



A massive effort to tear down dangerous buildings, clear streets and restore services begins in Mexico City after two earthquakes Sept. 19 and 20.

Baptist nurse is earthquake victim

by Martha Skelton

Baptists in Mexico City continued to help neighbors devastated by dual earthquakes as reports listed a 22-year-old Baptist nurse as missing and pre-

sumed dead, the first known Baptist casualty.

Thus far, surveys indicate damage to Baptist church buildings to be light.

Noemi Avila Betancur, a nurse in Mexico City, is the only Baptist church member known to be among the 10,000 reported missing in the earthquakes. Officials listed more than 4600 dead, 8000 injured and 17,000 homeless in the city. An estimated 50,000 persons are without jobs—at least temporarily—according to reports. Damage estimates have reached \$1 to \$2 billion.

Miss Betancur, a member of Bethel Baptist Church, had just reported for the 7 a.m. shift at General Hospital when the first earthquake struck Sept. 19. Her body has not been recovered.

The 55 Baptist congregations in greater Mexico City were, for the most part, spared the suffering of many of their fellow citizens. Several churches reported some families without homes or jobs. One congregation, Emmanuel Baptist Church, reported structural damage to its building and may have to spend up to \$10,000 to repair its ceiling.

The 35 Southern Baptist representatives who live in the Mexico City area and work with the National Baptist Convention of Mexico in joint educational and church efforts were uninjured and reported no damage to their homes.

A low-rent apartment building across from First Baptist Church fell, trapping many. The building housed 37 families, and 21 bodies were recovered from the ruins. Mrs. Martha Ortiz was called upon to help identify bodies and comfort relatives and friends waiting to see if loved ones were rescued. She worked especially with mothers so distraught they hindered rescue workers by clawing in the rubble to find missing children. (BP)

Last call for rooms

Lexington hotels are holding special rate blocks of rooms for messengers to the KBC, Nov. 12-14, 1985. As of this date only 230 messengers have reserved rooms and the blocks will be withdrawn unless Kentucky Baptists act now.

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709 at BSU convention urged to 'plant the crop'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"You may never see the harvest, but God expects you to be digging the soil, planting the seed and nourishing the crop."

C. Emmanuel McCall, former Louisville and director of the Home Mission Board's Black Church Relations Department since 1975, admonished Kentucky young people to "share your faith" during a weekend gathering of state Baptist collegians.

McCall, of Atlanta, was principal speaker at Kentucky Baptists' 58th annual Baptist student convention Sept. 27-29 at Richmond's First Baptist Church.

Picking up on McCall's theme of witnessing, Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, urged the 709 registrants to do "great things" for Christ on their campuses.

One out of every five Kentuckians "is a Baptist," observed Blaylock, and he called their opportunity "a large one" to "be about our mission."

"God has put in your hearts a determination to go back to your campuses and reach those students who need to follow him, he concluded at the convention's close.

Theme of the three-day Richmond event was "Jesus Said: 'Follow Me'."

Music, testimonies, theme interpretations, seminars, addresses and Bible studies all emphasized that theme.

In a business session a \$68,300 budget for summer missions for the current academic year was adopted. The budget will support sending 19 Kentucky college students to home missions projects in the summer of 1986, and at least six more to serve in Kenya at the same time. Specific work project assignments for Kentucky BSU were also adopted by the students at this convention.

Gene Parr, Baptist campus minister at Morehead State University and chairman of the BSU advisory committee for this year, observed that the \$68,300 budget is "the largest in our history."

He encouraged the students "to be faithful" in raising funds for it. "If we are, we will be able to hear more 'war stories' from summer missions next year," as those who have been summer missionaries report their experiences to the convention.

In a later session, Keith Adams, a Northern Kentucky University student, reported that he had "truly experienced foreign missions" this past summer as he served in Muhlenberg County, Ky.

While nine children came to know Jesus as their savior during vacation Bible school in Adams' first week there, it took him nine weeks "to know what I was really there to do."

"We're all planters or harvesters," said Adams. "I had to learn my job was to plant the seed and water it. Someone else would come along and harvest the crop."

Meanwhile, Tom Bevers, of Georgetown College, related his experiences of being a prison chaplain in Florida during the past summer.

There was "never a day I didn't have opportunity to share the gospel" with at least five inmates, he recalled. That totaled 240 different men with whom he

shared it over the summer.

Morehead student Lenay Stober told of being in Vermont, where people were "curious about me and why I would give up my summer to come." But through her experience, "I learned to build bridges and to help some people find a better way to live their lives," she exclaimed.

Finally, Kelly Wyrick, an Eastern Kentucky University student, recalled what life was like being one of five on the Son Praise BSU team traveling across Kentucky all summer.

"We prayed together, talked together, witnessed together and shared together," she said. "And my trust in God was greatly strengthened because of what those four people and my experiences meant to me."

In the opening session of the student convention, C. Benton Williams, director of the Missions and Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, reported on his September journey to Kenya. He had returned only 48 hours before he spoke in Richmond.

Williams said more than 900 persons responded to the gospel with first time decisions during a Kentucky group's preaching efforts there in September. While he saw a lot of physical needs in that east African nation Kentucky Baptists are currently engaged in partnership with, "The greatest need is to have someone share the good news of Jesus Christ," Williams affirmed.

Williams centered his remarks around the "believing community," the "salt/light community," and said it had four dimensions—a witnessing community, a laboratory of discernable change, a shepherding community and a community with a mission. These are "qualities of the local church" and of "the universal church," said Williams.

"You've been commissioned to go to the ends of the earth," Williams concluded. "May God help you do it."

In a Bible study period, C. Emmanuel McCall dealt with the subject of grief or loss, proclaiming: "It's healthy to mourn, to cry, to get the hurt out. Don't try to bottle it up."

He cautioned that death should not be disguised. He referred to the traditional "slumber room" at mortuaries, calling that a misnomer. "Shoot!" said McCall, "The dude is dead! He's simply not going to wake up! Accept it and go on about life."

He called handling loss "one of the tremendous problems we all have."

"What do you do when the father in a house is not a Christian and he objects to the 'Jesus way' adopted by his children?" McCall puzzled. "You may be called upon to give up your cultural and family ties in order to pursue your call, and that's a big loss. But if we do things Jesus' way, we may have to give up some old ways we wish we could hold onto," he allowed.

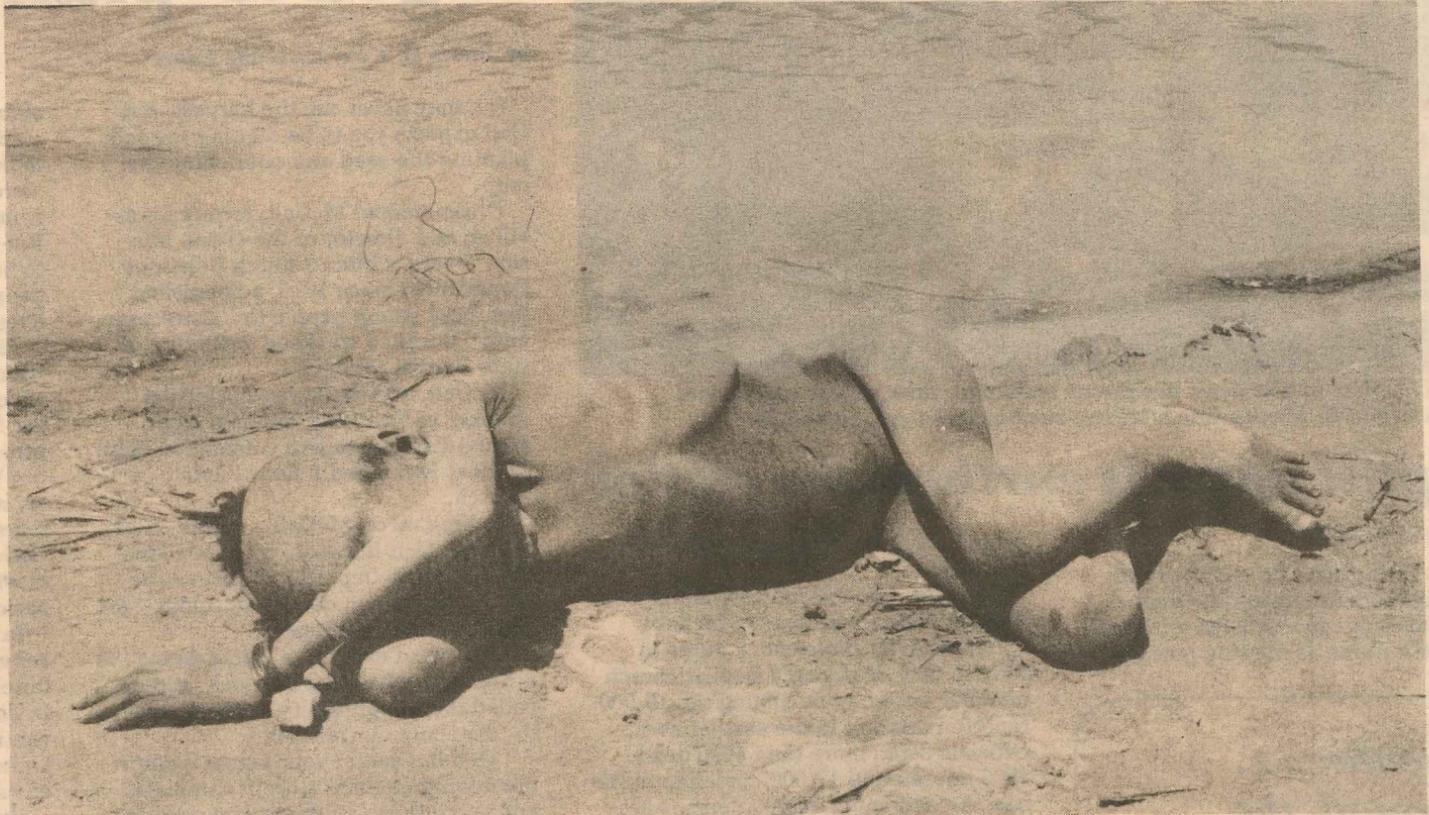
"Jesus isn't calling you to wear a long face and give up normal living. The healthy person is not the one who mourns forever, but who does something about it. That person is concerned about hunger, and does something about it. The healthy person knows how to mourn with action."

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

World Hunger Day



OCTOBER 13 IS WORLD HUNGER DAY on our Southern Baptist calendar. This special day has been set aside to remind us of the vast multitude of people all over the world who not only are hungry, but who face the grim prospect of death from starvation. The reminder this special day brings must spur each of us to more participation in relieving this tragic situation in the world as we practice our faith in practical ways.

Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Christian Life Commission, has written what I consider an important message to all Christians. His remarks are printed below with a prayer for your serious consideration of what you and your family can do to express the love of Christ to those in dire need from lack of food.

"A recent article in a major news magazine described "an orphan of the famine" in Africa:

"Mimi is 2 1/2 years old and just learning to walk. Because of severe malnutrition, her body is off balance and she falls repeatedly. She will be permanently stunted, and she may have suffered brain damage. No one knows what happened to Mimi's parents, they abandoned her in a desolate field and have never come back.

"Mimi's story is the story of Africa. The African famine stalks an estimated 30 million people living below the Sahara Desert. It breaks up families, tears down human potential and snuffs out life. It has turned Africa into a continent of tears.

"In Africa's famine belt, a child between the ages of four and six consumes fewer than 300 calories daily. Across the Atlantic Ocean, a well-nourished American child in the same age span eats 1600 to 1800 calories a day. The tragedy of the starving African children comes into sharper focus with disclosure that enough grain is produced worldwide to offer daily every human being 3000 calories.

"When the reality of hunger collides with the reality of abundant food, the question jarred loose concerns stewardship: Why are so many people so hungry in a world with so much food?

"The reasons are many and the problems are complex. But one undeniable reason why people are hungry at home and abroad is that the abundance of the planet is not being shared. Psalm 24:1 reminds us that the earth and its bountiful produce belong to the Lord. The Lord has entrusted us with the responsible stewardship practiced daily by Southern Baptists and other Christians. World Hunger Day can be a time for churches, families and individuals to focus on this need for stewardship and to take steps to increase our awareness and our involvement.

"On this World Hunger Day, take time at Sunday dinner to pray that the hungry will receive bread. Pray that those of us who have bread will have a hunger for justice.

"After the noon meal write a letter to your representative, senators and the President. Urge them to support public policies which will help feed the hungry, help the hungry feed themselves and remove the obstacles which keep people hungry. Public policy has enormous potential either to build up or wipe out charitable hunger relief efforts.

"At the evening meal, place an extra plate at the table as a reminder of your hungry neighbor. Send the cost of the meal for the unseen hungry guest to the hunger relief funds of the Foreign and Home Mission boards.

"These simple steps of prayer, giving and Christian citizenship can help us begin to respond holistically to the needs of hungry persons.

"October 13 is a time for all Southern Baptists to remember the plight of the hungry and to recommit ourselves to practicing better stewardship."

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Profiles from my old Kentucky home

W. A. CLUTTS

W. A. Clutts hasn't been just a pastor to the community of Lebanon, where he's served for the past 19 years.

He's been a citizen.

Clutts is pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Lebanon.

The church built and paid for a parsonage and a new sanctuary in his years there.

Receipts swelled from about \$11,000 almost two decades ago to \$65,774 last year.

Woodlawn's baptisms have averaged about 25 per year and new membership by letters account for about 20 people each year.

The church has prospered under the leadership of Clutts. And if the plaques and commemorations decorating his office walls are any indication, the community has prospered as well.

When the American Red Cross chapter of the bloodmobile threatened to pull out of the community



because of lack of support several years ago, Clutts headed a drive which stabilized the chapter. For years he was its chairman. Even though he resigned recently, he still does a lot of its paper work.

When the city council quit en masse during the 70s, Clutts was one of the men appointed by the governor to fill their shoes.

He has also been chairman of the local board of education, moderator of the association, fund raiser for Campbellsville College, volunteer chaplain at local hospitals, chaplain of a local football team. . . . There is more.

In 1975 the local Chamber of Commerce presented him with the citizenship award.

"I've always felt that a pastor should be involved in a certain amount of community activities," Clutts said.

"I really didn't seek (so much involvement). I was just available when people asked for it."

According to Clutts, "Most communities close themselves up to ministers and don't really let you be a part of the community." His allowed him to make a niche there.

However, at 63, Clutts claims he is no longer involved in community affairs as he once was. In fact, a couple of heart attacks a few years back curtailed much of his involvement.

Clutts even anticipates retiring from his pastorate in a few years—to a home the Alabama native has already purchased in Lebanon. After all, he's one of its citizens.

JEAN CLARK

In the beginning, when Jean Clark began making adoptable dolls, she did it for fun.

The handcrafted, homespun soft sculpture dimpled darlings had become something of a fad with young and old alike.

But soon Mrs. Clark began to realize that her homemade dolls were much more to her than just a passing whim.

"Everytime I'd make one I'd fall in love with it," Mrs. Clark said.

She poured time and trouble into her creations. She determined their hair and eye color, whether they would be dimpled, freckled or neither and made their clothes herself.

She dressed one in play clothes, complete with baseball cap and bat. Another she dressed to go to Sunday school, adding his own Bible as a final touch.

She meticulously dreamed up appropriate names—Rusty and Freddy, Lucy and Buffy.



Her pleasure increased when she realized the real motivation behind her doll making.

"I knew that I was so happy every time I created a doll and I loved that doll," Mrs. Clark said.

It dawned on her that God must have felt much the same way when he created her.

Although Mrs. Clark, who is a member of Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, had been a Christian since age 13, "All through the years I would think, 'I don't see how the Lord could love me'."

Suddenly she could, marveling at the simple, yet mysterious way God chose to reveal it to her.

After making dozens of dolls, Mrs. Clark said, "I know and I am assured God really loves me."

In another way, her dolls can help others know that God loves them, too.

"I feel like if I can get those dolls out to other people, it'll make somebody happy," she said.

She saw it for herself. Although Mrs. Clark once loathed to part with her favorite dolls, she had so many requests she ended up selling all but one.

That one bothered her. The little girl who had come to her door on Halloween troubled her, too. The child had muscular dystrophy. Eventually Mrs. Clark tracked her down and gave her the doll.

"It was the most wonderful experience I've ever had yet," she said.

Mrs. Clark still makes dolls. And she plans to continue. Making dolls provides an outlet of Christian witness for Jean Clark, both to herself and others.

BETTY HATCHETT

At Bethlehem Baptist Church in Springfield, where she is a member, Betty Hatchett is one of the church's pianists.

But as often as not, during the fall and spring, one is likely to find Mrs. Hatchett at other churches.

For when churches form revival teams, she is often called on to help out. She is pianist for as many as seven or eight revivals in a year.

"Often people question why I travel the distances to churches for week long revivals," Mrs. Hatchett said. "This is my way I can somehow repay the Lord for the blessings I have been given. If you are a willing servant for God exciting things will happen to you."

Perhaps one of those blessings has been Mrs. Hatchett's musical talent.

She could play the piano before she went to school, Mrs. Hatchett recalled.

After one year of lessons her instructor encouraged her to drop



them. Apparently formal training was marring her natural ability.

The lessons ceased, but the practice continued. Mrs. Hatchett said her parents took her to Beech Fork Baptist Church in Gravel Switch, Ky., where the pastor, Robert Hill, encouraged her to help with the church music.

"I was so small my feet wouldn't touch the pedals," Mrs. Hatchett said. "I continued being one of the pianists until I married and moved to another community."

It is to that home church that Mrs. Hatchett returns once a month and for revivals to help with the church music.

Last spring she also played for revivals at her present church, Bethlehem Baptist, Ellisburg Baptist Church in Hustonville, and Grace Baptist in Lebanon.

She has a couple of revivals scheduled already for this fall.

"I believe God opened this door as my ministry," Mrs. Hatchett said. "As a result, I have met so many beautiful people—so full of desire to serve him."

"I play the piano for the glory of God. Every time someone tells me that my music has inspired them, I find that it is a privilege of being a small part of his plan."

OPAL GRIDER

At Welfare Baptist Church, Russell County Association, one of its longtime members, Opal Grider, teaches youth in Sunday school, leads the music, is director of the WMU, helps clean the church, mows the yard. . . .

She does, in short, any jobs asked of her as well as many that aren't, helping out, in her own words, "wherever I'm needed."

In a small church like hers, in which the congregation usually totals less than 50 persons, multiple roles are not unusual for many church members.

But Mrs. Grider's energy and willingness to work made her outstanding even among a multitude of devoted Christians. At age 69 she has become something of a matriarch, wielding authority not through age or seniority but through years of tireless service.

A Christian since age nine, Mrs. Grider has attended the same church in Jamestown all her life.



Because it is a small church, it is composed of many members of the same families, and family life tends to revolve around it as well.

Therefore, Mrs. Grider has not only been director of its annual vacation Bible schools, she's been the one to lead the little children in the traditional game of "Drop the Handkerchief."

"Youth is a matter of mind more or less," Mrs. Grider said. "I know the body is going to get older but we can stay young in our minds, and I think we should try to learn every day."

Mrs. Grider continues to work as a cook in the local high school cafeteria, getting up daily at 5 a.m. to go to school.

When she arrives home again at 1:30 it's time to mow her yard, clean her house and do her visiting.

For years Mrs. Grider took dinner to her mother every Sunday. Now she drops off dishes to other family members on the way to church, then hosts her daughter and grandchildren to dinner every week.

Mrs. Grider, at age 69, has become one of the senior members of her church and of her family. Something of a matriarch, in fact. A spiritual leader among saints and a strong shoulder to lean on among relations. A servant.

"I love people," Mrs. Grider explained. "I think that's the secret to life."

baptist forum



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homes for children

Too sad

Paul admonished the Philippian Christians to "rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice." Certainly Paul, who had been beaten, starved, imprisoned, shipwrecked and left for dead, knew about difficult times and had many reasons to be sad. The early Christians, coming out of either paganism or Judaism, did not find it easy to be Christians. Yet Paul demonstrated an attitude of joy and urged fellow Christians to do likewise.

Not long ago there was an award winning television documentary on adolescent suicides called "Too Sad to Live." It was moderated by Dr. Pamela Cantor, an outstanding authority on suicide. The program dealt with a problem we all know exists, but one about which little is understood. The shocking thing about this documentary, however, was that while suicide rates are declining among adults in the United States, the rate of suicides among adolescents is climbing sharply. In fact, the situation is so serious the President of our country has recognized the epidemic proportion of teenage suicides.

Recently I was in a conference provided by the National Association of Homes for Children and heard Dr. Cantor speak. I was further appalled by the fact I live in a society that is causing so many teenagers to be "Too Sad to Live." This problem has reached such proportions that in the United States one adolescent attempts suicide every minute and one kills himself every two hours.

As Dr. Cantor spoke, some of the reasons suicide is so prevalent among children began to fall in place. We could blame divorce or mothers working away from home, and these things do impact children. But let me take you a step farther. Dr. Cantor said fathers spend an average of 37 seconds per day with their infants. Although this increases as the child gets older, she said many fathers are physically absent, pay little attention to their children and are often critical when with them. Parents in America spend less time with their children than almost any other nation in the world, and the suicide rate among children in the United States is the highest.

Parents need to be more involved with their children. Baptist Homes for Children is seeking to fill that gap for children who do not have a home in which they can live.

Treat elderly as persons

While visiting the Annie Walker Nursing Home the other day, I noticed this poem on their bulletin board. It touched my heart, and I wish to share this poem with the readers of Western Recorder.

Look At Me
by Wanda Mills

Look at me,
Oh, Please look at me.
Not at the wheelchair I sit in,
Nor at the jerk of my hands and feet;
But look at me!
See that I am an individual,
Just like anyone else.

Listen to Me.
Oh, Please listen to me,

Not to the slur of my speech;
But to my thoughts and ideas,
Realize and know that I am an intelligent person,
Capable of being a friend.

Accept me,
Not as being different;
Nor as a cripple,
But as a normal human being
Who can relate to others.

My plea to all is:
Look at me!
Listen to me!
Accept me!

I am reminded by this poem of Jesus' message concerning the judgment as recorded in Matt. 25:31-46. There are many who are confined to a wheel-

chair, whose hands and feet jerk, whose speech is slurred and difficult to understand. Many are never visited—by anyone. If I read Matt. 25:40 correctly, they all share the name of Jesus, who said, "to the extent that you (visited) one of these brothers (and sisters) of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me."

Allen King Lowe, Mt. Sterling

Kenyan revivals need volunteers

We will be processing requests for 50 people to help with church revivals in the Malindi area in August-October 1986 and 70 in 1987. I do hope Kentucky Baptists will respond.

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progress of the Scheme Baptist Church. When the roof of the building collapsed, the government would not allow them to repair it because the area is being divided into an official trading center. The group now meets under a tree. In spite of this, they are continuing to grow and have started another new group several miles from them.

I do think the government will be giving the church an official plot on which to build a permanent building in the near future. Pray with us for this church.

Clay Coursey, Malindi, Kenya

Pastors need support base

I am not a pastor, but I am currently in seminary preparing for the ministry. As a former Army officer, I know how tough it is to be a leader. The struggles are greatly multiplied for those in the ministry because they are not supposed to have problems—how many times have you heard that one?

The truth is spiritual warfare is real and our pastors face it constantly. Too often they lack an adequate support base—a peer on whom they can unload and with whom they can be completely transparent. Because we, as Southern Baptists, have no hierarchy, our pastors may feel they have nowhere to turn.

I am not suggesting we develop a hierarchy, however I am suggesting a viable alternative. As a member of Immanuel Baptist Church (Severns Valley Association), it has been my privilege to meet some retired pastors who dearly love the Lord. These men are a resource of tremendous potential. While they may be retired from the full time pastorate, they certainly have not retired from life or ministry.

I propose that each association seek a few of these godly men to be pastors to their pastors, to visit with them, to be available to them for counsel and prayer.

There are some who would serve without remuneration. Others may need travel expenses. Even if a small stipend were involved, the dividends would be worth it.

Are our associations willing to provide this support to our pastors (and, in the long run, to ourselves)? Satan is not going to back off as the return of Christ draws near. Indeed, I believe his attacks will be more frequent and more severe. How many more of our pastors will we let die or just burn out?

Randy A. Hurtt, Elizabethtown

A resolution of appreciation

Whereas, five college students served as summer missionaries in the Boone's Creek Baptist Association this year, and

Whereas, these students were sponsored by the Student Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention or the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

Whereas, these students included: Karen Armstrong, Michelle Eaves, Scott Hancock, Bonita Mathews and Leslie Souder, and

Whereas, they shared their gifts and talents for ministry across our Association through vacation Bible schools, Backyard Bible Clubs, church services and religious surveys, and

Whereas, they made an invaluable contribution to the success of the 1985 camping season at the Boone's Creek Baptist Camp,

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the messengers to the semi-annual meeting of the Boone's Creek Baptist Associa-

tion, assembled at the Central Baptist Church in Winchester, Ky., on this ninth day of September 1985, do hereby extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to these students for their work in furthering the cause of Christ within our Association, and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the students, as well as the Home Mission Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a token of our appreciation.

Max Hester, Clerk

Ashland Oil Co. chairman applauded

Mr. John R. Hall:

On behalf of the 55 Southern Baptist churches in Daviess and McLean counties, we want to express our appreciation for your company's decision to withdraw pornographic magazines from the shelves of your SuperAmerica Stores. We commend you and your company for having the courage to remove these harmful influences from your shelves. We do not know how this will affect your company financially, but we sincerely believe it will improve the image and the reputation of your company. We know this action will prove a blessing to many communities.

May God bless you and continue to lead you and your company as you serve him in the public's best interests.

Joe M. Thomas, Chairman
Christian Action Committee
Daviess-McLean Association
Owensboro

James Spaulding
Director of Missions
Daviess-McLean Association
Owensboro

Editor's Note: John R. Hall is chairman of Ashland Oil Co., Ashland, Ky.

Open enrolment has added aspects

I appreciate the editorial you ran on Sept. 24 regarding the open enrolment for insurance with the Annuity Board. In addition to the items you mentioned, there are several other aspects related to this open enrolment that should be mentioned.

The first is this open enrolment not only applies to medical insurance but also to life insurance through the Annuity Board. For those not in the life insurance program they can enrol for life insurance, no questions asked, guaranteed coverage. For those already in the life insurance program, they might want to consider upgrading their coverage without evidence of insurability during this period.

Also, anyone who had dependents denied coverage on their policy can now add those dependents.

Retired Baptist ministers may also apply during this open enrolment period for the insurance that is a supplement to Medicare and will be guaranteed coverage.

Several other changes related to the insurance that are effective Jan. 1, 1986 are worth mentioning:

1. Medical rates will not go up for 1986. For those under age 35 the rates will be coming down. For some it will mean as much as a 10 percent decrease in cost. In addition, all persons who are in the insurance program from Jan. 1 through Nov. 31, 1986, will not be billed for medical insurance in December 1986.

2. Life rates also are being affected by a rate change. For those over age 55, the life insurance rates will remain the same. For those under age 55,

these rates will come down, as much as 30 percent.

3. Two other features include a discount prescription service and the removal of the deductible from accidents.

All these changes are exciting and just a part of the indication that the Annuity Board is working on behalf of Baptist ministers and church employes to provide the best coverage possible at the most economical price.

To secure application forms and further information, Kentucky Baptists can contact me, Don Spencer, at the Annuity Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, or call the Annuity Board in Dallas.

Don Spencer
Annuity Director, KBC
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Editorial comment rebutted

In the Sept. 24, 1985 edition, you wrote the following: "It is hoped the Crowders have made their point and will now back off and let the Peace Committee do its work. Little good can come from brothers taking brothers into court to settle a dispute which is past history. Such an event will only open the wounds more widely and set back any hope of immediate peace. . . ."

"Perhaps this incident will awaken all of us to the destructive power inherent in disregard for the other person's point of view. Perhaps a sobering, cautious, caring spirit will emerge as a result of this possibility of a public washing of our dirty linen in a secular court of law."

Having read the above, it occurred to me that if you are not an attorney, you should not be giving legal advice to anyone. If you are an attorney, which I strongly doubt, you should know that the Southern Baptist Convention and its committees do not possess the cloak of sovereign immunity. And again, if you are an attorney, you are seeking to interject yourself and your view into the legal affairs of the Crowders and thereby intruding upon the advices and counsel of the Crowder's attorney who is already handling the Crowder's legal affairs in this regard.

John B. Anderson, Owensboro

Small church has needs

I am pastor of First Baptist Church, Lewisport. We are a relatively small church and we have a need I wish to share with Western Recorder readers. We are not a financially strong church, but we do our best in support of the Cooperative Program and working with sister churches.

I have been pastor here for almost four years. I have worked on our bus to keep it going regularly, but it has become less and less dependable. Our church needs a bus or a small minibus. We have seen person after person saved who had been brought to church by the bus. The bus is vital in our Sunday school work too. If there is any church that is willing to sell a bus at a sacrifice price, we would really be interested in buying it.

Another need we have is a church bell. We don't have one, and our people really desire one. If there are any readers of Western Recorder who know of an old church that has closed up and left their bell, of if anyone knows where we might get one, we would like to have this information.

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People of the Book

Matronly.

That was Mrs. Berry.

Dignified, poised, sedate.

Webster defines *matron* as "a married woman or widow, especially one who has a mature appearance and manner; a woman superintendent . . . ; a woman attendant . . . in charge of women or children, as in an institution."

Well, we children weren't institutionalized—perhaps we should have been—but that description fits Mrs. Berry to a "T."

She had been "superintendent" (the pre-1970 terminology in Southern Baptist churches) of the older "Junior" department (also long outdated) for "centuries" (I believed) in the church I grew up in. Her rather inflexible deportment suggested that Bible study was pretty serious business.

She was ever flawlessly attired, despite carrying a few extra pounds. Her gray hair and bifocals lent dignity to her position. She arrived thoroughly prepared every week, and if the pianist had to be absent, she could handle that, too. Her knowledge of the Bible seemed vast to me. She sought ways to make its meaning clear to the four "classes" of pupils lined up before her in even rows during the "assembly time" each Sunday morning.

I learned a lot under Mrs. Berry's watchcare. She indelibly etched biblical stories in my memory. She majored on memorizing scripture and the order of the books of the Bible. While I was not always a good listener, and don't remember everything she said, I do recall the kind of person she was. She loved boys and girls and gave them opportunities to know each other through planned social activities. And when she asked me to be in a Thanksgiving play one Sunday, I made a short lived acting debut.

Gone are the days in most Southern Baptist churches when matronly leaders gather groups of boys and girls to drill the Bible's precepts into their heads. We have learned that children retain more by "doing" rather than by "being told." This doesn't weaken my appreciation for Mrs. Berry and her methods. She, and millions of other teachers, knew only the lecture method. And they did well with it.

With the start of a new Sunday school year it seems appropriate to pause and recognize these faithful servants across the years who volunteer their time and talents and train up new generations. A teacher who attempts to perform his work faithfully is rewarded by observing people growing in discipleship. Southern Baptists have rightly become a people of the Book in part because of them. I am grateful for this part of our heritage.

baptist news in brief

Church Event: basic to success with PGG

The Church Event, heart of making Planned Growth in Giving a reality in the local church, is a four-week, five-Sunday emphasis involving the whole church in personal spiritual growth, soul searching and new awareness. The Church Event challenges every member to consider where he or she would like to one day be in their personal giving and to set attainable goals toward that achievement. Already hundreds of Baptists are finding new joy and excitement in beginning a planned growth in personal giving.

Churches whose pastor attended one of 21 state Planned Growth in Giving training seminars last spring are ready to begin preparation for conducting a Planned Growth in Giving Church Event. The first two steps will be to lead the church to set a date to conduct the event, preferably a four-week period this fall, according to Jesse Stricker, KBC state stewardship director. Then a church should elect and train a steering committee using the Planned Growth in Giving Guidebook. This should be followed by interpretation and prayer sessions by key groups to prepare the congregation for the stewardship growth emphasis.

Pastors who have not yet attended a Planned Growth in Giving Training seminar may attend one scheduled Nov. 14 in Lexington at the conclusion of the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting. For more information, call or write Stricker at his Middletown office.

Staffers may participate in open involvement plan

From Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, the Annuity Board will guarantee life and medical coverage for all Southern Baptist church staff members and their dependents.

The coverage becomes effective Jan. 1, 1986. Normal underwriting procedures of all applicants resumes Dec. 1, 1985.

A highlight of the open enrolment period includes guaranteeing both healthy and unhealthy applicants identical coverage under the current medical and life plans.

Persons currently participating in the program who have restricted coverage will have all of these restrictions lifted to provide full coverage.

Life rates will be reduced up to 30 percent for some age groups and dependent life coverage will be increased from \$2000 to \$4000 for the spouse and the dependent children's benefit will be \$2000. The deductible for accident coverage also will be eliminated.

Information may be obtained by calling the Annuity Board toll free number, 1-800-262-0511, or Don Spencer, Kentucky annuity representative, at (502) 245-4101.

BWA head tells Botha apartheid is 'demonic'

The Baptist World Alliance, a voluntary organization of 34 million Baptists in 143 countries, has sent an open letter to the president of South Africa denouncing apartheid as a "demonic system."

Gerhard Claas, general secretary of BWA, sent the letter to South African president Pieter W. Botha saying the BWA is "deeply concerned about the

indiscriminate arrests, imprisonment and persecution of black South Africans seeking their just rights under God."

Claas added: "We abhor and denounce apartheid and its demonic system, including forceable relocation of black populations and destruction of their homes by bulldozing, humiliating discrimination in many public places with rigid pass laws; arbitrary arrest and detention indefinitely without trial, and the disenfranchisement of the black majority."

The letter, mailed Sept. 18, cites a resolution on racism passed during the July 1985 meeting of the Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles, where 8000 assembled Baptists called racism "a crime against humanity and a sin against God." (BP)

Fast time: Congress to help hungry with it?

A congressional joint resolution would encourage Americans to fast one or more meals and contribute the unspent food money for hunger relief.

The proposed bill would designate Nov. 24, 1985—the Sunday before Thanksgiving—as National Day of Fasting to Raise Funds to Combat Hunger. The bipartisan measure is now before Senate and House committees.

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), one of the bill's sponsors, outlined details of the proposed National Day of Fasting during a Senate hearing. Participants in the fast will be asked to forego a meal or two on the specified Sunday and send the savings either to the charity of their choice or to a post office box already established in Washington.

Contributions sent to the post office box will be distributed through InterAction, an umbrella organization of groups dedicated to ending hunger throughout the world. Baptist World Alliance is an InterAction member agency and, according to a BWA spokesman, will participate. (BP)

Sexually explicit music to be 'toned down'?

A Senate subcommittee investigating sexually explicit contemporary music heard widely differing testimony from music industry spokesmen and a newly formed parents group on the potential dangers of "Porn Rock" songs.

The intense debate between music industry representatives and Parents Music Resource Center (PMRC) leaders Susan Baker, wife of the Treasury Secretary, and Tipper Gore, wife of Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., centered on the texts of contemporary songs which glorify rape, incest and suicide.

Gore, a Baptist and member of the subcommittee on communications which held the hearings, also participated in the highly charged dialog.

"Some say there is no cause for concern. But we believe there is," Mrs. Baker warned. "Teenage pregnancy and teenage suicide rates are at epidemic proportions. The U. S. has the highest teenage pregnancy rate of any developed country—96 out of 1000," she said. "It is our contention that pervasive messages aimed at children which promote and glorify suicide, rape and sado-masochism have to be numbered among the contributing factors."

Members of PMRC are calling on the music industry to do three things voluntarily: label records with a warning about content, make lyrics available to the consumer before purchase and set

up a panel to establish policy guides.

Musicians as diverse as John Denver and Dee Snider, lead singer for the rock group Twisted Sister, said the request from PMRC amounted to censorship of the music industry.

Although no legislation has been introduced, the focus of the hearings was an appeal for the music industry to deal voluntarily with the issue. Bipartisan concern about explicit lyrics was expressed by a number of senators, including Ernest Hollings, D-S. C., John Danforth, R-Mo., and Slade Gorton, R-Wash. (BP)

ACTS growing quickly in Kentucky

One year after ACTS' June 1984 launch at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, the new network is making significant inroads into Kentucky living rooms. Via cable television hook-ups, it is estimated over 363,000 (11.3 percent) Kentuckians have access to the Southern Baptist sponsored family oriented network.

Nationally, ACTS is delivered to approximately 3 million homes 24 hours daily. According to ACTS regional representative Mike Wright, Kentucky leads the southeast in number of cities carrying ACTS. Kentucky presently has 17 towns carrying ACTS on their cable systems.

Kentucky ranks second behind Texas (36) in number of cable systems carrying ACTS, as reported by Lloyd Hart, ACTS cable manager, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mark Snowden, Kentucky ACTS consultant and KBC Media Department director, gives local Southern Baptist churches and cable managers the credit, "Coordination is needed to get ACTS on local cable companies' line-ups. Southern Baptist churches must vote to participate on local ACTS boards which negotiate with the cable managers."

Generosity on the part of the cable manager must be cited. Only four cable systems have had to purchase the full ACTS satellite receiving equipment (Benton, Caney, Lawrenceburg and Paducah).

Projections for ACTS in Kentucky show 5 more systems added by the end of 1985. "ACTS boards may total 40 by this time next year," Snowden claims.

The projections and work for ACTS in Kentucky are positive for reaching homes with quality programs. 134,640 Kentucky homes have the new channel American families can trust.

S. Africa unrest halts some Baptist efforts

As violence escalates on the Cape Peninsula of South Africa, Southern Baptist missionaries are experiencing increased disruption of their work.

Student worker Keith Blakley, from Ft. Worth, Tex., reports tension on the three university campuses where he works has reached an all time high. Tensions are especially bad on the

campus of the University of the Western Cape, a primarily "coloured" (mixed race) school where student boycotts, demonstrations and resulting police action have brought his ministry to a halt. Because of controlled access, Blakley is unable to enter the campus.

A Baptist Student Union prayer meeting narrowly escaped intrusion by groups known on the campuses as "disruption squads." The squads break up classes and disrupt lectures, sometimes using force, to assure the success of a campus-wide boycott of classes.

Charles and Evelyn Hampton, who work primarily with "coloured" churches, at first avoided going into some neighborhoods after dark, but continued normal ministries during the day. But they now say some meetings have been canceled because of rioting and unrest and that travel in some communities is extremely limited. Blacks particularly have been unable to participate in much of the work in the province recently because of the unrest, they say. (BP)

CP giving total highest for single month ever

The worldwide mission and educational programs of the Southern Baptist Convention received \$10,911,903 in August through the Cooperative Program.

It was the largest single month for the national Cooperative Program since it began in 1925. The previous high (\$10,812,419) was set last January. The undesignated gifts, which represented an increase of \$2.2 million (25.2 percent) over income during August 1984, pushed the yearly total to \$107,799,155 with one month remaining in the fiscal year.

In the first 11 months of the fiscal year voluntary contributions from the 37 state conventions affiliated with the SBC averaged almost \$9.8 million. (BP)

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personnel

Claude Orr and James Ruby (see photos), students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, have accepted staff positions at New Salem Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Ruby, a native of Fern Creek, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He is minister to youth.

A Dayton, Oh., native, Orr graduated from Wright State University, Dayton. He is minister of music.

Byrd R. Ison is pastor at New Salem.

Allen K. Lowe (see photo) resigned as pastor of Howard's Mill Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, to accept an appointment as a chaplain in the United States Army.

He began his assignment at Ft. Hood, Tex. Oct. 7. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Roger Cowen (see photo) will begin duties Oct. 20 as minister of music at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Cowen goes to Hurstbourne from Florence, Ala. He has served churches in Tennessee and Alabama and he was minister of music at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, 1967-70.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., he is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

T. L. McSwain is pastor at Hurstbourne.

Walter Howell resigned as pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Bill and Jane Tatum have joined the staff of Central Baptist Church, Bracken Association. They will serve in music, youth and children's work.

Jack R. Doom accepted the call as pastor of Kirbyton Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Darrell Walker, a member of Sinking Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has entered the ministry.

Wade Copeland became interim pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Stephen Cobb is interim pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Murray, Blood River Association.

Mike Alexander, a member of Briensburg Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has announced his call to ministry.

Doug Smith has resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, South Union Association.

Steve King began duties as minister of youth music and youth handbells at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

King is a candidate for the DMA degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He holds the BM and MM degrees from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

He has been minister of music at Parkway Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., and Immanuel Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

William P. Tuck is pastor at St. Matthews.

Bill Simmons completed 20 years Sept.



Orr



Ruby



Lowe



Cowen

1 as minister of education/administration at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

The church honored Simmons and his family with a reception in recognition of his service.

J. Dan Cooper is pastor at Calvary.

Carl Allen became pastor of Greenmount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Johnny Jervis will begin duties as pastor of Swiss Colony Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, Oct. 29.

David Gossum accepted the call as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Bob Swift became pastor of Hickory Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Charles Smith began duties as pastor of Dublin Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Edward D. Tarleton Jr. accepted the call to pastor Hazelwood Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Tarleton had been minister of education at the church and then interim pastor before accepting the position as pastor.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is presently enrolled in doctoral studies at Southern Seminary.

John L. Ashby began duties as director of missions for Little Bethel Association.

Ashby had been pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a graduate of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Bill Wright accepted the call as pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Versailles, Elkhorn Association. He had been minister of youth and music at Russell Cave Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College. He is continuing his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

David M. Downing, a native of Louisville, received the EdD degree from the University of Georgia, Athens.

Downing, professor of Christian recreation at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., is a former member of Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, where he was ordained as minister of Christian recreation in 1973.

Conrad Hefner resigned as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, effective Oct. 13. He will begin a new ministry at Sharon Baptist Church, Iron Station, N. C., Oct. 27.

Joe Stanley has been called as pastor of Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church,

Greenup Association.

Harold Cathey, pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Greenup Association, celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor.

congregations

Campbellsville [Ky.] Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, will host a conference on Christian Family Living Oct. 13-15. R. Lofton Hudson, founder-director of Midwest Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City, Mo., will be speaker.

For further information call (502) 465-8115. James Jones is pastor at Campbellsville.

Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, is helping adults learn how to read through an "Adult Literacy Program." For further information call (502) 426-2444.

Erlanger [Ky.] Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, is offering free of charge a Bible study ministry to handicapped children in school grades 1-6. The classes are for the deaf, physically handicapped and those with learning disabilities. A class for deaf adults is also offered. For further information call (606) 727-2588 or (606) 342-0062.

Forks of Dix River Baptist Church, Lancaster, South District Association, celebrated homecoming Aug. 25 with an observance of its 203rd anniversary. Roger Lee Weddle is pastor.

Vanceburg [Ky.] Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has raised its Co-operative Program giving to 15 percent, the third year in a row the church has raised the giving level.

The church intends to increase Co-operative Program giving by one percent per year for five years.

Howard E. Wilson is pastor.

A church in west Kentucky is about to enter legal arbitration because of construction problems it has encountered in its building program. The church covets the prayers of fellow Baptists in Kentucky.

ordinations

Danny Via, Ron Gregory, Jim Neely and Don Crady were ordained as deacons by Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Sept. 15.

William L. Hancock is pastor at Highview.

Michael Ramage was ordained as a deacon by First Baptist Church, Smithland, Ohio River Association, Sept. 22. Wayne Dozier, pastor of Ballardville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, delivered the ordination message.

Joey Hazelwood, Larry Hunt and Danny Schapmire were ordained as deacons by Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Lyman McCain was ordained as a deacon by Pembroke Baptist Church, Christian County Association, Sept. 22.

Charlie Love was ordained to the ministry by White Mills Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

missions

Wanda Slinker, a member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, was appointed to a position in bivocational missions by the Home Mission Board.

She will be BSU director at Casper (Wyo.) College (Box 72, Alcova, WY 82620).

George and Elizabeth Sadler have returned to the states following a one-year term as volunteer missionaries (113 Timber Ln., Morehead, KY 40351).

Sadler was swimming coach and Mrs. Sadler was a quilting teacher/supervisor in Mauritius.

They are members of First Baptist Church, Morehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Perkins, missionaries, have moved from Malawi to Transkei (Box 459, Umata Transkei, South Africa).

He is a native of Owenton, Ky. The former Beth Stricker of Kentucky, she was born in Louisville and considers Middletown her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances W. Serda, missionary associates to Kenya, have arrived in the states for furlough (Box 138, Coden AL 36523).

He is a native of Mobile, Ala. The former Snow White, she was born in Edmonson County, Ky. and grew up in Louisville. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Daugherty, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the states for furlough (4908 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN 37220).

A native of Tennessee he was born in Montgomery County and also lived in Nashville. She is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Nadine Lovan, missionary to Ghana, has returned to the field (Box 400, Accra, Ghana). Born in Calhoun, Ky., she lived in several Kentucky towns while growing up. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Thompson, missionaries to Malawi, report a change of address (Box 30485, Lilongwe 3, Malawi). They are natives of Kentucky.

He was born in Salt Lick and grew up in Mt. Sterling and Owingsville. The former Mary Hancock, she was born in McLean County and grew up in Calhoun. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

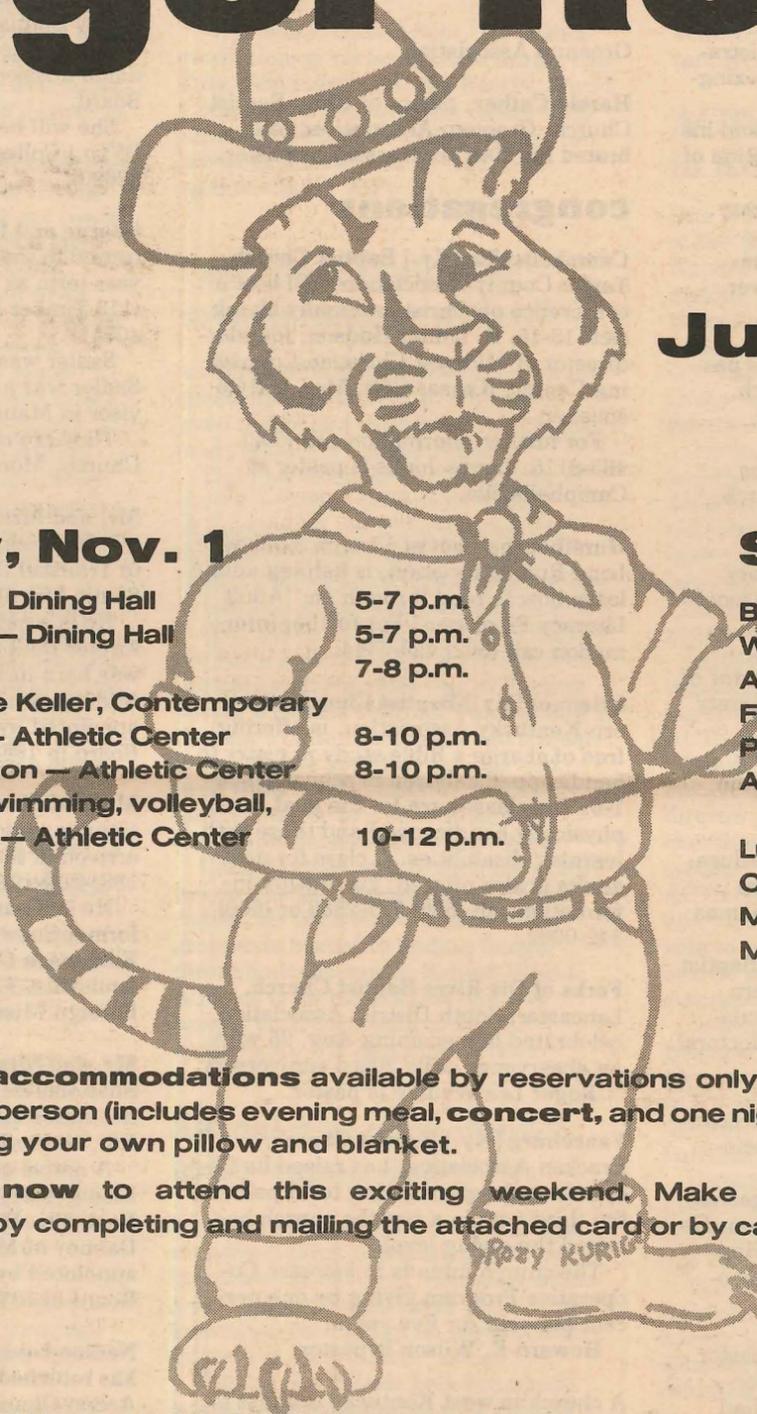
revivals

West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, conducted revival services Sept. 15-18. Albert Grisler, pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, was the guest evangelist. Herman Rowlett Jr. from Hustonville (Ky.) Baptist Church was guest music director. Larry Orange is pastor.

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Shoptalk

by Tom Lewis



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Suggestions for the pulpit committee

Baptists are different from other denominational bodies and Baptists are different from each other. Therefore, it is important that the church find a pastor who "fits." The church and the pastor must be led together by the Holy Spirit and then they will fit.

Under the leadership of God, a pulpit committee should be elected or appointed by the church. Spiritual-minded individuals who are not afraid of hard work should be elected. The committee must function as a unit, and it is wise to determine guidelines. Consider the following:

The interim pastor—Should be the same person for each Sunday and not be interested in becoming pastor. He may be a retired minister, denominational leader, Baptist college teacher, etc., who can be used in a marvelous way.

Consider one man at a time—Many churches are conducting "preachers' races." (At this point it is pertinent to inject that the preacher just consider one church at a time, also.) The committee should desire the best man God will let them have.

Secure prospective pastor's name—Accept names for your prospective pas-

tor only from persons who are truly Southern Baptist.

Investigate the prospective list—(1) Check with denominational leaders, pastor, businessmen and laypersons. (2) Write or call the prospective pastor and tell him something of your church. Ask if he feels he could leave his present field of service, if so, request a biographical sketch. (3) What is his age? A man has not committed the "unpardonable sin" by becoming 50 years of age. (4) Is he a spiritual leader? (5) Is he doctrinally sound? (6) What is his attitude toward Southern Baptist programs? (7) Can he work with people? (8) Is he morally clean? (9) Does he live within his financial means? (10) Is he a good preacher, pastor, organizer, builder? After checking the above-mentioned areas as well as others which come to your attention, then you are ready to choose one man for further investigation.

Talk to your chosen man—Discuss frankly your church with him.

Hear him preach—Visit the pastor's present church then invite him to your church to preach. Experience has taught Baptists that one or two sermons are a poor basis on which to call a

pastor. Therefore, investigation is necessary.

Time to pray—After a period of prayer, call or write the prospective minister. Ask for permission to present his name to your church on a given date. Be fair. When either the church or the prospective pastor does not feel God leading, make it known to each other.

The call—The "call" should have been discussed with the deacons, pulpit committee and prospective pastor when he visited the church field. Write out the call and read it to the church. A written call can be understood by all.

Following these suggestions will take time and hard work; but the pulpit committee that will move with caution and be guided by prayer will be rewarded.

Remember: it is extremely important how you call your pastor because there is no gracious or painless way to terminate a church/pastor relationship.

Tom Lewis is director of missions for West Union Association. He is a native of Simpson County, Ky., a graduate of Carson-Newman College, and Southern Seminary.

clear creek comment

To every man his work

In Mark 13 our Lord spoke of his coming again. As he concluded this discourse, he stated, "For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work . . ." (Mark 13:34).

Recently I have thought of some disturbing questions about this most neglected four-letter word. Am I a good worker for the Lord? Do I believe in the value and priority of work? If I were a boss, would I hire myself? Would I like to work for myself? Is work like the weather for most of us—everybody talks about it but no one does anything about it?

"Work is as much a necessity to man as eating and sleeping," states W. Homboldt. "Even those who do nothing that can be called work still imagine they are doing something. The world has not a man who is an idler in his own eyes."

At Clear Creek Baptist School we teach our students the world owes no one a living (not even for those in the ministry!). We should work for what we want, always try to improve our performance and get the job done for Jesus without worrying about credit or reward.

President Coolidge once said, "All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort and effort means work! Work is not a curse; it's the prerogative of intelligence, the only means to manhood and the measure of civilization."

Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business . . ." (Lk. 2:49), and Nehemiah said, "I am doing a great work . . ." (Neh. 6:3). Haggai said, "Be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you . . ." (Hag. 2:4), and Paul said, "I laboured more abundantly than they all" (1 Cor. 15:10). Our Lord stated, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34) and it was said of Epiphroditus that "for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death" (Phil. 2:30).

May the Lord give us a renewed spirit of commitment to serve him and "to every man his work"!

I am only one,/But still I am one./I cannot do everything,/But still I can do something;/And because I cannot do everything/I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.—Edward Everett Hale.

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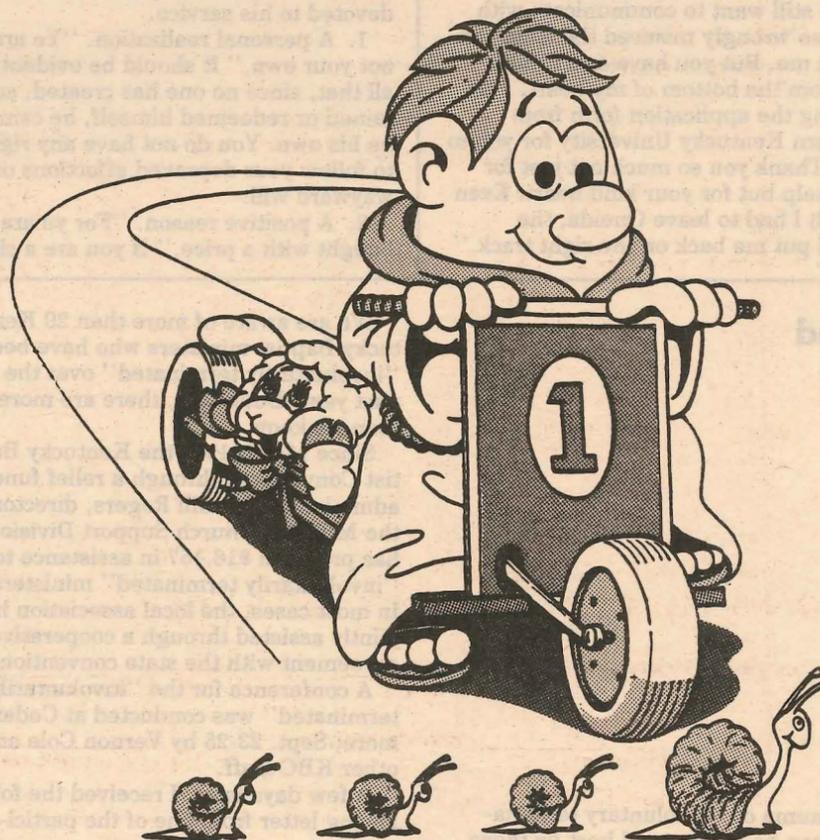
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oneida journal

On the right track

"I will always be grateful for my opportunity to attend Oneida Baptist. I was enrolled during 1971-72. It was definitely one experience that has left a very strong and lasting impression!

"I don't believe I ever fully realized the beauty of my experience there until I had to leave. But, when I did leave, and as I grew both physically and emotionally, I experienced a 'homesickness' I will never forget! To me Oneida was just like a home. Everyone is one big family, experiencing everything together as a family does! I hold those precious memories dear to my heart and always

"If you look at the record there, you will discover I brought trouble on myself. Foolish acts of a lost teenager, trying to grow up accepting only her own guidance in life. Trouble I am greatly ashamed of, but learned and grew from. The Lord has forgiven me and shown me how much he loves me! God bless you and guide you in your ministry for him!"

A mother writes: "On our way to take our daughter back to Oneida yesterday from her home-going, she said this was the first year in her life she liked school. It had become a real problem to get her to go to school. She really likes it there. She had never stayed away from home at night except once in awhile with her sister. She has adjusted so well. I can't praise God enough!"

A very elderly Kentucky couple, now retired in Florida, visited us in June. They recently wrote: "We really en-

joyed our visit and the tour. Praise God there is a school of the caliber of Oneida to teach boys and girls the true values of life. We are enclosing a check to help with finances."

A precious friend who frequently donates recently wrote: "Am happy to send \$2. Not much. I am 86. I still live alone, do all my housework, drive my car just around town. Love and prayers for all the school family."

From First Baptist, Central City: "Thank you again for the warm reception for our 'Spice Of Life' group. Everyone enjoyed the tour and were simply amazed as to what they learned concerning Oneida. We give God the glory for what he has done through your staff and faculty."

From a Florida family: "I am enclosing a check for one-half the amount of our bill. I appreciate your patience with us. I realize what a financial burden you must be faced with! The summer months here are very difficult for people in business for themselves. How sincerely my husband and I appreciate all you are doing for our daughter. I really thank God for leading us to your school."

"The wife and I have just returned from a week's trip through Georgia and South Carolina for a short visit with each of our daughters. One is a summer missionary with the Mexican migrant workers, and the other is a summer missionary working in the Juvenile Corrections Center in Columbia, S. C. How aware we have been made of God's great love and the need for his people to answer his call. I remember you and the work you are doing at Oneida daily. Please put this small gift to work in God's name to help some worthy student find his or her direction in life."

A Louisville mother writes: "My heartfelt appreciation for filling my daughter's needs for the past three years, when no one else could handle the task. You were there when we needed you and it won't be forgotten. Send her transcript to University of Louisville. We are going to give college a try."

"It is hard to figure out why you would still want to communicate with me. I so wrongly misused the trust you had in me. But you have and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am sending the application form from Western Kentucky University for you to sign. Thank you so much not just for your help but for your kind heart. Even though I had to leave Oneida, the school put me back on the right track."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 13, 1985

International Series

Immorality weakens the body of Christ

When this epistle was written Corinth was notorious for immoral conditions. Grieved because some of the church members had continued to indulge in immoral practices, Paul wrote to inform the Christians in Corinth to practice stern discipline and clean living.

1 Corinthians 6:9-14 Paul challenged the thinking of the Christians with the arresting question, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" Paul admonished his readers not to deceive themselves by thinking they could live habitually in adultery, homosexuality, or idolatry, or as thieves, coveters, drunkards, revilers or extortioners. He readily admitted they had a marvelous liberty in Christ, but he denied they had a license to do wrong.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 In these verses Paul placed strong emphasis on the fact Christ has a just claim upon the human body, and rightfully expects it to be devoted to his service.

1. A personal realization. "Ye are not your own." It should be evident to all that, since no one has created, sustained or redeemed himself, he cannot be his own. You do not have any right to follow your depraved affections or wayward will.

2. A positive reason. "For ye are bought with a price." If you are a child

of God, you have been redeemed from the curse of the law, the wrath of God, and the vassalage of Satan. Christians should recognize, and acknowledge by their actions, that Christ owns them.

3. A persistent responsibility. "Therefore glorify God in your body." When one becomes a child of God his body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourself to God, thereby making it possible for him to use you for his glory. Turn your thoughts into aspirations, and transform your aspirations into actions which please and honor God.

Life and Work Series

Believing God's promises

Genesis 15:1-7 Abram and his 318 armed servants made a surprise attack and slew Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, rescued Lot, and recovered the booty which had been taken from Sodom and Gomorrah. Abram expected the followers of Chedorlaomer, who had been frustrated by the surprise attack, to return and avenge their misfortune and embarrassment.

Alarmed and apprehensive, Abram received a special word of encouragement and reassurance from God: "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

Abram's attention was concentrated on his major personal problem—the fear that he might never have a son. Chafing at the long delay in the fulfillment of God's promise, Abram contemplated the possibility of adopting Eliezer as his heir, but God forbade it.

Taking Abram outside his tent, God told him to look toward heaven and observe the multiplicity of the stars. When Abram observed that the stars were innumerable, God told him his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Abram was convinced what God had promised to do he was both able and willing to perform in his own good time.

Genesis 15:13-16 God not only assured Abram his descendants would be numerous, but also they would have a homeland—Canaan. Abram's descendants dwelt in Egypt 430 years before their deliverance through God's help. Although God's hand is often unseen and his instructions are often unheeded, he is still in control of men and nations. When God's children have to contend and cope with doubt and fear, his promises provide all of the hope which they need.



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on mission together

Fired

We are aware of more than 20 Kentucky Baptist ministers who have been "involuntarily terminated" over the past year. Doubtless, there are more than we know.

Since March 1984 the Kentucky Baptist Convention, through a relief fund administered by Bill Rogers, director of the Minister-Church Support Division, has provided \$16,157 in assistance to 26 "involuntarily terminated" ministers. In most cases, the local association has jointly assisted through a cooperative agreement with the state convention.

A conference for the "involuntarily terminated" was conducted at Cedarmore, Sept. 23-25 by Vernon Cole and other KBC staff.

A few days later, I received the following letter from one of the participants.

"I have just returned from the 'involuntary termination' conference led by Vernon Cole at Cedarmore. I am not certain what to say thank you for first. I appreciated the opportunity to attend a

conference such as this for I continue to hurt and struggle with my dilemma. Cedarmore was the perfect place to hold the conference for many reasons. Vernon Cole and those who assisted him did a most exceptional job.

"I will eternally be grateful for the aid I have received from the KBC. I am not certain how to say this so that it has the impact I feel, but here is my attempt. There was no one else I could go to—I mean no one else—when I found the KBC could and would save me. Thank you!"

In response I would say for all Kentucky Baptists:

"My dear brother, all of us, too, are 'extremely grateful' the executive board has affirmed a way to help 'heal the wounded'."

"May you and the church with whom you experienced this heartache be enabled, by the grace of God and the encouragement you both need, to pick up the pieces, lift up your heads, and take your first steps forward."

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People are important to us

Opening convocation at Georgetown College has become another of the many rich traditions that belong to Kentucky Baptists' oldest institution now in its 157th year.

The 1985 experience of worship drew the whole College family together on the first day of this new school year.

The inspiration of the hour was heightened by an awareness that the College had enrolled its largest freshman class since 1971 and that the total enrollment was up... up to 1313. The freshman class is nine percent larger than a year ago.

The convocation message, "An Invitation to Learning," was brought by President W. Morgan Patterson.

In his new school year challenge to the college community, President Patterson observed, "Regardless of how you express

it, I still hope that lurking somewhere in the background of your motives and minds is a desire to learn something that you don't already know right now, to have something that you don't currently possess, or to become something that you are not right now."

After carefully reviewing the elements of influence in one's education and the challenges to the learner, the President, in his sophomore year as chief executive said "We at Georgetown College are embarked on a 'grand errand' to provide, 'under Christian influences,' the best educational opportunities possible. These are phrases, perhaps often heard, but which we do not



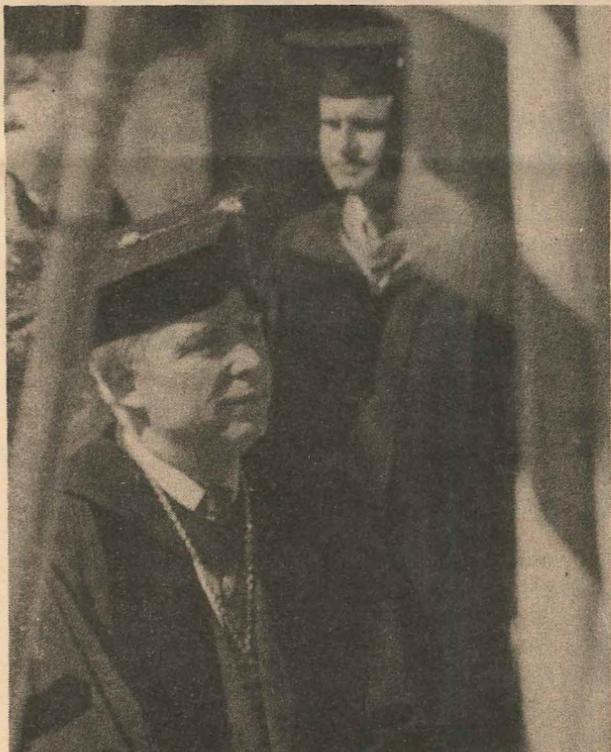
President Patterson

take lightly. Rather, it is our intention to translate them into instruction and example which will broaden your minds, enlarge your horizons, deepen your sympathies, extend your knowledge, and lead you to give due regard to the meaning of life as it is found in Jesus Christ.

"In conclusion, I invite you to begin a new adventure this day... an adventure of the mind. But, in this marvelous and exciting opportunity which is open to you, do not forget that you are made in the image of God and you have a divine and pure and uplifting and pleasing in His sight."

Georgetown College Opens for 157th Year

by Ken Fendley



President Patterson awaits processional to convocation.



Students make their way across South Campus to Chapel.



Ken Anderson and Susan Corya flash smiles.



Lorie Biggs checks 1985 convocation schedule.



A photo, centering on the convocation in the John L. Hill Chapel, captures some of the drama.



The chapel hour is a meeting time for friends.