.

Georgetown's location also has enabled the Formans to continue to be active in Donna's home church, Midway Baptist, Elkhorn Association.

A love for drama that begun years ago has resulted in a special ministry for Dave and his family.

Asked to assume a role in a creative worship service at Georgetown College, Dave began portraying characters from the Bible several years ago. Donna has joined Dave in these dramatic presentations and soon their three daughters will be included in these unique worship experiences.

"Ours is a very visual culture," says Forman. "The opportunity to share stories from the scriptures through the eyes of Peter, David, or Mary, can be extremely effective.

"Children enjoy these programs, especially," he adds. "However, I hope that persons of all ages can gain new insight and inspiration from this form of ministry."

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September is a special month for helping hands because it is the food shower month for Baptist Homes for Children. What a joy to see little children and adults buying staple food items for the children's homes. Each one has a chance to really do something personally in helping others. Thousands of hands—helping hands—reach out to select an item of food and take it to their church.

Many churches provide a special place for collecting the food. Then it is transported to designated pick-up points. Early in October we send out a big truck and gather up the food for the children's homes.

This special endeavor is a great boost in helping our food budget. It is also a marvelous opportunity for hosts of Baptists to go beyond the exercise of just giving. It is actually a chance to become personally involved in reaching out with helping hands and being a part of a ministry to children whose hands are stretching toward our helping hands. We cannot do everything, so it is necessary to give money in order that others can go where we cannot and do what we cannot do. Nevertheless, the food shower for Baptist Homes for Children provides an opportunity for us to stay sensitive to the fact that there are some things we can do with our own hands, and thus be personally involved.

Join with others in your church and make the food collection the best ever. As you extend helping hands to children in need, you will have wonderful "warm fuzzy" feelings in your heart.

Use of term "errors" is unfortunate

With regard to the July 7 Sunday school lesson written by John Durham on the book of Job, it is unfortunate that the Sunday School Board trustees chose the word "errors" to describe Durham's statements about Satan. It would have been more appropriate and honest to describe his statements in words such as "an interpretation that we do not agree with." Durham's statements certainly are not errors, as a careful reading of Job would indicate. The "adversary" is described in the book of Job as one meeting with the heavenly council who carries out his work only with the permission of God. He has characteristics different than our usual concept of Satan.

If the trustees and others are uncomfortable with Durham's statements, I can sympathize. Nevertheless, they are unwittingly taking issue with the book of Job itself, and not Durham, because Durham only states it the way the Bible says it. We must be careful before we label another interpretation as "error." Rather than using the principle of traditional interpretation, or what fits with our personal theology, we should use the principles of accuracy and honesty in determining what the scripture actually says. Thank you, Dr. Durham and editors, for your honesty and integrity.
Don Stogner, Louisville

The Bible binds us together

As you know, I tried to be positive and supportive of your difficult position as editor of Western Recorder. I feel that, in the main, you have done a good job. You have been fair and accurate in your editorials.

May I, however, raise a question for you concerning your editorial of Aug. 13, "Celebration or disappointment." In your opening sentence, you said "the Cooperative Program is what holds Southern Baptists together as a denomination." My question is, "What held Southern Baptists together before 1925?" Since the beginning, Baptists have been held together by the Bible. If indeed, that is our source of authority,

that is what binds us together.

One final suggestion. It seems to me that we could eliminate the term fundamentalists such as is used on page four, concerning Miss Fuller going to Yale as chaplain. Obviously there are people of different persuasions who feel differently about the ordination of women ministers. Therefore, it seems that we will still have a problem with headlines and derogatory comments—even inaccurate terms which will never lend itself to getting all of us together.

Allen F. Harrod, Bellevue

Encouragement then discouragement

In the Aug. 13 issue of Western Recorder I read with interest the first page article about "Peace Brothers." It sounded good—real encouraging.

Then I turned to page five and all my good feelings were drained away. There

was a story about the "fundamentalists" on the Home Mission Board meddling with a matter that has always belonged to the local church—ordination. Of course, the whole sordid story of that board meeting could not be told in print but thank the Lord T. L. McSwain stood tall and carried the day for truth and righteousness.

The other disturbing item was about W. Howard Bramlette resigning as editor of the Baptist Student magazine. Again, we don't have all the truth about a pastor so narrow he could not stand the truth about Moral Majority and led the charge for firing a man who felt Jesus was right when he said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The Peace Committee has a major job in getting elected board members to live up to Baptist principles and Christian ethics.

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

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Highview Baptist Church, Louisville	\$6,600
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First Baptist Church, Pikeville	\$5,524
First Baptist Church, Murray	\$4,952

(These figures were obtained from the state convention office and from the Church Uniform Letters.)

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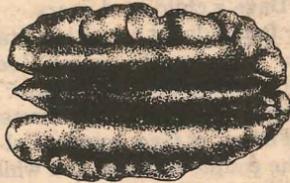


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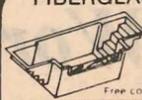
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Oct. 18 & 19—Baptist Women's Retreat	WMU
Oct. 25 & 26—Associational Pastoral Ministries	Fam. Min. & Church. Admin.
Nov. 1 & 2—Associational Officer's Briefing	KBC

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Sept. 27-28—Church Training Leadership	Church Tr., KBC
Oct. 4-5—Young Black Women Retreat	WMU
Oct. 7-8—Haworth Conference	Fam. Min. & Church Admin.
Oct. 11-12—Baptist Women/Husbands	WMU
Oct. 18-19—Baptist Young Women Retreat	WMU
Oct. 24—Pastoral Ministry Training	
Oct. 25-26—Associational Officer's Briefing	KBC

Western Recorder Youth Writing Competition

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

To enter the 1985 Youth Writing Competition it is necessary to write 500 words or less about a moving personal experience in which faith in Jesus Christ had an important part. It should be an actual personal experience.

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

Official rules:

1. Entrants must be between the ages of 15 and 22.
2. Entrants must write a first person story telling of some true personal moving experience in which their faith in Jesus Christ made a difference in their lives.
3. Entrants must be members of Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky.
4. All manuscripts must be the original work of the person submitting the entry and must be written in English.
5. Manuscripts must be typed, double spaced, with an absolute maximum of 500 words.
6. Manuscripts must be mailed to: Youth Writing Competition, Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, Oct. 19, 1985, and include name of author, home address, telephone number, birth date, parents' or guardian's name and author's church membership. Winners will be notified by mail prior to announcement in Western Recorder.
7. Manuscripts become the property of Western Recorder and none will be returned.
8. Authors of the top five manuscripts, as judged by the editors of Western Recorder, will receive cash awards of \$50.00 each.
9. Western Recorder also reserves the right to declare no winner.
10. Western Recorder employes, interns, stringers and directors and their families, and previous winners of this competition are ineligible to participate in this competition.

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What's a "workship"? Well, it's the same as a scholarship, except it isn't free. It has to be earned through hard work.

U.S. News & World Report's survey in 1983 identified Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District as one of the nation's financially poorest districts, with a per capita income of \$4,470. Those folks are talking about us.

So you see, our students -- 90 percent of them, in fact -- need financial aid if they are to earn their college degrees.

Most of our students come to Cumberland College from a 17-county area in the heart of the rugged mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Many students come with little money, but Cumberland tries never to turn its back on them.

We do not offer them a "handout". Frankly, they don't want it, wouldn't take it, and don't believe in it.

The most important question we ask is, "Are you willing to work, at any job necessary, in order to earn your college degree?"

Usually, the answer is a determined "Yes!"

So, in the tradition that makes America great, they work: digging and hauling dirt, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning windows, washing dishes, carrying out the garbage, doing any job necessary in order to earn their way.

No job is too menial or too back-breaking.

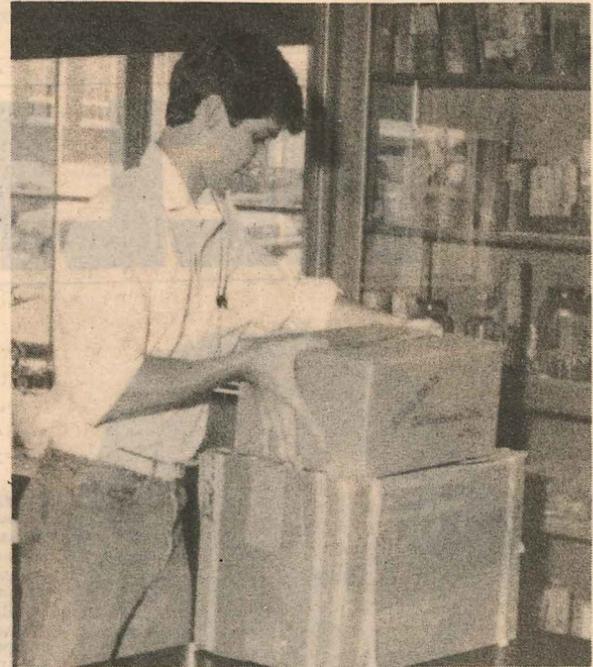
Presently, over 600 students work an average of 13 hours a week at minimum wage just to help pay for their college expenses. That's 7,800 hours of hard work each week!

Many more want to work. There is usually a waiting list of 150-200 willing students who would work if we only had the money to pay them.

On any day, visit our beautiful campus (kept that way, in part, by student workers) and see our students as they work: sweeping and mopping floors, washing dishes, typing and filing, cleaning windows, digging and hauling, carrying out the garbage . . . the list could go on.

At Cumberland College, hard work is more than a "buzz" word.

At Cumberland College, hard work is a way of life.



Dr. Taylor,

Please send me more information about Cumberland College and its "workship" program.

Name _____

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baptist forum

Appreciation for student ministries

Resolution:

Whereas the Kentucky Baptist Convention Student Work Department has wisely practiced stewardship of Cooperative Program monies in sponsoring student mission teams, and

Whereas two of these teams, Son Celebration and Son Share, have worked with great effort and effectiveness both in local churches and in Salem Association's Town By the River Days outreach effort,

Be it resolved that we extend to the Student Work Department and these two teams a word of encouragement for their remaining work as well as a message of thanks for their ministry and effort.

Salem Association of Baptists

Reader reflects on China

In July I had a unique opportunity to meet and learn from some incredible, Christian people. I am writing this letter in an attempt to share some of my impressions of this meeting.

The U. S.-China Education Foundation sponsored a symposium in Nanjing, China. The title of the symposium was "The Church in China—A New Day." The meeting brought together Chinese pastors, teachers and laypeople from various churches in the United States. The purpose was to learn about each other, to learn from each other, and, in the process, perhaps learn something more about God.

China is a country of one billion people. One quarter of the world's population living in an area similar in size to the United States. Imagine multiplying the population of Kentucky, or your town or county by four. Among these billion people, only about 12 percent of the population profess any religious belief. Only 0.4 percent of the population is Christian. To the 99.6 percent who do not believe, Christianity is simply a superstition.

There have been many changes in the past five or six years. One dramatic change has been the position of the Chinese government regarding religious freedom. Only within the past year the Chinese constitution was changed. Instead of guaranteeing freedom from religion, it now says that Chinese are free to believe or not believe in religion.

The Cultural Revolution, which began around 1965, was not aimed only at religion but at anything that had intellectual or cultural value. Art, music, writing, education and religion were considered decadent influences and contrary to the revolutionary spirit of Chinese Communism. Anyone and everyone, regardless of class or background was suspect. Teachers, artists, seminarians, pastors, students and even some Communist party officials were removed from their universities, seminaries, schools and offices. They were physically and mentally abused and sent to work in factories and farms, often doing the most menial work.

The Red Guard took the one remaining seminary (at Nanjing) for their local headquarters. Church buildings throughout China were converted to factories or apartments. Pastors were given other work. Bibles and hymnals were burned. The freedom to congregate each week for worship no longer existed. Any fellowship for this purpose was outside of the law and could be punished.

For 15 years the Chinese Christians were in this kind of darkness. But during this time they learned. They learned about reliance on God. They

had no Bibles, no church buildings, no hymnals, only communion with God through prayer. They learned about the preciousness of the Bible; verses that had been committed to memory were treasured and shared and valued for the comfort they gave. They learned lessons of fellowship, mutual support and mutual respect regardless of denomination and doctrine.

Five years ago the darkness began to recede and today Chinese Christians are experiencing a "new day." After 15 years of repression, after everything had been taken away, God has worked in history and much of what was lost has been returned. These Chinese people with characteristic courage that comes only from a strong faith have taken up the challenge and have re-established the seminary and the churches.

In spite of some restrictions, the National Three Self Church has re-opened or newly established 3500 churches in the past five years. Bibles and hymnals are being printed. Last year 95 students graduated from the Nanjing Theological Seminary and a new seminary is to be opened soon. House churches are growing and lay pastors are receiving training through correspondence courses published by the seminary. In 1949 there were 700,000 Christians in China. Today, even by the most conservative estimates, in spite of the Cultural Revolution, there are three to four million Christians.

The important point is that God is working in China. God is working through the National Three Self Church which is dedicated to self-administration, self-supported and self-propagation. The purpose of the Three Self commitment is to make the Chinese Christian Church completely Chinese. In this way it is more likely to be accepted by millions of Chinese who have had no exposure to the Christian faith. They are more likely to listen to another Chinese than a foreigner. The seeds planted by foreign missionaries like Lottie Moon and others have indeed borne great fruit.

Like many other Americans attending the conference, I asked pastors and church leaders, "What can American Christians do for Chinese Christians?" Being Southern Baptist I was thinking along the lines of missionaries, or Bibles, or financial support. Their answer put my thoughts to shame. Invariably they answered, "Pray for us." So simple a request but so difficult for many busy Americans to accomplish. It is certainly easier to spend money than to spend time in prayer.

There is much that we as American Christians and as Southern Baptist Christians can learn from our brothers and sisters in China. The people I met had a spirit of humility and reliance on God that is rare to see. I felt God's presence very strongly in the Bible studies and meetings that occurred in Nanjing and in the church services I attended while in China.

If nothing else, I realized the true universality of God's spirit. From southeastern Kentucky to China, he is the same God, inspiring all who know him to love.

Alice Stewart, Williamsburg

The cause of 'burnout'

Mention has been made in the press about "ministerial burnout." Forty percent of the men who go into the ministry are abandoning the ministry and going into other lines of work. It is in all denominations. Southern Baptists alone are losing 1000 men a year from

our pulpits.

One of the main reasons for ministerial burnout is the fact that, in the vast majority of churches, about 75 percent of the church members never darken the church door. They expect the church to keep their names on the church roll as members in good standing, but they have no intention of attending the church or taking an active part in the life of the church. The pastor and other church officers and teachers make every effort to enlist these inactive members, usually without results.

The result is that so many pastors, broken in spirit and sometimes broken in health, abandon the ministry almost with tears in their eyes. When they leave the ministry, they are accused of not being called of God. People who have no intention of attending their churches should be honest enough to say so, and ask the church clerk to remove their names from the church roll.

Steps should be taken by the churches to make sure applicants for membership are genuinely born-again Christians. In Ezek. 36:26 we read, "A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you . . ." Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Paul said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." God performs a miracle on people who "seek the Lord while he may be found" (Isa. 55:6) and makes different people of us, with a new lifestyle, new priorities and a new purpose in life. Christ, the church and the Bible become of utmost importance to us.

Several steps are being taken to remedy this problem. One is to have a committee of trained people interview every applicant for church membership and make sure they have had an experience of grace. Another is an indoctrination class for new members. Another is to update the church roll at periodic intervals and drop the names of inactive members.

The late W. O. Carver, who for many years was a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, once related an experience he had in England. He attended a church which had 600 members, but had 1285 in Sunday school. The explanation was that the church would not receive a new

member until they were certain he or she had had a conversion experience and were born-again Christians.

Walter M. Averett, Lexington

Missionary thanks KBC

Dear members of Kentucky Baptist churches,

My mother always taught that thank you letters should be sent upon receipt of a gift, but this one is overdue. On Aug. 11, my wife, Kathy, and I were appointed as missionaries to Bolivia. Our decision took several years to reach. For me, the beginning was in a mission emphasis week at Cumberland College. It was the first time I had met a missionary. While attending Southern Seminary and working at Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, the journey continued.

I want to thank Kentucky Baptists for providing a quality Christian education for a young man from Ohio. My parents were from the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee and going to college was a first in my family. Your generous contributions to the Cooperative Program allowed me the possibility to attend college and seminary. The professors at Cumberland taught me much more than book knowledge; they taught me about life.

The majority of you do not know me, but the gratitude I feel comes from my heart. May you continue to support all of your educational institutions in order for others to be able to follow God's will for their lives.

Thank you Kentucky Baptists!

J. C. Harville, Louisville

Input sought on puppet ministry

You were asking for more letters for the Baptist Forum. How about a discussion on puppets in worship services? Christ said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."

Didn't I read at the Knoxville World's Fair we Baptists had puppets at the entrance of our exhibition to draw people inside? And now all this disagreement at our convention.

Moses said in Deut. 4:23-28 not to make ourselves in Deut. the likeness of anything. If we did he would "scatter us and destroy us." What are the thoughts on this subject?

S. Wheeler, Paducah

A word of thanks

Norma and I would like to express our gratitude to all who helped make our mission trip to Kenya a success: Little River Baptist Association, Cadiz Baptist Church and the individuals who provided books for the 21 students which I taught. I am also grateful for the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership. This is a great venture of faith and I believe it will have good results for both Kentucky and Kenya Baptists.

This was the greatest experience of my life. I came home with a greater appreciation for the Cooperative Program and our Foreign Mission Board. The quality and commitment of our foreign missionaries is superb. Many of them serve in some of the most difficult places in the world. The work is slow amidst poverty and disease which America has not seen. My life will never be the same. I will have a more intent prayer life for the missionaries and national pastors who work with such selflessness and commitment. I hope every pastor and many laypersons

from Little River have an opportunity to share in and see this work.

Don and I are especially grateful for Norma. Had she not gone and assisted us we could not have fulfilled our assignments.

There is a desperate call for mission evangelistic teams from Kentucky. Teams are to be one pastor and one layman to do revivals in September and October 1985. The call is for 26 teams. It will not be ideal situations. They will be sleeping in tents by the churches. They will need to carry in all their food and water and cook on camp stoves. The revivals will be great because the Kenyans are a loving and grateful people and very appreciative.

Ralph Benningfield
Little River Assoc.

Editor's Note: The above is part of a letter sent to the people of Little River Association by DOM Ralph Benningfield upon his return from Kenya. We publish this as an example of the kind of spiritual growth which can occur when our people go on mission for Christ.

Week of Prayer for State Missions

September 8-13

1985 Eliza Broadus Offering Goal: \$480,000



This girl reads her Bible on a hillside above Oneida Baptist Institute's chapel. Oneida benefits from the annual state missions offering.

Touch and Tell

State missions cause rooted in rich Kentucky heritage

The cause of state missions in Kentucky harkens back to a rich heritage as it strives to meet contemporary needs of the commonwealth.

This year the Eliza Broadus Offering for state missions hopes to attain \$480,000 to assist in a wide assortment of mission work. However, this network of mission activities owes tribute to a group of dedicated individuals who had a vision for missions.

One woman who was instrumental in early missionary work among Kentuckians was Agnes Osborne. Miss Osborne was editor of *The Heathen Helper*, a magazine dedicated to the cause of home, foreign and state missions.

Miss Osborne encouraged women throughout the south to write about their state's work. It became the official publication of several women's missions societies.

Sally Priest began a hospital ministry at Kentucky Baptist Hospital in 1924. Seeing the need of a hospital ministry, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union provided half her salary and made supplies for the hospital.

This ministry was the forerunner of the hospital chaplaincy program.

Eliza Broadus, daughter of John Broadus, the famed homiletics profes-

or at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was president of the Central Committee of the women's missions societies in Kentucky from 1887-1919.

She was elected vice president from Kentucky when Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, was formed in 1888.

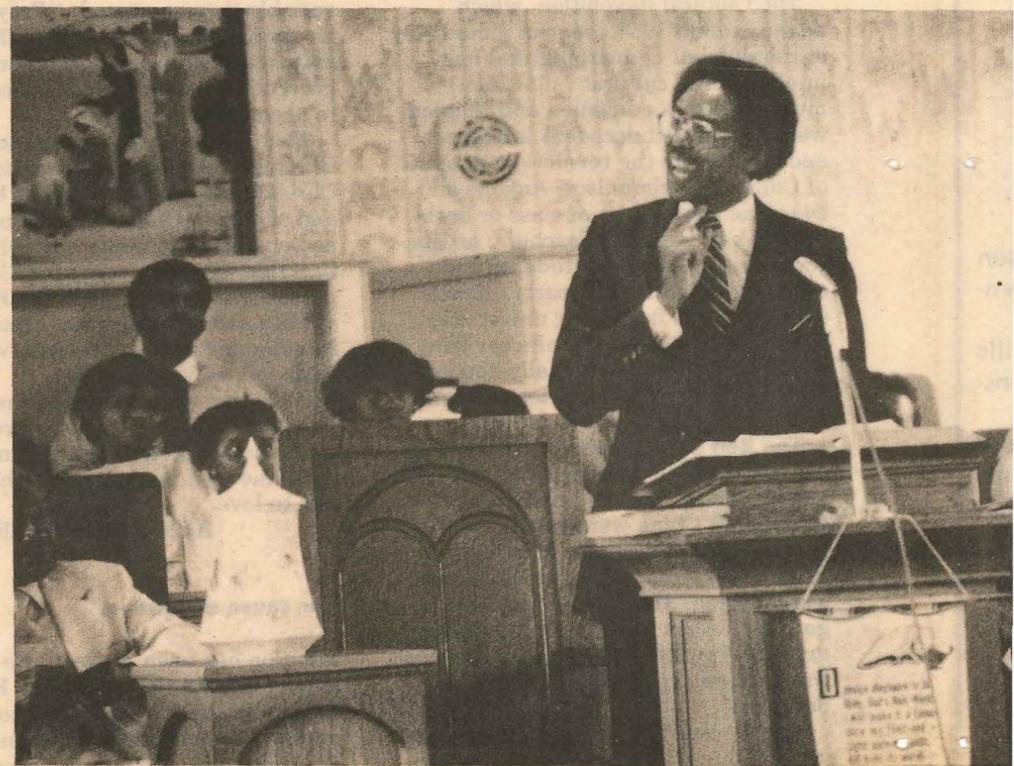
Miss Broadus led Kentucky WMU to promote a special season of prayer in 1913 for state missions. In 1976 her work in initiating the emphasis on state missions was recognized by having the annual offering named in her honor.

This year Kentucky WMU is attempting to carry on the tradition inherited from these pioneering women.

The theme of the Week of Prayer Sept. 8-15 is "Touch and Tell." Dolores Gilliland, executive director-treasurer of Kentucky WMU, says the theme accurately describes the ministry of Jesus.

"Christ was a touching person," Mrs. Gilliland explained. "He cared about people in an age when it was popular to feel nothing and touch nothing."

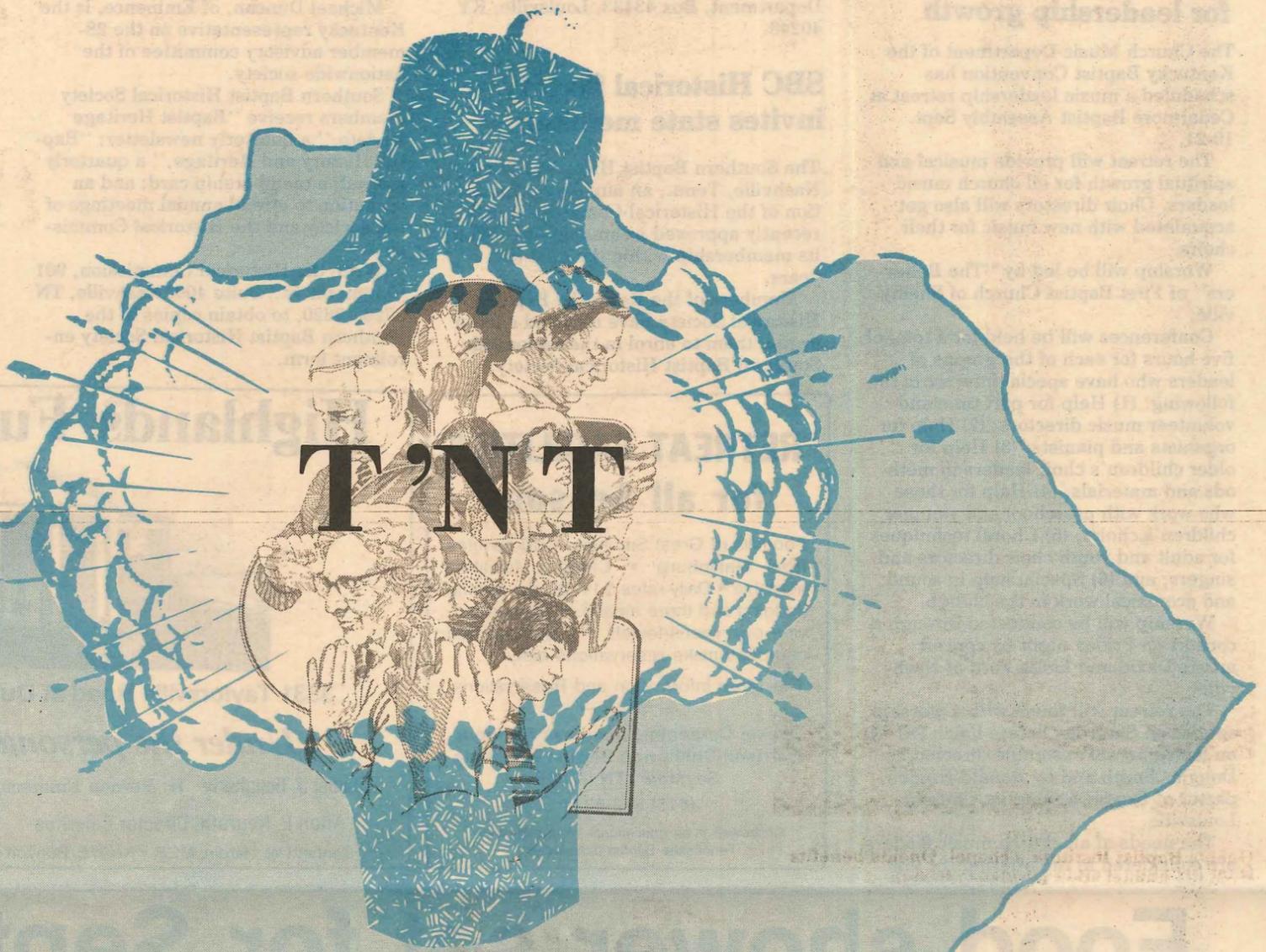
"In this day and age we are his eyes, (because) we see the needs," she shared. "We are his ears (because) we hear the needs. And we are his hands to do something about the needs."



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Kentucky Baptist Convention Budget Allocation

Missionaries	
Salaries and Benefits (state missionaries)	\$ 90,000
Student Summer Workers	7,500
Furloughing Missionaries	500
Mountain Pastors' Travel	8,000
Buildings	
Church Building Grants	58,000
Camps and Assemblies Major Repairs and Renewals	60,000
Scholarships	
Seminary Extension	700
Matching Scholarships	30,000
Interracial Work	
Fellowship Center Workers	8,400
Language Missions	25,400
Conferences	
Senior Adults	2,500
Teachers of Mentally Retarded	300
Student Work	
Bible for Internationals	500
International Student Ministry	14,000
Evangelism Outreach '85	5,000
Volunteer College Student Workers' Conference	1,200
Student Mission Education	2,500
Orientation and Debriefing of summer missionaries	1,500
Pre-School College Student Retreat	2,100
Community College Area Retreats	1,000
Career Missions Workshop	800
Special Projects	
Special Kentucky Missions Project, 1986-90	2,500
Kentucky Hunger Project	7,000
Bold Mission Thrust	9,000

Total\$338,400

Kentucky WMU Activities Budget Allocations

Missionaries and Family Nurture	
Western Recorder to foreign missionaries	\$ 1,000
MK Fund (two \$100 gifts per year)	500
MK Retreats	1,000
Furloughing Missionary Dinner, KBC	750
Scholarships	
College BYW Presidents	1,300
Deaf Work	400
Interracial Work	
Field Workers	1,500
Simmons Mission Department	500
International Friendship Clubs	4,000
Ethnic Womens Work	600
Activities	
State Missions Week of Prayer Material	15,000
WMU Activities	15,850
Age-level Activities	12,450
Cedar Crest Camp and Workshop	29,000
Jonathan Creek Camp	12,000
Miscellaneous	
Clear Creek (Nursery)	2,500
Oneida Baptist School	2,500
Mountain Missions Conference, Oneida	750
Marrowbone Center Van	3,000
Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (Seminary Interns)	5,000
Race Track Ministry Intern	2,400
Resort Ministries, Land Between the Lakes Area	1,000
Undesignated	28,600

TOTAL\$141,600

GOAL — \$480,000



the Eliza Broadus offering.

baptist news in brief

Music retreat aims for for leadership growth

The Church Music Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has scheduled a music leadership retreat at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Sept. 19-21.

The retreat will provide musical and spiritual growth for all church music leaders. Choir directors will also get acquainted with new music for their choirs.

Worship will be led by "The Believers" of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville.

Conferences will be held for a total of five hours for each of the groups of leaders who have special interest in the following: (1) Help for part time and volunteer music directors; (2) Help for organists and pianists; (3) Help for older children's choir leaders in methods and materials; (4) Help for those who work with preschool and younger children's choirs; (5) Choral techniques for adult and youth choir directors and singers; and (6) Special help in sound and acoustical work in the church.

Worship will be conducted through a concert on Friday night by concert artists David and Linda Ford of Nashville.

The retreat will finish with a worship service on Saturday before lunch led by an instrumental ensemble directed by Douglas Smith and by Ronald Higdon, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

The needs of all church music leaders are considered in the offerings of this

music leadership retreat. Request registration form from the Church Music Department, Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40243.

SBC Historical Society invites state members

The Southern Baptist Historical Society, Nashville, Tenn., an auxiliary organization of the Historical Commission, SBC, recently approved a campaign to double its membership within the next two years.

Members of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society have received a letter urging them to enrol in the nationwide Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Membership is open to all Baptists interested in Baptist heritage.

Michael Duncan, of Eminence, is the Kentucky representative on the 28-member advisory committee of the nationwide society.

Southern Baptist Historical Society members receive "Baptist Heritage Update," a quarterly newsletter; "Baptist History and Heritage," a quarterly journal; a membership card; and an invitation to attend annual meetings of the society and the Historical Commission.

Write the Historical Commission, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3620, to obtain copies of the Southern Baptist Historical Society enrollment form.

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Food shower set for September

It's that time of year again. Time for the Fifth Annual September Food Shower sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. This is a popular project that collects thousands of dollars worth of food each year to help feed youth who are in the care of the agency.

During the entire month of September interested individuals and Baptist groups are encouraged to donate food. In some instances the food staples will be taken to their churches and then delivered to regional pick-up points. In other cases the collected items will be transported directly to regional sites. From these places the food will be distributed to Baptist Children's Homes at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale, and the Temporary Shelters in Elizabethtown and Dixon.

Canned goods and other staples are suggested foods to be donated. The agency also encourages farmers to donate pork or beef that has been "USDA Inspected". Home-canned products cannot be accepted because of government regulations. All food should be packed in boxes with tops in case stacking is necessary.

"The Food Shower means more to our agency than words can express," said Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director. "First, it makes people all over the state conscious of the fact that we exist and have needs. This is because the Women's Advisory Board and all of our Child Care Representatives promote it.

"Second, it's a tremendous boost for us because the Food Shower gives people a chance to do something personally for the homes. They select the food, take it to the church and some even transport the foodstuffs to regional pick-up sites. They have done something with their own hands to help us.

"Third, it's a boost to us because the Food Shower has amounted to approximately \$20,000 in value in each of the last few years. This enables the homes to stay within their food budgets and avoid large increases in expenditures," Taylor said.

Children in the Baptist Homes also have need for personal supplies such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, powder, shampoo, and lotions. These items can be delivered to the pick-up points along with the food for distribution and use. (Remember that the average age of Spring Meadows and Glen Dale residents is fourteen or fifteen).

For the location of a regional pick-up point in your area, see the list below or call the development office in Middletown. Tom Moore, Director of Development/Communications, will be happy to answer any questions regarding the September Food Shower. Telephone 245-2101 or toll free 1-800-292-9440.

Financial contributions will be accepted and should be directed to the attention of Rev. Tom Moore, Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

pick-up points listed

Southwestern Region:

West Union Associational Office, Paducah
First Baptist Church, Mayfield
Caldwell-Lyon Associational Office, Princeton
Christian County Associational Office, Hopkinsville
First Baptist Church, Murray

Central Region:

Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale
Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown

Southeastern Region:

First Baptist Church, Corbin
First Baptist Church, Hazard
Corinth Baptist Church, London
Barbourville Baptist Church, Barbourville

North Central Region:

Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger
Central Baptist Church, Lexington

Northeastern Region:

Unity Baptist Church, Ashland
First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg
First Baptist Church, Pikeville
Campton Baptist Church, Campton

Western Region:

Green Valley Associational Office, Henderson
Muhlenberg County Associational Office, Central City
Little Bethel Associational Office, Madisonville
Daviess-McLean Associational Office, Owensboro
Ohio County Associational Office, Hartford
Blackford Associational Office, Hawesville
Ohio Valley Associational Office, Sturgis

Southern Region:

Bethel/Logan Baptist Building, Russellville
Warren Associational Office, Bowling Green
Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow

South Central Region:

First Baptist Church, Somerset
First Baptist Church, Danville
Greensburg Baptist Church, Greensburg

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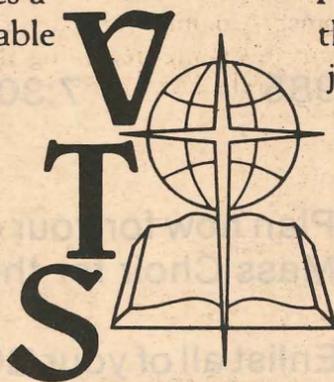
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GRAYSON	October 1, 1985	7:30 P.M.	First Baptist Church
HOPKINSVILLE	September 30, 1985	7:30 P.M.	Second Baptist Church
LEXINGTON	October 17, 1985	7:30 P.M.	Gardenside Baptist Church
LOUISVILLE	October 3, 1985	7:30 P.M.	Highview Baptist Church
MADISONVILLE	October 3, 1985	7:30 P.M.	First Baptist Church
PADUCAH	October 1, 1985	7:30 P.M.	First Baptist Church
PRESTONSBURG	September 30, 1985	7:30 P.M.	First Baptist Church
SOMERSET	October 3, 1985	7:30 P.M.	First Baptist Church

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Mortality and eternity

I have been reminded recently of my mortality. First, I attempted two physical feats which were easily accomplished when I was 20. I found out quickly that now there were not difficult—they were impossible! It reminds me of the saying that if someone can do physically at 40 what he did at 20, then he wasn't doing much at 20.

I also reached my 39th celebration of birth (for the 10th time). This reminded me that Theodore Sorensen's description of life as "a precious, impermanent gift," and of Edward Young's definition of life as "dust, which frugal nature lends man for an hour."

Finally, I felt "mortality weigh heavily on me like unwilling sleep" when I failed a stress test. Have you ever taken two complete physicals and two stress tests in the same week. I hasten to add that I passed the second stress test and that all of the final results showed me to be in excellent health. It could be that I am pushing my body too much and too fast to accomplish all that I can for the Lord and Clear Creek.

Needless to say, God has spoken to me this summer. First, I am convinced that life is very short. Pliny said, "Nature has given to man nothing of more value than shortness of life." George Herbert says that life is "something half spent before we know what it is." Isaiah said, "All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the fields. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth . . ." (Is. 40:6-7).

I am also convinced that eternity is what is important, not mortality. Though our outward man is perishing (mortality) our inward man grows stronger day by day (eternity). Light present afflictions simply work a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Someday mortality will be swallowed up in life (2 Cor. 5:4) and we shall enter the Sunday of time, where there is no where and no when. Death shall be swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:54).

Sir Walter Raleigh, the night before his execution, wrote in his Bible:

"Even such is time, that takes in trust/Our youth, our joys, our all we have,/And pays us but with age and dust;/Who in the dark and silent grave,/When we have wandered all our ways,/Shuts up the story of our days,/But from this earth, this grave, this dust,/My God, shall raise me up, I trust!

Three music pros serve same Louisville church

Local church work helps these men stay in touch with ministry needs

by Susan Shaw

Not many churches have the dean of a school of church music as their minister of music. Fewer yet would also have professors of church music as orchestral director and organist.

Yet that's the situation at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. Organist Ron Boud joined the church staff in 1978. He was followed by Doug Smith as orchestral director in the fall of 1984 and Milburn Price, who became minister of music in May of this year. All three of these staff members are also on the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

According to Price, this unique situation offers some definite advantages to both St. Matthews and the seminary. Because each of its music ministers' vocation is to train people for church music ministry, each tries to stay abreast of new and creative ways to do music ministry.

Also, Price points out, Smith and Boud travel throughout the Southern Baptist Convention frequently to teach music leadership conferences. "For a church to have people who are recognized in the convention as leaders in



[l-r] Doug Smith, Ron Boud and Milburn Price.

their fields of expertise is unique," he comments.

Price says the relationship already established by their work at the seminary provides an easy transition for their functioning together in the church. "Each of us has a similar concern about the relationship between what we do here (the seminary) and what should happen in the local church," he explains. He describes their working relationship as "healthy, congenial and cooperative."

Price feels his work in a local church is important because it helps him maintain balance.

"I have felt throughout my life as a teacher that maintaining a position in a local church is important so that my teaching doesn't become just theoretical, but stays in tune with practical needs of ministry in the local church," Price indicates.

Price's goal for the music ministry of St. Matthews Baptist Church is "to enable music to assist to the highest degree of effectiveness the basic ministries of the church—worship, Christian education, and outreach. Music in the church does not exist for itself but for what it contributes to the total life of the church."

Crooked Creek Baptist Church celebrates 150th anniversary in timeless beauty

by Pauline Stegall, State Correspondent

I went back in time for 100 years the morning I went to Crooked Creek. As I topped the hill, the idyllic panorama spread before me, and I caught my breath. The aged cemetery nestled in the crescent shaped drive and spread beyond the church, disappearing into the woods. The church gleamed in the early morning sun as it must have done when it was first built. There was no sound after I turned off the motor of my car, save the singing of birds.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary June 21. There was preaching, old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds and music. And memories of rich history.

Even though Crooked Creek was organized in 1835, it dates back further. It was established as an arm of Old Salem Baptist Church, some 15 miles away, in 1809. People in those days traveled the rutted trails through dust or mud as far as 30 miles to worship. So arms of mother churches were established so that church attendance would not be so difficult.

And things were difficult in western Kentucky in 1809. Kentucky had been a state just 17 years. There was Indian trouble, a severe financial depression and morals were low. But in spite of these drawbacks, Crooked Creek grew and became independent in 1835.

The Baptists bought, from the Presbyterians, a log building which had housed Bethany Presbyterian Church since 1803. It was on the banks of Crooked Creek (in the part of Livingston County now Crittenden County) and known as "the old log church." They organized the United Baptist Church of Christ at Crooked Creek, now known as Crooked Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The constitution, articles of faith and rules of decorum that were compiled are still in use.

Crooked Creek, tiny as it is, has had several claims to distinction. It is the birthplace of the Ohio River Association. Fifteen churches, in 1883, which had asked for dismissal letters from Little River Association for the purpose of forming an association, met at Crooked Creek for two days, and Ohio River Association was formed.

In 1884 a group of men from Crooked Creek helped organize the first United Baptist Church of Christ at Marion, the county seat of Crittenden County.

The present building was dedicated in 1870. It had cost \$999.75.

Mrs. Rebecca Fritz, who has been a member for 56 years, accompanied me on my early morning visit. She called my attention to the two front doors.

"The one on the left was for the women and the one on the right for the men," she said. "Then the men would sit in the amen corner near the pulpit and the women on the other side."

We stepped inside and sank deep into carpet, then sat on modern pews. Mrs. Fritz called my attention to a chandelier hanging above the altar.

It was hung when the church was built 115 years ago. If course, it has been electrified.

Then we examined an antique table and chair in the front of the church.

"This is the table that was used the day the association was formed," Mrs. Fritz explained.

"The day the church was dedicated an infare was held here," Mrs. Fritz said. She told of an old custom to welcome a newly married couple. "They would eat, have fellowship and wish the couple Godspeed."

The morning sermon for the celebration was delivered by Charles Cloyd, instructor at Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield, who attended Crooked Creek when he was growing up. Former pastors spoke in the afternoon, and James Cash, of Princeton, presented "The Tabernacle."

Several members are direct descendants of charter members.

Crooked Creek is presently without a pastor. The membership is down to 36 since some of the oldest members have recently died. But enthusiasm is high. The church is ready to begin new Sunday school rooms.

Crooked Creek is ready for another century of serving.



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oneida journal

'A week of magic'

One of the rewards of our labor and daily struggle at Oneida is hearing from parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents of students whose lives we have touched.

A good sample of such a letter is the following from a distant city: "I have often wondered how you folks at Oneida can keep a reasonable amount of patience, much less your sanity! I assume that a good percentage of your student body is not at Oneida because they are angels.

"I know I sent a 'potential' to you that had misplaced his halo and his wings were not working at all!

"I have seen a week of magic with Jack while he was home for vacation. I see a big change in him. I now know that he is not only trying but is having some success in directing his life in a positive way.

"Oneida provided the opportunity for Jack to make these changes, and it is to your credit that this is happening.

"He was very cooperative and worked hard to help me in the house, and it would take three more pages to list all the fix-it projects Jack accomplished. He helped my dad put bales of hay up in a barn. He told dad he was an 'old hand' at hay bailing because he learned that at Oneida.

"It probably is not proper for me to discuss another student, but it points out that Oneida, in some cases, not only

redirects young minds' way of thinking, but saves their lives, spiritually and physically.

"I did not know Maynard or his family prior to his coming to Oneida. He was referred through a mutual friend. Anyhow, I told him to do me, Jack, and Oneida a favor and refer only good kids. The doctor replied to me that he considered Oneida to be the last resort to save this boy's life. So many things had been done with little success. He said that statistically Maynard would be dead from an overdose or suicide before he reached age 16. I have trouble relating to this because I don't understand why.

"Anyway at the bus station I saw Maynard with his hair cut, a smile on his face, and though he wasn't jumping up and down saying he could hardly wait to get back to Oneida, when the bus pulled up two kids quickly gathered up all their treasures to hop on the bus. I feel my Jack already knows that Oneida will provide the opportunity to get his act together. I have the feeling Maynard suspects the answer for him is down at Oneida, Ky. but he isn't about to admit it yet!

"We adults need positive feedback too. That's why I am writing you. You are all giving of yourselves to provide something special, a different way of life to youngsters. THANKS."

A mother writes of her children. "I believe that one year at Oneida has been more beneficial to them than three years in public school. I believe a good education is the most important thing in a child's life. You cannot go very far without it.

"I don't wish my children to have to do manual labor the rest of their lives as I am doing. They have also learned some very important values at your school and for that I thank you very much.

"I will get my account with you paid as soon as possible. Of course, what I owe you cannot be paid in money. Money cannot pay for the things my children have learned and experienced in the past year."

A Catholic mother writes sending a \$50 donation: "I will never be able to thank you enough for helping our child and us last year. May God bless you always for this."

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 8, 1985

International Series

Christ, our guide

Philippians 3:13-21 Approaching the end of his career, Paul recalled many of his notable accomplishments, but all of these he regarded as inconsequential in comparison with the priceless privilege of knowing Christ as savior and Lord. Paul stated he was dissatisfied with his attainments, what he had done for his Lord, who had done so much for him. His achievements served as a stimulus for greater endeavors for Christ.

Paul told his readers he was devoted to a single aim. He said, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind." On the basis of his knowing what to forget and what to remember, he challenged his readers to forget the things that cripple, hinder and defeat.

Philippians 4:1, 4-9 Addressing the Christians at Philippi, Paul declared that they were in his heart and mind, that he cherished fond memories of them, and that he was yearning to see them again. Referring to them as "his joy and crown," Paul exhorted them to "stand fast in the Lord," which admonition is just as timely for us as it was for them.

"Rejoice in the Lord always" is a difficult duty to perform, but it is most pleasing to Christ when it is done. Christians are admonished to rejoice in

Christ in all circumstances for his sake, for the sake of others, and for their own sake.

Life and Work Series

The privilege of sharing

2 Corinthians 8:1-12 With a view to prompting the Corinthian Christians to faithfulness and generosity in giving, Paul delighted to cite the wonderful liberality of the churches in Macedonia who generously shared their limited means with the suffering saints in Jerusalem. Their personal hardships and afflictions never made them unmindful of the trials and tribulations of others. They did not lament their trying circumstances, nor grieve because they were less fortunate than anybody.

They gave cheerfully from the depths of their poverty rather than from the abundance of riches. Their remarkable expression of love stemmed from the fact that they were yielded Christians. They "first gave themselves to the Lord."

The Macedonian Christians had given so cheerfully, so generously, and so sacrificially that Paul was almost ashamed to receive what they gave. Paul charged Titus to continue his work of teaching the Corinthians to prove the sincerity of their love by the cultivation of the grace of generosity.

No more beautiful description of the voluntary impoverishment of our Lord for the enrichment of others can be found than in verse nine. What a wonderful display of grace! The highest example of sacrificial giving the world has ever seen is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was rich in the love of the Father. He was also rich in possessions, "For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." Christ had rights such as we do not have in anything. Not only did he have creative power, but sustaining power was his also, for "in him all things hold together."

Voluntarily Christ left the heavenly world and came to earth via the manger at Bethlehem. Everything he did was for the sake of others. He, the Son of God, became the Son of Man in order that we, who are the children of men, might become the children of God. He became the prince of poverty for our sakes, that we might become the beneficiaries of the heavenly riches.



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on mission together

Late summer nostalgia

would later welcome me home from the Marine Corps. Crowds no longer gather at the old station.

My mother, though a bit overweight, could out-walk all of us. By the end of the day, utterly exhausted, we reboarded for our return to Frankfort.

Over and over we opened the big sacks, admiring our new things. I especially remember the corduroy knickers and the flannel shirts. How I loved those flannel shirts! I kept a certain red and black plaid for years.

We were usually asleep in the seat or mother's lap by the time the train crossed the Kentucky river onto Broadway, passing the old state capitol before hissing to a halt.

Dad was waiting in the 1940 Dodge he nursed for 14 years thru three motors. Later, a date ran her foot thru the rotted floorboard. I remember the embarrassment of having to retrieve her shoe. I'm not sure Dad really ever understood why I later preferred my

granddad's 1936 Pontiac. By the time he drove us across the "singing bridge" into south Frankfort, Daddy had learned how much the trip had cost him, as well as how much Momma had "saved."

We turned into Ewing Street and up Weber Court; opened the sliding garage door against which Donnie, Toddie, Bobby, David, Leslie and all the rest of the neighborhood boys learned to play basketball.

Down the long back sidewalk, we marched like a victorious army displaying their loot; thru the never-locked back door to snacks in the kitchen, and then on upstairs to bed after one last look at the clothes.

In a few days, school would begin and the children who lived at 511 W. Second St. must surely have been among the happiest in the world.

I'm 53 now, but I think I understand why I still like to cut grass in the late summer.

African hunger crisis

Baptist workers weep in midst of famine

by Art Toalston

"I'm still having trouble eating . . . I'm really having trouble sleeping."

Volunteer nurse Mary Saunders isn't suffering from a physical disorder. She's coping with what she saw in Ethiopia for five months—"such overwhelming hunger"—compared to "so much food" in the United States.

Mrs. Saunders worked at the Southern Baptist sponsored feeding station in Rabel, Ethiopia, which has been dispensing one-month rations of wheat, milk powder and oil to about 30,000 drought victims since March. The station also gives shelter and medical care to the severely malnourished.

She is the wife of Davis Saunders, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for eastern and southern Africa. The Saunderses were missionaries in Africa from 1951 to 1972.

Just eight days after leaving Ethiopia, she spoke during Foreign Missions Week at the Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. Another speaker was Jerry Bedsole, missionary veterinarian to Ethiopia.

Mrs. Saunders' difficulty in eating stems from "feeling the hurt . . . of such need among these precious (Ethiopian) people. My heart feels like it's just so big that there's no room for my stomach."

In trying to sleep, she sees a "sea of

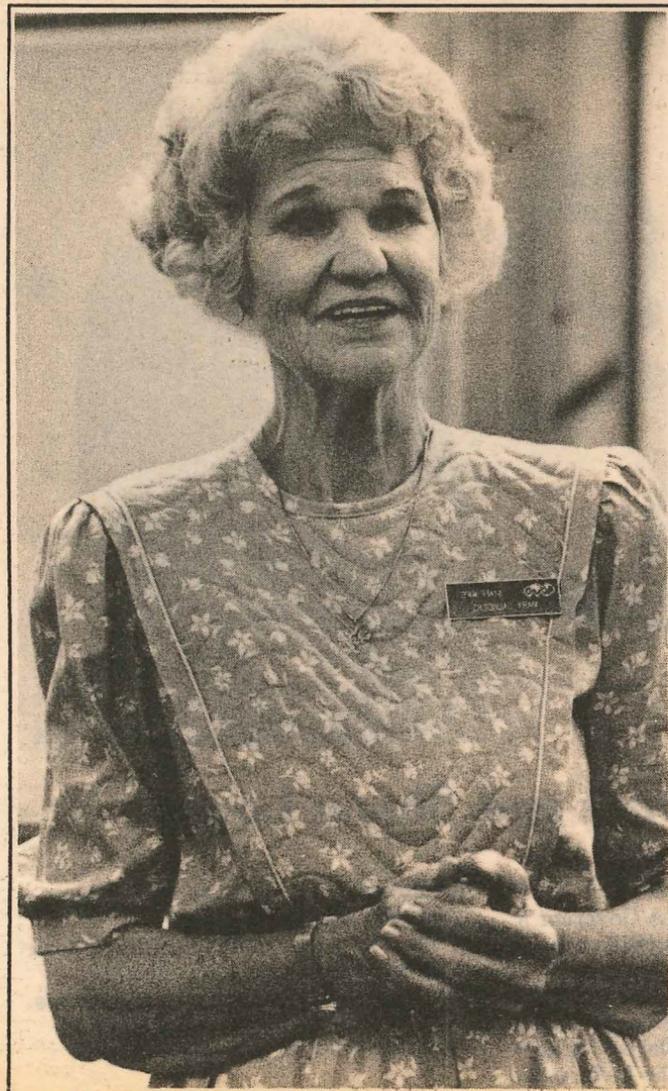
faces of hungry people, ragged people . . . I try to reach out" until remembering that she's back in America.

"I've lived so very closely with both life and death," she said. "These last few months, I've cried more than I've cried in many, many years. . . . A number of mothers put their babies at my feet, begging me to take them, because they felt hopeless."

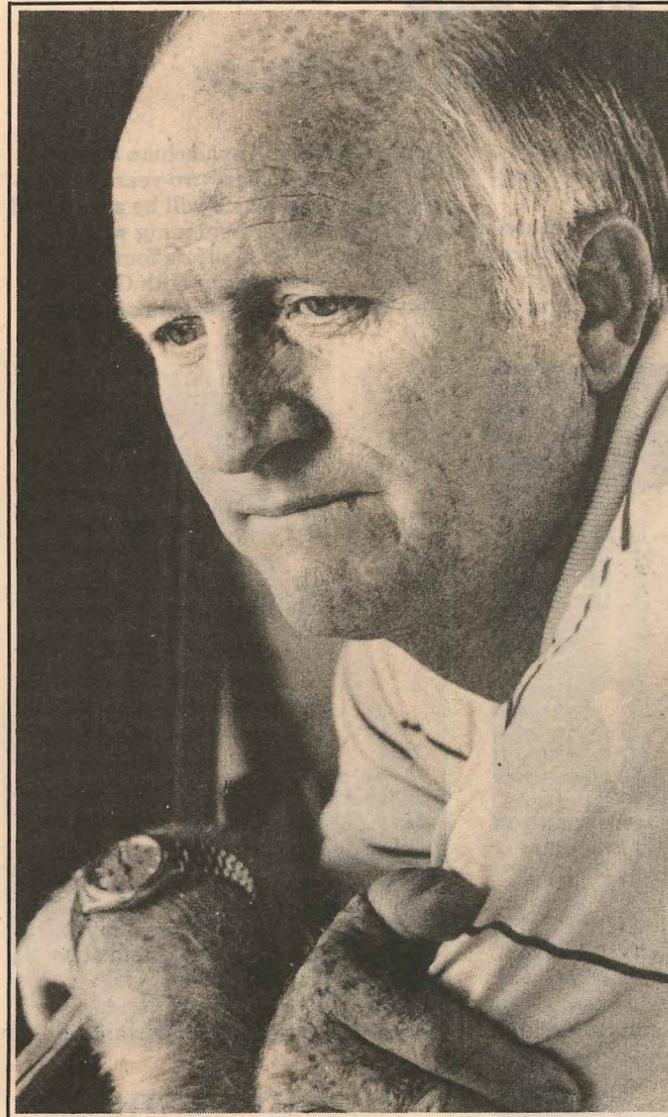
"The biggest decision I had to make every day, when everybody (at Rabel) was hungry, (was) who was going to get two meals a day and who was going to get three meals, who was going to get a blanket and who had enough to stay warm without a blanket."

Rains have come to Ethiopia and other famine areas in Africa, but several productive planting seasons still are needed before the crisis abates. Hunger, in the meantime, will remain. Just before she left, several hundred Ethiopians from another region had walked eight to 12 hours toward Rabel in search of food. "Many of them died on the way, many of them died just outside the (feeding station) camp."

The rains, which Southern Baptists and other Christians around the world had prayed for, were "the most beautiful music I've ever heard," Mrs. Saunders said. She made a tape recording of the rain hitting the tin roof of the building where she stayed because "I wanted to hear it again and again."



Mary Saunders, volunteer nurse who worked among Ethiopian drought victims, has had trouble eating and sleeping since returning to the United States in early August. "My heart feels like it's just so big that there's no room for my stomach." Mrs. Saunders was stationed at Rabel, Ethiopia, where Southern Baptists sponsor a feeding station. While she was there, she lost 36 pounds. She is the wife of Davis Saunders, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for eastern and southern Africa. The Saunderses are former missionaries to Africa.



Jerry Bedsole, Southern Baptist missionary veterinarian to Ethiopia, "cried like never before" after encounter drought victims begging for food last December. Hungry people cannot hear a spiritual message "until you get some food in their stomachs." He was among the speakers during Foreign Missions Week at Glorieta, N. M.

And she smiled when recalling that, in working in behalf of Southern Baptists, "I watched skinny little arms and skinny little legs fill out, cheeks fill out, and babies grow."

Mrs. Saunders credited prayers of fellow Baptists as "the reason . . . strength was just so available when, ordinarily, it shouldn't have been . . . My feet felt like they had wings on them."

Sometimes food stockpiles would run low. But whenever that happened, the workers, after their early morning prayers, would "hear that old truck lumbering along" the donkey path that had become the road to Rabel. "We never had to send anybody away without food."

A regular avenue of witness came as "people constantly tried to kiss my feet for being there," Mrs. Saunders recounted. She would respond by saying "Praise the Lord" in Amharic, the native language, "lifting them up and pointing them to heaven."

Bedsole, a Southern Baptist missionary to Ethiopia since 1970, jokingly described himself as "the world's No. 1 donkey doctor," joshing he treated half of the five million donkeys in Ethiopia prior to the drought. A more realistic estimate of his veterinarian caseload, he said, is 12,000 to 15,000 cows, sheep and other animals every year.

But he, too, has "cried like never before."

In initial visits to the Rabel area last December, Bedsole said it was "very, very common for ladies and sometimes men and old people to lie down in front of you with their face to the ground begging for food." He saw "children so weak they couldn't talk. (They) had to be carried or (they) moved like slow motion."

Bedsole had been hesitant to step away from other mission activities in order to launch a feeding program. But

as a Christian, he said, "there's no way you can turn your back on . . . such raw human need. Particularly in these last few months, I've come to see that the Lord dealt with a lot of human need like this. He didn't turn his back on it."

Ethiopians are "a proud people. . . . They have a dignity about them. They're not beggars," Bedsole said. People in the Rabel area were so far removed from civilization before the drought "they never learned to beg." "But when everything is gone . . . they begin to ask. It's as bad as you've seen on TV" and growing worse in some places, Bedsole said.

Drought-stricken areas of Africa are no different than other places where people need the message of Jesus Christ, he said. But, "For people who are so hungry, there's nothing but food on their minds, physical food. They're in such a condition that, many times, their minds are not functioning properly to hear the spiritual message until you get some food in their stomachs. When you have mass starvation . . . it does no good to stand up and start preaching, 'God will bless you.' Folks in that condition . . . cannot receive it without first knowing that a cup of water in the name of Jesus is being given."

"I don't have a lot of sympathy for people in America who grumble about their conditions. This country has more than any other country, such an excess. I'm not being critical of that. God gave it to us. But God didn't give it just for us to consume it on our own. It's all his, and he expects us to be good stewards of it."

"Southern Baptists are sharing it, but I think there's a much larger scale we could share it on. In many instances, I'm convinced that many of our people could live a simpler lifestyle and be capable of giving much more to God's work around the world." (BP)

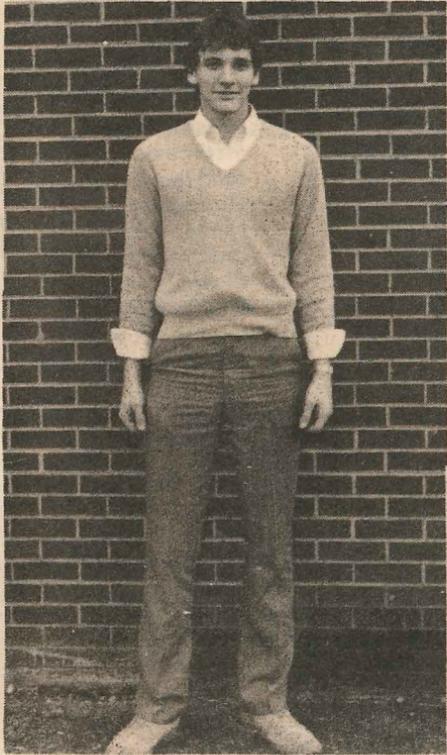
Cream de la crème at Oneida Baptist Institute

Oneida Baptist institute graduated 70 students in the 1985 class, second largest of the school's history.

Eleven of the class earned advanced diplomas, and all the class had requirements beyond the state's including a year of Bible study, computer literacy

and a course in Appalachian Studies.

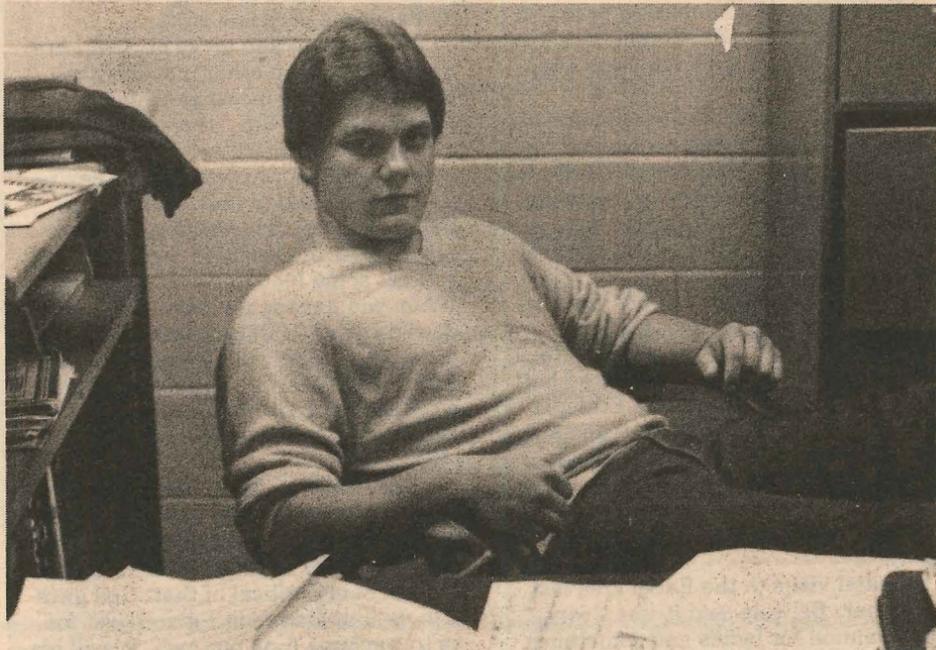
Many had at least two years of a foreign language which will be a standard OBI requirement beginning with the 1987 class. Oneida offers four years of French, three years in both German and Spanish and two years of Latin.



Jim Celichowski

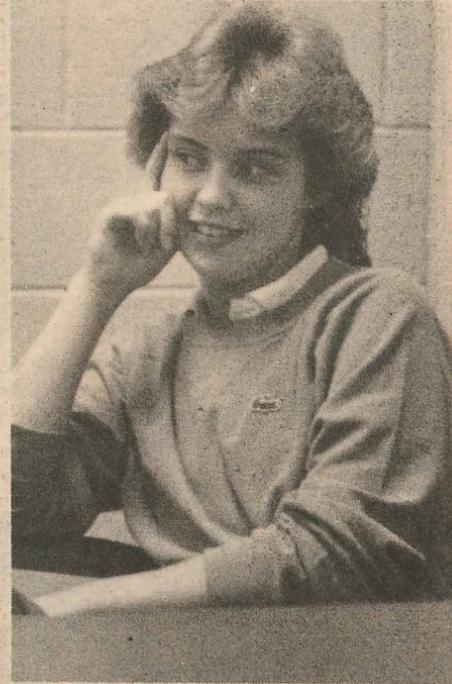
Jim Celichowski was chosen "Mr. Oneida" by vote of the faculty. This gentle giant came to Oneida from Florence in his eighth grade year. He stands 6'7" and wears a size 16 shoe. For several years he has been OBI's center and was "honorable mention" all state.

Also outstanding academically, Jim earned an advanced diploma and has received a full four-year scholarship to Alice Lloyd College.



Stacy Woods

Stacy Woods, a native of Oneida, was valedictorian of the 1985 class. Chosen a Governor's Scholar, he studied on the Centre College campus the summer after his junior year. He has received a



Robin Barnes

Robin Barnes, of Sizerock, was voted 1985 "Miss Oneida." Present to see her graduate was her great aunt May Bishop, 97, last living person to have attended Oneida's opening day of school in 1900. Robin's parents are both OBI graduates as are her older sister and brother, each of whom were also voted "Miss Oneida" and "Mr. Oneida" respectively by the faculty.

Robin was active in all class activities, on the yearbook staff and was in choir and drama. She will attend Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.



Jim Forgett and Tanya Weaver

Jim Forgett, of Detroit, Mich., received Oneida's highest honor, the Evans trophy, by a secret ballot of the faculty after several hours of discussion of each member of his class. Top student his senior year, he ranked third in the class for all four years. He came to Oneida his sophomore year and ran varsity cross country on two of OBI's regional championship teams. He was also on two Oneida state championship fencing teams.

Jim served as a dorm monitor, sang in the choir and had the role of Capt. Von Trapp in "The Sound of Music."

His peers voted him "most talented" and the faculty voted him "most versatile," honors shared with Tonya

Weaver. He was also deemed "most studious" by faculty vote. This young man of many talents is serving as a math tutor at OBI this summer before beginning his university studies.

Tonya Weaver, of Louisville, was at Oneida four years and received the Davis Cup, Oneida's second highest honor.

An active member of BSU and the Federation of Christian Athletes, she was on the varsity tennis, volleyball and swimming teams. She sang in the choir, was on the yearbook staff, as well as being a dorm monitor. Her peers voted her "most school spirit." Tonya plans to attend Cumberland College, Williamsburg.



Lisa Muncy and Simon Long

Lisa Muncy, of Pilgrim in Martin County, was salutatorian. A Governor's Scholar, she has been awarded a scholarship to attend Murray (Ky.) State University. A fine athlete, Lisa played guard on the Lady Mountaineer squad for three years, and also played varsity tennis. She was active in the Federation

of Christian Athletes and was on the yearbook staff.

Escorting her at the Yearbook Queen pageant was Simon Long, Bowling Green, fourth academically in the class and planning to attend Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.